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Tab 2	SB 294 by Harrell ; Similar to H 00689 Collaborative Pharmacy Practice for Chronic Health Conditions					
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The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Trumbull, Chair
Senator Davis, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 5, 2025
TIME: 9:30—10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

MEMBERS: Senator Trumbull, Chair; Senator Davis, Vice Chair; Senators Berman, Brodeur, Burton, Garcia, Gruters, Harrell, Rodriguez, and Rouson

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 116 Burgess (Identical H 1043, Compare H 845)	Veterans; Requiring the Department of Veterans' Affairs to conduct a study that includes a survey evaluating the extent to which specified persons are aware of certain existing programs or services; requiring the department to ensure coordination to the greatest extent possible with the United States Department of Defense for a specified purpose; revising the purpose of the Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot Program to include specialized mental health training; requiring the Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop a plan to establish adult day health care facilities across this state to serve veterans and their families, etc. MS 02/18/2025 Favorable AHS 03/05/2025 Fav/CS RC	Fav/CS Yeas 10 Nays 0
2	SB 294 Harrell (Similar H 689)	Collaborative Pharmacy Practice for Chronic Health Conditions; Revising the definition of the term "chronic health condition" to exclude specified heart conditions for purposes of collaborative pharmacy practice for chronic health conditions, etc. HP 02/18/2025 Favorable AHS 03/05/2025 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 10 Nays 0

Other Related Meeting Documents

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

BILL: CS/SB 116

INTRODUCER: Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Senators Burgess and Collins

SUBJECT: Veterans

DATE: March 7, 2025 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Ingram</u>	<u>Proctor</u>	<u>MS</u>	Favorable
2.	<u>Howard</u>	<u>McKnight</u>	<u>AHS</u>	Fav/CS
3.	_____	_____	<u>RC</u>	_____

Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

I. Summary:

CS/SB 116 amends multiple provisions regarding veterans. Specifically, the bill:

- Reduces the maximum number of nominees the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council may transmit to the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA) for submission to the Governor and the Cabinet for induction into the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame from 20 to five.
- Requires the FDVA to evaluate the extent to which veterans and their spouses and dependents are aware of programs and services and to also make recommendations on increasing such public awareness.
- Requires the FDVA to ensure coordination to the greatest extent possible with the United States Department of Defense to engage servicemembers relating to reentry into civilian life and authorizes the FDVA to engage county and city veteran service officers for assistance. The FDVA is to include in its annual report the actions taken to implement this engagement.
- Requires the FDVA to submit an evaluation of veterans' health literacy in this state.
- Requires the Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot Program to include specialized mental health training to recognize indicators of elevated mental health conditions.
- Corrects a reference to United States Code for purposes of veterans' education and training.
- Expands the duties of Florida is for Veterans, Inc., to include advising the FDVA on problems or needs of veterans and their spouses and dependents.
- Removes an obsolete reference to the Florida Defense Support Task Force.

- Requires the FDVA to develop a statewide plan to establish adult day health care facilities across the state to serve veterans and their families.
- Authorizes that a percentage of the proceeds from the sale of the Gadsden Flag specialty license plate be used for administrative costs.

The bill appropriates funding to the FDVA for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to implement the provisions of the bill. *See* Section V. Fiscal Impact Statement.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.

II. Present Situation:

Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame

Administered by the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA), the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame (FVHF) was established by the Florida Legislature¹ to honor military veterans who, through their works and lives during or after their military service, have made noteworthy contributions to the state.² An inductee into the FVHF is commemorated with his or her name placed on a plaque that is displayed in a designated area of the State Capitol Building.³ During the 2012 Legislative Session, the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council (Council) was created as an advisory council⁴ to oversee the FVHF.⁵ The Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General, the Chief Financial Officer, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the executive director of the FDVA each appoint one member to the seven-member Council which is comprised of honorably discharged veterans.⁶

The Council is directed to annually accept nominations and transmit up to 20 nominees to the FDVA for submission to the Governor and the Cabinet, who then select the nominees to be inducted into the FVHF.⁷ The Council gives preference to veterans born in Florida or who adopted Florida has their home state and who have made a significant contribution to the state in civic, business, public service, or other pursuits.⁸ The Council is authorized to establish criteria and timeframes regarding the nominating process and induction ceremony.⁹

The Council established the following nomination criteria:

- Meet the definition of "Veteran" as defined by s. 1.01, F.S., as determined by the U.S. Department of Defense documentation, such as a DD Form 214, or proof of service from the Florida National Guard with a NGB Form 22.

¹ Ch. 2011-168, s. 1, Laws of Fla.

² Florida Veterans Hall of Fame, *Honoring Florida's Veterans*, <https://floridaveteranshalloffame.org/> (last visited February 7, 2025).

³ Section 265.003(2)(b), F.S.

⁴ Under s. 20.03(7), F.S., "council" or "advisory council" is defined as an advisory body created by specific statutory enactment and appointed to function on a continuing basis for the study of the problems arising in a specified functional or program area of state government and to provide recommendations and policy alternatives

⁵ Ch. 2012-159, s. 5, Laws of Fla. See also s. 265.003(4)(a), F.S.

⁶ Section 265.003(3)(a), F.S.

⁷ Section 265.003(4)(a), F.S.

⁸ Section 265.003(4)(b), F.S.

⁹ Section 265.003(5), F.S.

- Have received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces and can provide official documentation verifying discharge status.
- Have exhibited good moral character.¹⁰

In addition, posthumous nominations are accepted if a veteran's records documenting his or her military service are provided. If the veteran's DD Form 214 or NGB Form 22 is not available, then other documentation including discharge papers, news articles, affidavits, official letters of service from a branch of service, the U.S. Department of Defense, or the Florida National Guard, or other documentation that can be verified may be accepted.¹¹ Employees of the Governor's staff, all elected or appointed officials in the State of Florida, members of County Veteran Service Offices, and members of the FDVA, its Foundation and the Council are ineligible for induction until two years after they have left their position. The Council may recommend a waiver of the two year requirement for nominees over the age of 70.¹²

Department of Veterans' Affairs

The FDVA was created to provide assistance to all former, present, and future members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their spouses and dependents in preparing claims for and securing compensation, hospitalization, career training, and other benefits or privileges to which they are, or may become entitled to under federal or state law or regulation by reason of their service in the Armed Forces of the United States.¹³ There are about 1.4 million veterans living in Florida, making the state's veteran population the third largest nationally.¹⁴

