

I write in support of HB 2625. MOAA's Kansas Council of Chapters seeks to reduce administrative burdens placed upon service-connected disabled veterans and surviving family members.

The bill defines the terms "veteran" and "service-connected." This bill will conform the Kansas definition to the federal definition, removing a potential source of future expensive litigation.

This bill will codify the proper documents needed to establish a veteran's identity. With the provisions in companion bill HB 2624, this bill will ease burdens and avoid disputes in administration of state programs.

MOAA's Kansas Council of Chapters thanks the committee for this bill and urges the affirmative support of the committee in final action.

Respectfully submitted,

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