

## HOUSE BILL No. 2175

By Committee on Veterans and Military

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1 AN ACT concerning veterans; relating to disclosure for veterans' benefits  
2 and entitlements.

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

5 Section 1. (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b), the following  
6 notice shall be provided both orally and in writing to any veteran prior to  
7 entering into any transaction: "Kansas law provides that veterans are not  
8 required to apply for any benefits or entitlements through a particular  
9 agent or company. Veterans may request assistance in applying for benefits  
10 from a veteran service officer accredited by the U.S. department of  
11 veterans affairs or the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office or any  
12 veteran service organization recognized or approved by the U.S.  
13 department of veterans affairs to assist claimants under 38 U.S.C. § 5902."

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

19 (3) The notice required by subsection (a)(1) and (a)(2) shall be:

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

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

25 (b) The notice required by subsection (a)(1) and (a)(2) shall not be  
26 required for:

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

31 (2) use as part of an accredited continuing legal education course; or

32 (3) any organization or institution recognized by the U.S. department  
33 of veterans affairs to assist claimants under 38 U.S.C. § 5902.

34 (c) As used in this section:

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

1       (2) "transaction" means a purchase, sale, lease, assignment,  
2 disposition for value of property or services or agreement to receive  
3 services by a veteran with a person advertising, holding, sponsoring,  
4 speaking or advertising services related to veterans' benefits and  
5 entitlements; and

6       (3) "veteran" means a person who has been separated from the armed  
7 forces and was honorably discharged or received a general discharge under  
8 honorable conditions.

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