The FDVA is authorized to apply for and accept funds, grants, gifts, and services from the state, federal government or any of its agencies, or any other public or private source and may use funds derived from these sources to defray clerical and administrative costs as may be necessary for carrying out its duties.¹⁵

One of the duties of the FDVA is to conduct an ongoing study on the problems and needs of veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and their spouses and dependents who reside in Florida. The study must include a survey of:

- Existing state and federal programs available for resident veterans and their spouses and dependents that specify the extent to which the programs are being implemented, with recommendations for the improved implementation, extension, or improvement of the programs.
- The needs of resident veterans and their spouses and dependents in the areas of social services, health care, education, and employment, and any other areas of determined need,

¹⁰ Florida Veterans Hall of Fame, Nomination Process, available at https://floridaveteranshalloffame.org/?page_id=3249 (last visited Feb. 13, 2025).

¹¹ Florida Veterans Hall of Fame, Nomination Process, available at https://floridaveteranshalloffame.org/?page_id=3249 (last visited Feb. 13, 2025).

¹² *Id.*

¹³ Section 292.05(1), F.S.

¹⁴ Florida Dep't of Veterans' Affairs, *Our Veterans*, available at <https://floridavets.org/our-veterans/> (last visited Feb. 13, 2025).

¹⁵ Section 292.05(4), F.S.

with recommendations regarding federal, state, and community services that would meet those needs.

- Federal, state, public, and private moneys available that could be used to defray the costs of state or community services needed for resident veterans and their spouses and dependents.¹⁶

The FDVA is directed to annually submit a written report to the Governor, the Cabinet, and the Legislature which describes expenses incurred in veteran service work; cases handled by the FDVA and by county and city veteran service officers of the state;¹⁷ benefits obtained for veterans; and information regarding certified veteran service officers.¹⁸ The report must also describe departmental actions taken by the FDVA and include other information and departmental recommendations as it relates to its duties and responsibilities.¹⁹ In addition, the report must also include the current status of the FDVA's domiciliary and nursing homes.²⁰

County and City Veteran Service Officers and Agency Claims Examiners

County and city veteran service officers are responsible for assisting veterans and their dependents in securing all entitled benefits earned through honorable military service and to advocate for veterans' interest in their community.²¹ Current law authorizes each board of county commissioners to employ a county veteran service officer.²² Likewise, the governing body of a city may employ a city veteran service officer.²³ The FDVA's claim examiners, set up to assist veterans with claims, are co-located with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Regional Office in Bay Pine, each VA Medical Center, and many VA Outpatient Clinics.²⁴

The FDVA provides the training program for county and city veteran service officers.²⁵ Every county or city veteran service officer must attend the training and successfully complete a test administered by the FDVA. The FDVA is required to further establish periodic training refresher courses, which must be completed as a condition of continued employment.²⁶

Transition Assistance

The FDVA through Florida is for Veterans, Inc., (Veterans Florida) supports servicemembers with the transition into civilian life in many ways including, but not limited to, engaging servicemembers through the SkillBridge program, by hosting job fairs, and by briefing servicemembers while they are participating in the United States Armed Forces' Transition

¹⁶ Section 292.05(5), F.S.

¹⁷ Section 292.11, F.S.

¹⁸ Section 292.05(6)(a), F.S.

¹⁹ *Id.*

²⁰ Section 292.05(6)(b), F.S.

²¹ Leon County Government, Veterans Services, available at <https://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/Home/Departments/Office-of-Human-Services-and-Community-Partnership/Veterans-Services> (last visited Feb. 10, 2025).

²² Section 292.11(1), F.S.

²³ *Id.*

²⁴ Veteran Help Group, *Benefits and Services-Claims*, available at <https://www.veteranhelpgroup.com/claims> (last visited Feb. 10, 2025).

²⁵ Section 292.11(4), F.S.

²⁶ *Id.*

Assistance Programs.^{27, 28} SkillBridge is a program under the U.S. Department of Defense that connects transitioning servicemembers to occupational training.²⁹ The program provides opportunities for a servicemember to participate in industry training programs as he or she prepares to transition back into his or her civilian life.³⁰

Veteran's Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

Population and Mental Health

As of 2023, the VA reported that there were 19.1 million veterans living in the United States and of that about 1,430,000 veterans resided in Florida.³¹ Of the Florida veterans:

- 1.1 million are wartime veterans;
- 330,000 are peacetime veterans;
- 11,000 are World War II veterans;
- 75,000 are Korean War veterans;
- 462,000 are Vietnam-era veterans; and
- 421,000 are Gulf War veterans including post-9/11.³²

The FDVA is responsible for serving the third largest veteran population in the United States.³³

Veterans are known to have higher levels of mental distress than nonveterans. In a 2014 study, almost 1 in 4 veterans showed symptoms of mental illness.³⁴ Predominant mental health diagnoses among veterans are:

- Posttraumatic Stress Disorder at a rate of 15 times that of the general population;
- Depression at a rate of five times that of the general population; and
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).³⁵

Veterans who have a diagnosable mental health illness are at a much higher risk of suicide than veterans without mental illness. A 2017 study of Veterans Health Administration patients shows

²⁷ Florida Dep't of Veterans' Affairs, *Senate Bill 116 Agency Legislative Bill Analysis* (Feb. 10, 2025) (on file with the Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security).

²⁸ As established under 10 U.S.C. 1144 (2022), the program furnishes counseling, assistance in identifying employment and training opportunities, help in obtaining such employment and training, and other related information and services to members of the armed forces.

²⁹ U.S. Department of Defense, *DOD Skillbridge Program Brochure*, available at <https://skillbridge.osd.mil/docs/SkillBridge-Program-Brochure.pdf> (Feb. 10, 2025).

³⁰ U.S. Department of Defense, *DOD Skillbridge Program Brochure*, available at <https://skillbridge.osd.mil/docs/SkillBridge-Program-Brochure.pdf> (Feb. 10, 2025).

³¹ Florida Dep't of Veterans' Affairs, *Our Veterans-Fast Facts*, available at <https://www.floridavets.org/our-veterans/profilefast-facts/> (last visited Feb. 12, 2025).

