

HB 1650 - DIGEST

Creates the position of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) coordinator within the department of veterans affairs.

Requires the coordinator to: (1) Conduct outreach and provide assistance for veterans who are LGBT, and to their spouses and dependents;

(2) Provide assistance to veterans who are LGBT in applying for an upgrade to the character of, or a change in, the narrative reason for a discharge from service;

(3) Provide assistance in applying for and obtaining veterans' benefits and benefits available through other programs and applying for and appealing a denial of, federal and state veterans' benefits and aid; and

(4) Develop and distribute informational materials to veterans who are LGBT regarding veterans' benefits and other benefit programs that provide services and resources.