CHAPTER 2021-174

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 416

An act relating to the POW-MIA Vietnam Veterans Bracelet Memorial; creating s. 265.008, F.S.; providing legislative intent; establishing the POW-MIA Vietnam Veterans Bracelet Memorial; providing for the funding and administration of the memorial; directing the Department of Management Services to designate space for the memorial's construction and placement by a specified date; requiring the department to consider recommendations of, and coordinate with, specified entities regarding the memorial's placement and design; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 265.008, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

265.008 POW-MIA Vietnam Veterans Bracelet Memorial.—

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to memorialize the sacrifices and experiences of those captured or missing in combat during the Vietnam War era.

(2) There is established the POW-MIA Vietnam Veterans Bracelet Memorial.

(3) The memorial shall be funded and administered by the Big Bend Chapter 96 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, without appropriation of state funds.

(4) By July 1, 2022, the Department of Management Services shall identify and make an appropriate public area available for the construction and the placement of the POW-MIA Vietnam Veterans Bracelet Memorial in Tallahassee, along South Monroe Street and on or near the premises of the Capitol Complex. The department shall consider recommendations by the Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Florida Historical Commission as required pursuant to ss. 265.111(2) and 267.0612(9), regarding the monument's design and placement. In addition, the department shall coordinate with the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State in determining the monument's design and placement as required under s. 265.111(2).

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 29, 2021.

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