³² *Id.*

³³ *Id.*

³⁴ National Institute on Mental Illness (NAMI), *Veterans & Active Duty-Mental Health Concerns*, available at <https://www.nami.org/Your-Journey/Veterans-Active-Duty> (last visited Feb. 10, 2025).

³⁵ *Id.*

a more than double rate of suicide among veterans with a mental health or substance use disorder than persons without these diagnoses.³⁶

An estimated 30,177 active duty service members and veterans of the post 9/11 wars have died by suicide, significantly more than the 7,057 service members that died in the post 9/11 war operations.³⁷ Identified causes vary. As many as 20 percent of post 9/11 servicemembers have experienced a TBI, many of which have been exposed to repetitive damage.³⁸

Federal Programs

In 2018, the VA implemented a 10-year strategy for preventing veteran suicide.³⁹ This approach to suicide prevention involves a veteran's family, peers, and community and includes specific outreach to veterans who do not access services of the VA.⁴⁰

VA suicide prevention initiatives include all of the following:

- Enhancing mental health services for veterans who are women.
- Broadening telehealth.
- Developing free-of-charge mobile applications for veterans and their families.
- Improving access to mental health care.
- Assisting families of veterans by telephone.⁴¹

In implementing a suicide prevention strategy, the VA partners with other government agencies and organizations at both the national and local level to share information and training on suicide prevention.⁴² One of the ways the VA has addressed state-level suicide prevention is through the "Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families," the VA's ongoing collaboration with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration."⁴³ The "Mayor's Challenges to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families" is an analogous collaboration at the local level for communities across the nation.⁴⁴ The goal of these initiatives is to expand and implement state-

³⁶ The rate of suicide among Veterans Health Administration patients with mental health illness at the time of the study was 57 patients per 100,000. Rand Corporation, *Suicide Among Veterans/Veterans' Issues in Focus*, (July 15, 2021) available at <https://www.rand.org/pubs/perspectives/PEA1363-1.html> (last visited Feb. 10, 2025).

³⁷ Thomas Howard Suitt, III, Watson Institute, International & Public Affairs, Brown University, *High Suicide Rates among United States Service Members and Veterans of the Post-9/11 Wars*, available at https://watson.brown.edu/costsofwar/files/cow/imce/papers/2021/Suitt_Suicides_Costs%20of%20War_June%2021%202021.pdf (June 21, 2021) (pgs. 1, 3).

³⁸ *Id.* at 3-4.

³⁹ U.S. Dep't of Veterans Affairs, *National Strategy for Preventing Veteran Suicide, 2018-2028*, available at https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide_prevention/docs/Office-of-Mental-Health-and-Suicide-Prevention-National-Strategy-for-Preventing-Veterans-Suicide.pdf.

⁴⁰ *Id.* at 1.

⁴¹ *Id.* at 11.

⁴² *Id.*

⁴³ U.S. Dep't of Veterans Affairs, Office of Suicide Prevention, *2024 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Report*, available at https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/docs/data-sheets/2024/2024-Annual-Report-Part-1-of-2_508.pdf (Dec. 2024) (pg. 34).

⁴⁴ SAMHSA, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance, *Governor's and Mayor's Challenges*, available at <https://www.samhsa.gov/technical-assistance/smvf/challenges> (last visited Feb. 10, 2025).

wide best practices for preventing and reducing suicide.⁴⁵ All 50 states and five territories are involved in the Governor’s Challenge and 14 community teams are still actively engaged in the “Mayor’s Challenge.”⁴⁶

State Programs

In 2021, the FDVA was authorized to establish the Florida Veterans’ Care Coordination (FVCC) Program.⁴⁷ To provide services, the FDVA may contract with a nonprofit, accredited entity to provide dedicated behavioral health care referral services, through the state’s 211 Network.⁴⁸ The FVCC program objectives are to prevent veteran suicide, increase veteran use of programs and services provided by the VA, and to increase veteran usage of community-based programs and services.⁴⁹

The FDVA established the Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot program to offer the FDVA’s claims examiner and each county and city veteran service officer specialized training and certification in the prevention of veteran suicide.⁵⁰ To provide training curriculum, the FDVA contracts with an organization established in developing and implementing veteran-relevant and evidence-based suicide prevention training.⁵¹

Pilot program participants must be trained in identifying indicators of elevated suicide risk and providing emergency crisis referrals for veterans in emotional or psychological distress.⁵² The FDVA is directed to adopt rules regarding the implementation of the pilot program.⁵³ The FDVA must also submit an annual report to the Legislature each year that includes information on the program and recommendations on whether changes should be made to increase the effectiveness of the pilot program.⁵⁴ The FDVA will recommend whether the pilot program should be continued in its June 30, 2026, report.⁵⁵

State Approving Agency for Veterans’ Education and Training

The FDVA is the designated state approving agency for purposes of veteran’s education and training in accordance with federal law and the annual contract between the state of Florida and the federal government.⁵⁶

⁴⁵ *Id.*

⁴⁶ *Id.*

⁴⁷ Chapter 2021-198, Laws of Fla.; s. 394.9087, F.S.

⁴⁸ Section 394.9087(1), F.S. The Florida 211 network, established in s. 408.918, F.S., operates as the single point of coordination for information and referral of health and human services (s. 408.918(1), F.S.).

⁴⁹ Section 394.9087(2), F.S.

⁵⁰ Ch. 2022-39, Laws of Fla. See s. 292.115, F.S.

⁵¹ Section 292.115(2), F.S.

⁵² *Id.*

⁵³ Section 292.115(2), F.S.

⁵⁴ Section 292.115(4), F.S.

⁵⁵ *Id.*

⁵⁶ Ch. 88-29, s. 24, Laws of Fla. See s. 295.124, F.S.

Florida is For Veterans, Inc.

