

SENATE BILL NO. 171

BY SENATOR FOIL

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 49:191(13) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(10)(i), relative to the Department of
3 Veterans Affairs; to provide for re-creation of the Department of Veterans Affairs
4 and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the
5 effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such
6 statutory entities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Pursuant to R.S. 49:193, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the
9 statutory entities made a part of the department by law shall be re-created effective
10 June 30, 2022, and all statutory authority therefor is continued in accordance with the
11 provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

12 Section 2. All statutory authority for the existence of the Department of Veterans
13 Affairs and the statutory entities made a part of the department as re-created by Section 1
14 of this Act shall cease as of July 1, 2027, pursuant to R.S. 49:191. However, the Department
15 of Veterans Affairs may be re-created prior to such date in accordance with the provisions
16 of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

17 Section 3. The provisions of R.S. 49:193 are hereby superseded to the extent that
18 those provisions are in conflict with the provisions of this Act.

19 Section 4. R.S. 49:191(13) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

20 §191. Termination of legislative authority for existence of statutory entities;
21 phase-out period for statutory entities; table of dates

22 Notwithstanding any termination dates set by any previous Act of the
23 legislature, the statutory entities set forth in this Section shall begin to terminate their
24 operations on July first of each of the following years, and all legislative authority
25 for the existence of any statutory entity, as defined in R.S. 49:190, shall cease as of
26 July first of the following year, which shall be the termination date:

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(13) July 1, 2026:

The Department of Veterans Affairs and all statutory entities made a part of the department by law.

Section 5. R.S. 49:191(10)(i) is hereby repealed.

Section 6. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2022; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on June 30, 2022, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____