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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 83

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 83 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Veterans' Affairs Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 38 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/38)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2021)

8 Sec. 38. Veterans' Service-Related Ailments Task Force.

9 (a) The Veterans' Service-Related Ailments Task Force is  
10 created. The Task Force shall review and make recommendations  
11 regarding veterans' service-related ailments that are not  
12 recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs,  
13 including exploring why certain service-related ailments are  
14 not recognized and determining what may be done to have them  
15 recognized.

16 Additionally, the Task Force shall assess ways the State of

1 Illinois can improve the rate at which disability compensation  
2 claims are approved by the federal government and correct the  
3 disparity between the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs'  
4 approval of disability compensation for Illinois veterans and  
5 that which is approved for veterans in other states.

6 (b) The Task Force shall have 15 members, comprised as  
7 follows:

8 (1) The Director of Veterans' Affairs or the Director's  
9 designee, who shall serve as chairperson.

10 (2) 2 Members from the House of Representatives,  
11 appointed one each by the Speaker of the House and the  
12 House Minority Leader.

13 (3) 2 Members of the Senate, appointed one each by the  
14 President of the Senate and the Senate Minority Leader.

15 (4) One veteran, appointed by the Director of Veterans'  
16 Affairs.

17 (5) One medical professional with experience working  
18 with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, appointed by  
19 the Director of Veterans' Affairs.

20 (6) 4 representatives from a variety of veterans  
21 organizations representing geographic diversity in the  
22 State, appointed by the Director of Veterans' Affairs.

23 (7) 4 members, one of whom shall be appointed by the  
24 chair of the Veterans' Affairs Committee of the House of  
25 Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the  
26 minority spokesperson of the Veterans' Affairs Committee

1 of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be  
2 appointed by the chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee of  
3 the Senate, and one of whom shall be appointed by the  
4 minority spokesperson of the Veterans Affairs Committee of  
5 the Senate. Those appointed to the Task Force under this  
6 paragraph shall be members of different Illinois counties'  
7 Veterans Assistance Commissions, Veteran Service Officers,  
8 and VITAS officials.

9 Task Force members shall serve without compensation but may  
10 be reimbursed for their expenses incurred in performing their  
11 duties.

12 (c) The Task Force shall meet at least once every 2 months  
13 beginning January 1, 2020 ~~July 1, 2019~~, and at other times as  
14 determined by the Task Force.

15 (d) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall provide  
16 administrative and other support to the Task Force.

17 (e) The Task Force shall prepare a report that summarizes  
18 its work and makes recommendations resulting from its study.  
19 The Task Force shall submit the report of its findings and  
20 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by  
21 December 31, 2020. The Task Force is dissolved, and this  
22 Section is repealed, on December 31, 2021.

23 (Source: P.A. 101-225, eff. 8-9-19.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
25 becoming law."