Veterans Florida is a nonprofit corporation within the FDVA created to promote Florida as a veteran-friendly state.⁵⁷ Veterans Florida encourages and assists retired and recently separated military personnel to keep or make Florida their permanent residence. Veterans Florida also assists veterans and their spouses with employment opportunities and encourages the hiring of veterans and their spouses by the business community which lends to its mission in assisting veterans fully transition to civilian life.^{58, 59} Veterans Florida also counsels the FDVA on the needs and difficulties of veterans and their spouses.⁶⁰

Veterans Employment and Training Services Program

Created within the FDVA, the Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS) program assists in connecting servicemembers, veterans, or their spouses in search of employment with businesses seeking to hire dedicated, well-trained workers for employment.⁶¹ The purpose of the program is to meet the workforce demands of businesses in the state by facilitating access to training and education in high-demand fields and to inspire the growth of veteran owned small businesses.⁶² Veterans Florida administers the VETS program and performs many functions including, but not limited to:

- Conducting marketing and recruiting efforts.
- Assisting individuals in the target market who reside in or relocate to Florida and who seek employment with the target industry or secondary target industry business.
- Offering skills assessments and assisting in establishing employment goals.
- Assisting Florida target industry and secondary industry businesses in recruiting and hiring individuals in the target market. Veterans Florida provides services to Florida businesses to meet their hiring needs by connecting businesses with suitable applicants for employment. Suitable applicants include veterans or veterans' spouses who have appropriate job skills or may need additional training to meet the specific needs of a business.
- Providing information about the state and federal benefits of hiring veterans.
- Creating a grant program to provide funding to assist individuals in the target market in meeting the workforce-skill needs of target industry and secondary industry businesses seeking to hire, promote, or generally improve specialized skills of veterans, establish criteria for approval of requests for funding, and maximize the use of funding for this program.
- Contracting with entities to administer an entrepreneur initiative program for individuals in the target market in Florida which connects business leaders in the state with such individuals seeking to become entrepreneurs.

⁵⁷ Ch. 2014-1, s. 12, Laws of Fla. See s. 295.21(1) and (2), F.S.

⁵⁸ Florida is for Veterans, Inc., Candid, available at <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/47-2327385> (last visited Feb. 10, 2025).

⁵⁹ Section 295.21(2), F.S.

⁶⁰ Florida Dep't of Veterans' Affairs, *supra* note 27.

⁶¹ Section 295.22(3) and (4), F.S.

⁶² Section 295.22(3), F.S.

- Administering a SkillBridge⁶³ initiative for target industry and secondary industry businesses in this state and for eligible individuals in the target market who reside in, or who wish to reside in, this state.⁶⁴

Under the VETS program, Veterans Florida may assist state agencies and entities with recruiting veteran talent into their workforces.⁶⁵ Veterans Florida may collaborate with other state agencies and entities for outreach, information exchange, marketing, and referrals regarding programs and initiatives.⁶⁶ One of the entities that Veterans Florida collaborates with under s. 295.22(5), F.S., is the Department of Commerce and efforts of the now defunct Florida Defense Support Task Force which was replaced by a direct-support organization in 2024.⁶⁷

Veterans' Adult Day Health Care

Adult day care centers provide therapeutic services and activities for adults in a noninstitutional setting.⁶⁸ Participants may use a variety of services offered during any part of a day totaling less than 24 hours.⁶⁹ Basic services provided by adult day care centers include leisure activities, self-care training, nutritional services, and respite care.⁷⁰ These facilities are licensed by the Agency for Health Care Administration.⁷¹ However, facilities that operate under the federal government or any agency thereof are exempt from current state law on adult day care centers.⁷²

The VA Adult Day Health Care Program (Program) was established with the goal of allowing veterans to have a place during the day for social activities, peer support, companionship, and recreation.⁷³ The Program is intended for veterans who need help with activities of daily living, those who are isolated, or whose caregiver is experiencing burden.⁷⁴ Health services such as care from nurses, therapists, social workers, and others may also be provided.⁷⁵ The Program may be provided at VA medical centers, state Veterans Homes, or through community organizations.⁷⁶ To receive a federal grant or grant funding for an adult day health care program, a state must meet the following specific federal requirements:

- If an adult day health care program is located within a nursing home, domiciliary, or other care facility, the adult health care program must have its own separate designated space during operational hours.

⁶³ See U.S. Dep't of Defense, DOD Skillbridge, Program Overview-What is Skillbridge, available at <https://skillbridge.osd.mil/program-overview.htm> (Feb. 10, 2025).

⁶⁴ Section 295.22(4), F.S.

⁶⁵ Section 295.22(5), F.S.

⁶⁶ *Id.*

⁶⁷ Ch. 2024-234, Laws of Fla.

⁶⁸ Section 429.901(3), F.S.

⁶⁹ *Id.* and s. 429.905(2), F.S.

⁷⁰ Section 429.901(1) and (3), F.S.

⁷¹ Section 429.903, F.S.

⁷² Section 429.905, F.S.

⁷³ U.S. Dep't. of Veterans Affairs, *What is Adult Day Health Care*, available at https://www.va.gov/geriatrics/pages/Adult_Day_Health_Care.asp (last visited Feb. 10, 2025).

⁷⁴ *Id.*

⁷⁵ *Id.*

⁷⁶ *Id.*

- The indoor space for the adult day health care program must be at least 100 sq. ft. per participant including office space for staff and must be 60 sq. ft. per participant excluding office space for staff.
- Each program will need to design and partition its space to meet its own needs but must make available certain federally mandated functional areas.⁷⁷
- Furnishings must be available for all participants, including functional furniture suitable to the participants' needs.⁷⁸

The FDVA operates nine State Veterans' Homes, which have 1,102 skilled nursing and assisted living beds, and is in the process of adding a tenth home.⁷⁹ In 2023, the Legislature created the Veterans' Adult Day Health Care of Florida Act to provide for the establishment of basic standards for the operation of veterans' adult day health care programs for eligible veterans in need of such services.⁸⁰ A program under this act is a licensed facility operated by the FDVA as an adult day care center⁸¹ However, the FDVA does not currently operate or manage any adult day health care facilities in the state.⁸²

The FDVA determines the eligibility of applicants for admission to the program. The program is available to a veteran as defined in s. 1.01(14), F.S., or a veteran who served in eligible peacetime service, and who must:

- Be in need of adult day health care;
- Be a resident of the state at the time of application;
- Not owe money to the FDVA for services rendered during a previous stay at a FDVA facility;
- Have applied for all financial assistance reasonably available through governmental resources; and
- Have been approved as eligible for care and treatment by the VA.⁸³

The residency requirement may be waived for an applicant only if the veteran is a disaster evacuee of a state under a declared state of emergency and who otherwise qualifies.⁸⁴ Admittance priority given to eligible veterans is established in state law.⁸⁵

Gadsden Flag License Plates

As of December 2024, there are over 130 specialty license plates approved by the Legislature and of these, 114 are authorized for issuance and 22 are in the presale process.⁸⁶ Specialty license

⁷⁷ For the list of federally mandated functional areas, see 38 C.F.R. s. 59.160(c)(1)-(11).

