

Date of Hearing: June 4, 2013

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

Al Muratsuchi, Chair

SB 815 (Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs) – As Amended: May 16, 2013

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUMMARY: This bill corrects certain technical and obsolete references in the Military and Veterans Code. Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Clarifies that County Veteran Service Officers (CVSOs) shall, and the California Department of Veterans Affairs (Department) may, assist all veterans who are eligible to receive any veterans benefit, not just veterans of a declared war.
- 2) Deletes obsolete references to the United States Veterans Administration; that entity is now the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA).
- 3) Deletes the operative date of January 1, 1995 for Military and Veterans Code section 970, as it has passed and the law is in effect.
- 4) Deletes an obsolete reference to the Director of the USDVA. That position is now called the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

EXISTING LAW:

Contains obsolete references to the Veterans Administration and the Director of the Veterans Administration.

Contains references to veterans of "war."

Contains a "becomes operative" date of January 1, 1995 for Military and Veterans Code section 970.

FISCAL EFFECT: Senate Appropriations Committee determined that there was either no cost to the state or minimal costs, pursuant to Rule 28.8.

COMMENTS: This bill modernizes the code and corrects obsolete or technical errors. It also reflects that although the United States was last in a declared war in World War II, many veterans have served the United States since then.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

American Legion – Department of California  
California Association of County Veterans Service Officers (CACVSO)  
Vietnam Veterans of America – California State Council

Opposition

None at this time.

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