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SENATE BILL NO. 117—SENATOR CRUZ-CRAWFORD

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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMEMBER MOORE

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to services for veterans.  
(BDR 37-795)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to veterans; requiring the Director of the Department of Veterans Services to develop and make available to certain agencies, resource centers or programs a program of training and informational materials concerning the process for applying for an upgrade to the character of a veteran's discharge from service or a change in the narrative reason for a veteran's discharge from service; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law requires the Director of the Department of Veterans Services to  
2 conduct outreach to, and provide assistance designed for the unique needs of, veterans  
3 and members of the military who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender and their  
4 spouses and dependents. Existing law further requires this outreach and assistance to  
5 include, without limitation, a requirement for the Director to provide assistance in  
6 applying for an upgrade to the character of the veteran's discharge from service or a  
7 change in the narrative reason for the veteran's discharge from service. (NRS  
8 417.121) This bill additionally requires the Director to, as part of such outreach and  
9 assistance, develop and make available to any agency, resource center or program in  
10 this State which provides services and resources to veterans and members of the  
11 military regarding the benefits, services, programs and assistance available to veterans  
12 a program of training and informational materials concerning the process for applying  
13 for an upgrade to the character of the veteran's discharge from service or a change in  
14 the narrative reason for the veteran's discharge from service.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1       **Section 1.** NRS 417.121 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       417.121 1. The Director shall conduct outreach to, and  
3 provide assistance designed for the unique needs of, veterans and  
4 members of the military who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or  
5 transgender and their spouses and dependents, including, without  
6 limitation ~~[, providing]~~ :

7       (a) *Providing* assistance in applying for an upgrade to the  
8 character of the veteran's discharge from service or a change in the  
9 narrative reason for the veteran's discharge from service ~~[,]~~ ; and

10       (b) *Developing and making available to any agency, resource*  
11 *center or program in this State which provides services and*  
12 *resources to veterans and members of the military regarding the*  
13 *benefits, services, programs and assistance available to veterans a*  
14 *program of training and informational materials concerning the*  
15 *process for applying for an upgrade to the character of the*  
16 *veteran's discharge from service or a change in the narrative*  
17 *reason for the veteran's discharge from service.*

18       2. As used in this section, "veteran" means a resident of this  
19 State who meets the qualifications of subsection 1 of NRS 417.005.