⁷⁸ 38 C.F.R. s. 59.160.

⁷⁹ Florida Dep't of Veterans Affairs, News, *Governor DeSantis Signs Legislation to Support Florida Veterans and Their Families*, June 4, 2024, available at <https://floridavets.org/governor-desantis-signs-legislation-to-support-florida-veterans-and-their-families/> (last visited Feb. 10, 2025).

⁸⁰ Ch. 2023-162, s. 3, Laws of Fla.

⁸¹ Sections 296.44(6) and 429.901(1), F.S.

⁸² Florida Dep't of Veterans' Affairs, *supra* note 27.

⁸³ Section 296.47(1), F.S.

⁸⁴ Section 296.47(2), F.S.

⁸⁵ Section 296.47(3), F.S., establishes an order of priority given to veterans for admittance into the program.

⁸⁶ Dep't of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle, *HB 49 Agency Legislative Bill Analysis* (Dec. 16, 2024) (on file with the Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security).

plates are available to an owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is willing to pay an annual use fee, ranging from \$15 to \$25, paid in addition to required license taxes and service fees.⁸⁷ The annual use fees are distributed to an organization or organizations in support of a particular cause or charity signified on the plate's design and designated in statute.⁸⁸

To establish a specialty license plate and after the plate is approved by law, s. 320.08053, F.S., requires the following actions within certain timelines:

- Within 60 days, the organization must submit an art design for the plate, in a medium prescribed by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV);
- Within 120 days, the DHSMV must establish a method to issue presale vouchers for the specialty license plate; and
- Within 24 months after the presale vouchers are established, the organization must obtain a minimum of 3,000 voucher sales before manufacturing of the plate may begin.⁸⁹

If the minimum sales requirement has not been met by the end of the 24-month presale period, then the DHSMV will discontinue the plate and issuance of presale vouchers. Upon discontinuation, a purchaser of a presale voucher may use the annual use fee as a credit towards any other specialty license plate or apply for a refund with the DHSMV.⁹⁰

The annual use fees collected by an organization and any interest earned from the fees may be expended only for use in this state unless the annual use fee is derived from the sale of specified United States Armed Forces and veterans-related specialty plates.⁹¹ Additionally, organizations must adhere to certain accountability requirements, including an annual audit or attestation document affirming that funds received have been spent in accordance with applicable statutes.⁹²

The 2020 Legislature created the Gadsden Flag specialty license plate.⁹³ The license plate bears the DHSMV-approved colors and design. The word "Florida" appears at the top of the plate and "Don't Tread on Me" appears at the bottom of the plate.⁹⁴

The annual use fees from the specialty license plate are to be distributed to the Florida Veterans Foundation, a direct-support organization of the FDVA and used to benefit veterans. Up to 10 percent of the proceeds may be used for continuing promotion and marketing of the plate.⁹⁵

⁸⁷ Section 320.08056, F.S.

⁸⁸ Section 320.08058, F.S.

⁸⁹ Chapter 2022-189, Laws of Fla., extended the presale by an additional 24 months for an approved specialty license plate organization that, as of June 15, 2022, is in the presale period but has not recorded 3,000 voucher sales.

⁹⁰ Section 320.08053(2)(b), F.S.

⁹¹ Section 320.08056(10)(a), F.S.

⁹² Section 320.08062, F.S.

⁹³ Ch. 2020-181, Laws of Fla.

⁹⁴ Section 320.08058(92)(a), F.S.

⁹⁵ Section 320.08058(92)(b), F.S.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame

The bill amends s. 265.003, F.S., to reduce the number of persons the Council may transmit to the Governor and the Cabinet to be considered for induction into the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame (FVHF). Currently up to 20 nominees may be transmitted by the Council. The bill reduces that number to up to five nominees.

Department of Veterans' Affairs Duties

The bill amends s. 292.05, F.S., revising the duties of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA) by expanding the scope of an ongoing study on the needs of Florida residents who are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and their spouses and dependents. The bill requires that the survey evaluates the extent to which the resident veterans and their spouses and dependents are aware of existing federal, state, or local programs or services that meet their areas of needs. The bill also requires the FDVA to include recommendations regarding increasing public awareness using administrative or legislative options. The bill appropriates \$50,000 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund for this purpose.

The bill directs the FDVA to ensure coordination with the U.S. Department of Defense to directly engage servicemembers who are returning home to Florida, whether those servicemembers are remaining in or moving to the state, following their service and during reentry into civilian life.⁹⁶ Such engagement includes connecting those servicemembers with Veterans Florida and other resources which may support with the reintegration process. The bill authorizes the FDVA to engage county and city veteran service officers⁹⁷ for assistance in connecting servicemembers with reintegration resources. The FDVA is directed to include actions taken to implement its engagement with the servicemembers in the annual report to the Governor, the Cabinet, and the Legislature.

In the annual report to the Governor, the Cabinet, and the Legislature, due on December 31, 2025, the FDVA is required to:

- Include its evaluation of health literacy among Florida veterans; and
- Make recommendations to increase veteran knowledge of available programs and services and to maximize veteran use of those resources.

Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot Program

The bill amends s. 292.115, F.S., expanding the type of training to be provided to the FDVA claims examiners and county and city veteran service officers⁹⁸ under the Veteran Suicide

⁹⁶ The Florida Dep't of Veterans' Affairs currently connects transitioning servicemembers with the U.S. Dep't of Defense through programs like SkillBridge, utilizing Florida is for Veterans, Inc., as a means for this engagement. See Florida Dep't of Veterans Affairs, *supra* note 27, at 2 and 5.

⁹⁷ Section 292.11, F.S., describes county and city veteran service officers.

⁹⁸ Section 292.11, F.S.

Prevention Training Pilot Program. The bill requires that participants in the pilot program be trained to recognize indicators of elevated mental health conditions.

The bill requires the FDVA to contract with an organization with a proven practice of veteran-relevant mental health training to develop the curriculum for the training under the pilot program.

