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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3865

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3865 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business
5 Practices Act is amended by adding Section 2WWW as follows:

6 (815 ILCS 505/2WWW new)

7 Sec. 2WWW. Deceptive practices targeting veterans and
8 military members.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 "Veteran or military benefits services" means any services
11 offered or provided to a veteran, military member, or family
12 member who is entitled to receive benefits under federal,
13 State, or local law, policy, or practice as a result of, at
14 least in part, qualifying military service. Such services
15 include assistance in obtaining benefits, increasing benefits,
16 or appealing a decision related to obtaining or increasing

1 benefits.

2 "Veteran's services disclosure" means providing, in upper
3 case type in size at least as large as the type size of the
4 written communication or by voice-over, the following
5 statement: "VETERAN AND MILITARY BENEFITS SERVICES ARE
6 AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS,
7 THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND FEDERALLY
8 CHARTERED VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS. TO LEARN MORE,
9 CONTACT THESE ORGANIZATIONS OR THE ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
10 OFFICE AT 1-800-382-3000."

11 (b) It is an unlawful practice within the meaning of this
12 Act for any person providing veteran or military benefits
13 services to:

14 (1) Fail in any advertising to conspicuously disclose
15 a veteran's services disclosure when veteran or military
16 benefits services are provided in exchange for a benefit
17 or thing of value.

18 (2) Fail to obtain, or to obtain a pending application
19 for, all veteran or military benefits services
20 qualifications, certifications, and accreditations
21 required under State or federal law.

22 (3) Fail, when acting as a fiduciary for a veteran
23 receiving benefits, to meet the responsibilities of
24 fiduciaries under 38 CFR 13.140.

25 (4) Fail, when providing representation before the
26 United States Department of Veterans Affairs, to meet the

1 standards of conduct under 38 CFR 14.632.

2 (5) Charge fees or expenses in violation of 38 CFR

3 14.636 or 14.637."