AN ACT concerning veterans; relating to disclosures for veterans' benefits and entitlements.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b), the following notice shall be provided both orally and in writing to any veteran prior to entering into any transaction: "Kansas law provides that veterans are not required to apply for any benefits or entitlements through a particular agent or company. Veterans may request assistance in applying for benefits from a veteran service officer accredited by the U.S. department of veteran affairs or the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office."

(2) Upon entering into any transaction, a veteran shall sign a written notice stating the following: "I understand that entering into this transaction does not guarantee acceptance for veterans' benefits and may delay or make me ineligible for certain veterans' and other federal benefits."

(3) The notices required by this subsection shall be:

(A) In the same type size and font as any other primary information contained in the transaction documents; and

(B) disseminated at the beginning of any transaction and at the beginning of any event, presentation, seminar, workshop or other similar public gathering regarding veterans' benefits or entitlements.

(b) The notice required by subsection (a)(1) shall not be required for:

(1) Any person to whom the United States department of veterans affairs or the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office has granted written permission for such person to use its name, symbol or insignia in such person's informational or transactional materials; or

(2) use as part of an accredited continuing legal education course.

(e) As used in this section:

(1) "Person" means an individual, public or private corporation, partnership or unincorporated association;

(2) "transaction" means a purchase, sale, lease, assignment, disposition for value of property or services or agreement to receive services by a veteran with a person advertising, holding, sponsoring, speaking or advertising services related to veterans' benefits and entitlements; and
(3) "veteran" means a person who has been separated from the armed forces and was honorably discharged or received a general discharge under honorable conditions.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.