The bill appropriates \$300,000 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund to implement the Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot Program.

State Approving Agency for Veterans' Education and Training

The bill amends s. 295.124, F.S., to update the federal law reference for the designation of the state approving agency for purposes of veterans' education and training. The updated reference is 38 U.S.C. s. 3671.⁹⁹

Florida is for Veterans, Inc.

The bill amends s. 295.21, F.S., expanding the duties of Veterans Florida to include advising the FDVA on the difficulties or needs of retired or recently separated military personnel and their spouses which Veterans Florida has knowledge of and which may be within the purview of the FDVA.¹⁰⁰

Florida Defense Support

The bill amends s. 295.22, F.S., removing obsolete language by correcting a provisional cross-reference. The bill removes the reference to the Florida Defense Support Task Force and revises Veterans Florida's collaborators of the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program¹⁰¹ to include the direct-support organization established by the Department of Commerce.¹⁰²

Veterans' Adult Day Health Care

The bill amends s. 296.43, F.S., requiring the FDVA to develop a statewide plan to establish adult day health care facilities across Florida to serve veterans and their families. The bill requires the FDVA to include in the plan:

- Recommendations for locations that will have the greatest impact on veteran populations. In making such recommendations, the FDVA must provide an evaluation of data, including, but not limited to, veteran population and veteran population demographics, in addition to providing an assessment of anticipated veteran needs.
- Potential state and federal participation.
- Estimates for the daily cost of running the facilities.

⁹⁹ 38 U.S.C. s. 3671 (2021). See United States Code available at <https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=granuleid:USC-prelim-title38-section1771&num=0&edition=prelim> (last visited Feb. 9, 2025).

¹⁰⁰ See s. 295.21 (2), F.S. According to the Florida Dep't of Veterans' Affairs, the bill codifies into law the Florida is for Veterans, Inc., advisory role, *supra* note 29 at 2.

¹⁰¹ See s. 292.22(1), F.S.

¹⁰² Section 288.987, F.S.

- Estimates for the daily cost of maintenance and general upkeep of the facilities.
- Location of existing potential infrastructure.
- Potential construction costs.

The bill directs the FDVA to provide a report detailing the plan to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by November 1, 2025.

Gadsden Flag License Plate

The bill amends s. 320.08058, F.S., to authorize that up to 10 percent of the proceeds from the sale of the Gadsden Flag license plate may be used by the Florida Veterans Foundation for administrative costs in addition to the promotion and marketing of the specialty license plate.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None Identified.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (FDVA) estimates that expanding the scope of the survey of the needs of veterans and their spouses and dependents in the areas of social services, health care, education, and employment, and any other areas of determined need by evaluating the extent to which such persons are aware of existing federal, state, or community programs or services that meet their areas of need may require an additional \$50,000 in funding.¹⁰³ The bill appropriates \$50,000 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund for this purpose.

The FDVA estimates that continuing to implement the Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot Program, with specialized mental health training to recognize indicators of elevated mental health conditions, will require \$300,000 in annual funding.¹⁰⁴ The bill appropriates \$300,000 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund to implement the Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot Program.

If the state decides to establish adult day health care facilities, it would have a significant negative fiscal impact on state expenditures. The federal government does not currently provide matching funds for adult day health care facilities.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 265.003, 292.05, 292.115, 295.124, 295.21, 295.22, 296.43, and 320.08058.

IX. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

CS by Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services on March 5, 2025:

The committee substitute:

For Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the bill appropriates \$300,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund to implement the Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot Program and \$50,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund for

¹⁰³ Email from Roy Clark, Director of Cabinet and Legislative Affairs, Florida Dep't of Veterans' Affairs, to Jay Howard, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Florida Senate (February 12, 2025)(on file with the Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security).

¹⁰⁴ Id.

expanding the scope of an ongoing study on the needs of Florida residents who are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and their spouses and dependents.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.



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The Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services
(Burgess) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 236 and 237

insert:

Section 9. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the sum of \$50,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the Department of Veterans' Affairs to conduct a survey evaluating the extent to which resident veterans and their spouses and dependents are aware of existing federal, state, and local programs and services that meet their areas of



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11 need and for the department to develop a plan to establish adult
12 day health care facilities across this state to serve veterans
13 and their families.

14 Section 10. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the sum of
15 \$300,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is
16 appropriated to the contracted services category to the
17 Department of Veterans' Affairs to implement the Veteran Suicide
18 Prevention Training Pilot Program, as amended by this act.

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21 And the title is amended as follows:

22 Delete line 53

23 and insert:

24 administrative costs of the plate; providing
25 appropriations; providing an

By Senator Burgess

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to veterans; amending s. 265.003,
 3 F.S.; revising the maximum number of nominees for the
 4 Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame submitted by the
 5 Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council to the
 6 Department of Veterans' Affairs for submission to the
 7 Governor and the Cabinet; amending s. 292.05, F.S.;
 8 requiring the Department of Veterans' Affairs to
 9 conduct a study that includes a survey evaluating the
 10 extent to which specified persons are aware of certain
 11 existing programs or services; requiring that such
 12 survey also include specified recommendations;
 13 requiring that a certain report include additional
 14 actions taken by the Department of Veterans' Affairs
 15 and other information and recommendations as the
 16 department determines are necessary; requiring that a
 17 specified report include an evaluation of the health
 18 literacy of veterans in this state and recommendations
 19 on how to increase knowledge of programs and services
 20 available to such veterans; requiring the department
 21 to ensure coordination to the greatest extent possible
 22 with the United States Department of Defense for a
 23 specified purpose; authorizing the Department of
 24 Veterans' Affairs to engage county and city veteran
 25 service officers for assistance; amending s. 292.115,
 26 F.S.; revising the purpose of the Veteran Suicide
 27 Prevention Training Pilot Program to include
 28 specialized mental health training; requiring
 29 individuals electing to participate in the pilot

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30 program to be trained to identify indicators of
 31 elevated mental health risk; requiring the department
 32 to contract with an organization developing and
 33 implementing veteran-relevant and evidence-based
 34 mental health training; amending s. 295.124, F.S.;
 35 revising a reference to the United States Code;
 36 amending s. 295.21, F.S.; requiring Florida Is For
 37 Veterans, Inc., to advise the Department of Veterans'
 38 Affairs on specified problems or needs of certain
 39 military personnel and their spouses; amending s.
 40 295.22, F.S.; revising the collaborators of the
 41 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program to
 42 include a specified direct-support organization;
 43 amending s. 296.43, F.S.; requiring the Department of
 44 Veterans' Affairs to develop a plan to establish adult
 45 day health care facilities across this state to serve
 46 veterans and their families; requiring that such plans
 47 include specified information; requiring the
 48 department to provide a specified report to the
 49 Legislature by a specified date; amending s.
 50 320.08058, F.S.; authorizing the use of a specified
 51 percentage of proceeds from the sale of a specified
 52 specialty license plate for the promotion and
 53 administrative costs of the plate; providing an
 54 effective date.

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

58 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section

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59 265.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

60 265.003 Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame.—

61 (4) (a) The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council shall
62 annually accept nominations of persons to be considered for
63 induction into the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame and shall
64 transmit a list of up to 5 ~~20~~ nominees to the Department of
65 Veterans' Affairs for submission to the Governor and the
66 Cabinet, who will select the nominees to be inducted.

67 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) and subsection
68 (6) of section 292.05, Florida Statutes, are amended, and
69 subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:

70 292.05 Duties of Department of Veterans' Affairs.—

71 (5) The department shall conduct an ongoing study on the
72 problems and needs of those residents of this state who are
73 veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and the
74 problems and needs of their spouses and dependents. The study
75 shall include, but not be limited to:

76 (b) A survey of the needs of such persons in the areas of
77 social services, health care, education, and employment, and any
78 other areas of determined need, with recommendations regarding
79 federal, state, and community services that would meet those
80 needs. The survey must also evaluate the extent to which such
81 persons are aware of existing federal, state, or community
82 programs or services that meet their areas of need, with
83 recommendations regarding increasing public awareness using
84 administrative or legislative options.

85 (6) The department shall, by December 31 of each year,
86 submit an annual written report to the Governor, the Cabinet,
87 and the Legislature which describes:

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88 (a) The expenses incurred in veteran service work in the
89 state; the number, nature, and kind of cases handled by the
90 department and by county and city veteran service officers of
91 the state; the amounts of benefits obtained for veterans; the
92 names and addresses of all certified veteran service officers,
93 including county and city veteran service officers.

94 (b) The report must ~~also~~ describe the actions taken by the
95 department in implementing subsections (4), (5), ~~and~~ (7), and
96 (8) and include other information and recommendations as the
97 department determines are necessary to provide information on
98 its annual activities requires.

99 (c) ~~(b)~~ The current status of the department's domiciliary
100 and nursing homes established pursuant to chapter 296, including
101 all receipts and expenditures, the condition of the homes, the
102 number of residents received and discharged during the preceding
103 year, occupancy rates, staffing, and any other information
104 necessary to provide an understanding of the management,
105 conduct, and operation of the homes.

106 (d) For the report due on December 31, 2025, an evaluation
107 by the department among veterans in this state on the level of
108 health literacy and any recommendations to increase veteran
109 knowledge of available programs and services and maximize their
110 use of such resources.

111 (8) The department shall ensure coordination to the
112 greatest extent possible with the United States Department of
113 Defense to directly engage all servicemembers returning home to,
114 or electing to remain in or move to, this state following their
115 service and during re-entry into civilian life, including
116 connecting them with Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., and other

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117 relevant resources. The department may engage county and city
 118 veteran service officers for assistance with fulfilling this
 119 duty.

120 Section 3. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 292.115,
 121 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

122 292.115 Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot Program.—

123 (1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall establish the
 124 Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot Program. The purpose
 125 of the pilot program is to offer to each Department of Veterans'
 126 Affairs claims examiner and each county and city veteran service
 127 officer, as described in s. 292.11, specialized mental health
 128 training and certification in the prevention of veteran suicide.

129 (2) Individuals electing to participate in the pilot
 130 program must be trained to identify indicators of elevated
 131 mental health or suicide risk and provide emergency crisis
 132 referrals for veterans expressing or exhibiting symptoms of
 133 emotional or psychological distress. The Department of Veterans'
 134 Affairs shall contract with an organization having proven
 135 experience developing and implementing veteran-relevant and
 136 evidence-based mental health and suicide prevention training to
 137 develop the curriculum for such training. The department shall
 138 establish and oversee the process for certifying program
 139 participants who successfully complete such training.

140 Section 4. Section 295.124, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 141 read:

142 295.124 State approving agency for veterans' education and
 143 training.—The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall act as the
 144 state approving agency for purposes of veterans' education and
 145 training, in accordance with 38 U.S.C. s. 3671 ~~38 U.S.C. s. 1771~~

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146 and the applicable annual contract between the state and the
 147 Federal Government.

148 Section 5. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (3) of
 149 section 295.21, Florida Statutes, to read:

150 295.21 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.—

151 (3) DUTIES.—The corporation shall:

152 (h) Advise the Department of Veterans' Affairs on any
 153 problems or needs of retired and recently separated military
 154 personnel of this state and any problems or needs of their
 155 spouses which the corporation has knowledge of and which may be
 156 within the purview of the department in fulfilling its duties.

157 Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section
 158 295.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

159 295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.—

160 (5) COLLABORATION.—

161 (c) The corporation may collaborate with other state
 162 agencies and entities for outreach, information exchange,
 163 marketing, and referrals regarding programs and initiatives that
 164 include, but are not limited to, the program created by this
 165 section and those within any of the following:

- 166 1. The Department of Veterans' Affairs:
 - 167 a. Access to benefits and assistance programs.
 - 168 b. Hope Navigators Program.
- 169 2. The Department of Commerce:
 - 170 a. The Disabled Veteran Outreach Program and local veteran
 171 employment representatives.
 - 172 b. CareerSource Florida, Inc., and local workforce boards
 173 employment and recruitment services.
 - 174 c. The Quick-Response Training Program.

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175 d. Efforts of the direct-support organization Florida
 176 ~~Defense Support Task Force~~ created under s. 288.987, the Florida
 177 Small Business Development Center Network, and the direct
 178 support organization established in s. 288.012(6).

179 3. The Department of Business and Professional Regulation,
 180 reciprocity and the availability of certain license and fee
 181 waivers.

182 4. The Department of Education:

183 a. CAPE industry certifications under s. 1008.44.

