

SENATE BILL NO. 119

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING A CABINET-LEVEL POSITION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL POLICY ADVISOR APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; SPECIFYING QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES; AMENDING SECTION 2-18-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Veterans' affairs and intergovernmental policy advisor.** (1) The governor shall appoint a veterans' affairs and intergovernmental policy advisor who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. As provided in 2-18-103, the position is excepted from the state classification and pay plan.

(2) The veterans' affairs and intergovernmental policy advisor must be an honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the United States armed forces, including the coast guard.

(3) The veterans' affairs and intergovernmental policy advisor shall advise the governor on matters of policy concerning veterans and intergovernmental issues and shall perform any other duties as assigned by the governor. The advisor shall participate in the governor's cabinet meetings.

Section 2. Section 2-18-103, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-18-103. Officers and employees excepted. Parts 1 through 3 and 10 do not apply to the following officers and employees in state government:

- (1) elected officials;
- (2) county assessors and their chief deputies;
- (3) employees of the office of consumer counsel;
- (4) judges and employees of the judicial branch;
- (5) members of boards and commissions appointed by the governor, the legislature, or other elected state officials;
- (6) officers or members of the militia;
- (7) agency heads appointed by the governor;

- 1 (8) academic and professional administrative personnel with individual contracts under the authority of
 2 the board of regents of higher education;
- 3 (9) academic and professional administrative personnel and live-in houseparents who have entered into
 4 individual contracts with the state school for the deaf and blind under the authority of the state board of public
 5 education;
- 6 (10) investment officer, assistant investment officer, executive director, and five professional staff
 7 positions of the board of investments;
- 8 (11) four professional staff positions under the board of oil and gas conservation;
- 9 (12) assistant director for security of the Montana state lottery;
- 10 (13) executive director and employees of the state compensation insurance fund;
- 11 (14) state racing stewards employed by the executive secretary of the Montana board of horseracing;
- 12 (15) executive director of the Montana wheat and barley committee;
- 13 (16) commissioner of banking and financial institutions;
- 14 (17) training coordinator for county attorneys;
- 15 (18) employees of an entity of the legislative branch consolidated, as provided in 5-2-504;
- 16 (19) chief information officer in the department of administration;
- 17 (20) chief business development officer and six professional staff positions in the office of economic
 18 development provided for in 2-15-218;
- 19 (21) chief public defender appointed by the public defender commission pursuant to the Montana Public
 20 Defender Act, Title 47, chapter 1, and the employees in the positions listed in 47-1-201(3)(a), who are appointed
 21 by the chief public defender; ~~and~~
- 22 (22) chief appellate defender in the office of appellate defender; and
- 23 (23) the veterans' affairs and intergovernmental policy advisor provided for in [section 1]."

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25 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
 26 integral part of Title 2, chapter 15, part 2, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter 15, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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28 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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