



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 132

HOUSE 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 biannual basis regarding matters relating related to veterans
6 and their dependents. The council shall provide recommendations to the department on
7 budgets, legislation, policies, and programs affecting veterans of this state and their
8 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.