

### Proposed 2007 Session Legislation

Agency Name: **Military Affairs**

Agency No: **67010**

Priority Number: **12**

Filename: **6701\31-012**

Short Title: **Board of Veterans' Affairs Meeting Frequency**

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**1. Purpose:**  
 To modify existing statute to authorize fewer mandated Board of Veterans' Affairs meetings per fiscal year. Change first sentence in MCA 2-15-1205(7) from "The board shall meet at least four times a year" to "The board may meet at least four times a year."

**2. Background:**  
 MCA 2-15-1205(7) requires a minimum of four board meetings per year. During the Sept. 20, 2005 board meeting, motion was made and unanimously supported to hold a minimum of three meetings per year. This was based upon limited amount of business conducted each meeting, travel expense and difficulty with board members being able to attend four meetings each year. Board member duties during the legislative sessions restricts meeting availability. Current statute allows additional meetings, as needed.

**3. Fiscal Impact by Fund Type:** *This impact should be as specific as possible.*  
 No fiscal impact - positive or negative - can be determined due to the board's ability and authority to meet as often as deemed necessary.

**4. Summary Checklist [Check & complete all that apply]--**

Housekeeping Only   
  Federal Requirement   
  Audit Recommendation (Audit No.)   
  Major Legislation  
 Anticipated to be Controversial Legislation   
  Bill Draft has been included in Legislation Submittal (if available)  
 Supports Submitted EPP Item Number:   
  Local Government Fiscal Impact  
 Increases FTE, or   
 Decreases FTE by

**List FTE amount and program**

Increases Existing Revenue   
 Tax   
 Fee   
 Penalty [amount in #3]  
 Decreases Existing Revenue   
 Tax   
 Fee   
 Penalty [amount in #3]  
 Establishes New Revenue   
 Tax   
 Fee   
 Penalty [amount in #3]

Leg. has been Submitted in Previous Legislative Sessions (list priority no, LC no, or bill no):

Legislation would affect other state agencies (list):

Special Interest Groups Affected (list):

Other: