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Introduced by Representatives Hooper of Burlington, Austin of Colchester,
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Georgia, Burt of Cabot, Canfield of Fair Haven, Casey of
Montpelier, Coffin of Cavendish, Critchlow of Colchester,
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M. of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney,
Nielsen of Brandon, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City,
Pinsonault of Dorset, and Satcowitz of Randolph

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Veterans; database

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs to develop and maintain a database of
veterans in Vermont with any information that is collected to be exempt from
public inspection and copying.

An act relating to the creation and maintenance of a database of veterans in
Vermont

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. chapter 88 is added to read:

3 CHAPTER 88. VETERANS IN VERMONT

4 § 1751. MAINTENANCE OF A DATABASE OF VETERANS IN

5 VERMONT

6 The Director of the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs shall work with
7 other agencies, offices, and departments to develop and maintain a database of
8 veterans in Vermont. All agencies, offices, and departments shall, to the
9 maximum extent practicable and consistent with State and federal law, provide
10 information on veterans in Vermont to the Director of the Vermont Office of
11 Veterans Affairs. Any personally identifying information about veterans
12 collected for the database is exempt from public inspection and copying under
13 the Public Records Act and shall be kept confidential. Notwithstanding
14 1 V.S.A. § 371(e), the Public Records Act exemption created in this section
15 shall continue in effect and shall not be repealed through the operation of
16 1 V.S.A. § 317(e).

17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.