



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 132

SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Senator** Zikmund

1 **An Act to modify provisions related to the South Dakota Veterans Council.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 1-46A-5 be AMENDED:**

4 **1-46A-5.** The Department of Veterans Affairs ~~may~~ shall consult with the South
5 Dakota Veterans Council on a quarterly basis regarding matters relating related to
6 veterans and their dependents. The council shall provide recommendations to the
7 department on budgets, legislation, policies, and programs affecting veterans of this state
8 and their dependents.

9 The South Dakota Veterans Council consists of ~~six congressionally chartered~~
10 ~~Veterans Organizations including the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Disabled~~
11 ~~American Veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the American Legion, the~~
12 ~~Vietnam Veterans of America chapters 1054 and 959, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars~~
13 one representative of each of the following:

14 (1) The American Legion;

15 (2) Disabled American Veterans;

16 (3) Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America;

17 (4) National American Indian Veterans;

18 (5) Paralyzed Veterans of America;

19 (6) Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; and

20 (7) Vietnam Veterans of America, chapters 1054 and 959.