

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Veterans Affairs Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 7 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/7 new)

7 Sec. 7. Veterans' Memorial Commission. The Veterans'  
8 Memorial Commission is created within the Department. The  
9 Commission shall gather information on memorial preservation  
10 and management and advise State and local governments and other  
11 entities in the creation, custody, care, and upkeep of  
12 veterans' memorials. The Commission shall conduct studies and  
13 make reports regarding the various laws and rules affecting  
14 veteran's memorials to determine whether consolidation or  
15 other changes in the laws or rules are needed to facilitate  
16 memorial preservation and to raise awareness of issues  
17 affecting veterans' memorials. The Commission shall be  
18 composed of 12 members as follows: 2 members appointed by the  
19 President of the Senate, 2 members appointed by the Minority  
20 Leader of the Senate, 2 members appointed by the Speaker of the  
21 House of Representatives, 2 members appointed by the Minority  
22 Leader of the House of Representatives, one representative of  
23 the Department of Veterans Affairs, and 3 representatives of  
24 different veterans service organizations appointed by the  
25 Director of the Department. Members shall serve 2-year terms,  
26 without compensation.

27 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
28 becoming law.