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Act No. 68 (S.111). National Guard; veterans; Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry

An act relating to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry

This act requires the Commissioner of Health and the Adjutant General to develop educational materials to provide information about health effects associated with chemicals identified at open burn pits used during overseas military deployments and how to participate in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry. In addition, this act requires the Commissioner, the Adjutant General, and the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs to distribute the materials to health care providers, members of the Vermont National Guard, and veterans living in Vermont. Finally, this act requires the Adjutant General to encourage the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to take certain steps to improve the registration process for the Registry and to request that the Periodic Health Assessment for members of the Vermont National Guard include a determination of whether each member is eligible to participate in the Registry and provide for the automatic enrollment in the Registry of members who are determined to have been potentially exposed to open burn pits used during overseas military deployments.

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