184 b. Information related to earning postsecondary credit at
 185 public postsecondary educational institutions for college-level
 186 training and education acquired in the military under s.
 187 1004.096.

188 5. The Department of Health:

189 a. The Office of Veteran Licensure Services.

190 b. The Florida Veterans Application for Licensure Online
 191 Response expedited licensing.

192 6. The Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help.

193 Section 7. Section 296.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 194 read:

195 296.43 Purpose and statewide plan.—

196 (1) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this part is to provide for the
 197 establishment of basic standards for the operation of veterans'
 198 adult day health care programs for eligible veterans in need of
 199 such services.

200 (2) STATEWIDE PLAN.—The department shall develop a plan to
 201 establish adult day health care facilities across this state to
 202 serve veterans and their families.

203 (a) The plan must include:

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204 1. Recommendations for locations that will have the most
 205 impact on the veteran population. In making such
 206 recommendations, the department shall:

207 a. Provide an evaluation of data, including, but not
 208 limited to, veteran population and veteran population
 209 demographics.

210 b. Provide an assessment of anticipated veteran needs.

211 2. Potential state and federal participation.

212 3. Estimates for the daily cost of running the facilities.

213 4. Estimates for the daily cost of maintenance and general
 214 upkeep of the facilities.

215 5. Location of existing potential infrastructure.

216 6. Potential construction costs.

217 (b) The department shall provide a report detailing the
 218 plan required by this subsection to the President of the Senate
 219 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by November 1,
 220 2025.

221 Section 8. Subsection (92) of section 320.08058, Florida
 222 Statutes, is amended to read:

223 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

224 (92) GADSDEN FLAG LICENSE PLATES.—

225 (a) The department shall develop a Gadsden Flag license
 226 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The design
 227 of the license plate must replicate the color, layout, and
 228 design of the Gadsden Flag. The word "Florida" must appear at
 229 the top of the plate, and the words "Don't Tread on Me" must
 230 appear at the bottom of the plate.

231 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Florida
 232 Veterans Foundation, a direct-support organization of the

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233 Department of Veterans' Affairs, and must be used to benefit
234 veterans. Up to 10 percent of the proceeds may be used for
235 ~~continuing~~ promotion and marketing of the license plate and for
236 administrative costs.

237 Section 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.



The Florida Senate

Committee Agenda Request

To: Senator Jay Trumbull, Chair
Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

Subject: Committee Agenda Request

Date: February 26, 2025

I respectfully request that **Senate Bill #116**, relating to Veterans, be placed on the:

- committee agenda at your earliest possible convenience.
- next committee agenda.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Danny".

Senator Danny Burgess
Florida Senate, District 23

CC: Brooke McKnight, Staff Director
CC: Robin Jackson, Committee Administrative Assistant

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The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

BILL: SB 294

INTRODUCER: Senator Harrell

SUBJECT: Collaborative Pharmacy Practice for Chronic Health Conditions

DATE: March 4, 2025

REVISED: 02/19/25

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Smith</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>HP</u>	Favorable
2.	<u>Gerbrandt</u>	<u>McKnight</u>	<u>AHS</u>	Favorable
3.	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>RC</u>	

I. Summary:

SB 294 amends s. 465.1865, F.S., relating to collaborative pharmacy practice agreements. Under current law, collaborative pharmacy practice describes an arrangement in which a physician authorizes a pharmacist to provide specified patient care services relating to chronic health conditions to one or more of the physician’s patients. The bill provides that the term “chronic health condition” does not include heart failure, coronary heart disease, and cardiac rhythm disorder.

In practice, this would ensure that those conditions remain excluded from any definition of the term that may be adopted in rule by the Board of Pharmacy.

The bill has no fiscal impact on state revenues or expenditures.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.

II. Present Situation:

Pharmacist Licensure

Pharmacy is the third largest health profession behind nursing and medicine.¹ The Board of Pharmacy (BOP), in conjunction with the Department of Health (DOH), regulates the practice of pharmacists pursuant to ch. 465, F.S.² To be licensed as a pharmacist, a person must:³

- Complete an application and remit an examination fee;

¹ American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, *About AACP*, available at <https://www.aacp.org/about-aacp> (last visited Feb. 13, 2025).

² Sections 465.004 and 465.005, F.S.

³ Section 465.007, F.S. The DOH may also issue a license by endorsement to a pharmacist who is licensed in another state upon meeting the applicable requirements set forth in law and rule. *See* s. 465.0075, F.S.

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Hold a degree from an accredited and approved school or college of pharmacy;⁴
- Have completed a BOP-approved internship; and
- Successfully complete the BOP-approved examination.

A pharmacist must complete at least 30 hours of BOP-approved continuing education during each biennial renewal period.⁵

Pharmacist Scope of Practice

In Florida, the practice of the profession of pharmacy includes:⁶

- Compounding, dispensing, and consulting concerning the contents, therapeutic values, and uses of any medicinal drug;
- Consulting concerning therapeutic values and interactions of patent or proprietary preparations;
- Monitoring a patient's drug therapy and assisting the patient in the management of his or her drug therapy, including the review of the patient's drug therapy and communication with the patient's prescribing health care provider or other persons specifically authorized by the patient;
- Transmitting information from prescribers to their patients;
- Administering specified vaccines to adults and influenza vaccines to persons seven years of age or older;⁷
- Administering epinephrine autoinjections;⁸
- Administering antipsychotic medications by injection;⁹ and
- Screen an adult for Human Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV) exposure.¹⁰

A pharmacist may not alter a prescriber's directions, diagnose or treat any disease, initiate any drug therapy, or practice medicine or osteopathic medicine, unless permitted by law.¹¹

Pharmacists may order and dispense drugs that are included in a formulary developed by a committee composed of members of the Board of Medicine (BOM), the Board of Osteopathic Medicine (BOOM), and the BOP.¹² The formulary may only include:¹³

- Any medicinal drug of single or multiple active ingredients in any strengths when such active ingredients have been approved individually or in combination for over-the-counter sale by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA);

⁴ If the applicant has graduated from a 4-year undergraduate pharmacy program of a school or college of pharmacy located outside the U.S., the applicant must demonstrate proficiency in English, pass the board-approved Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination, and complete a minimum of 500 hours in a supervised work activity program within Florida under the supervision of a DOH licensed pharmacist.

⁵ Section 465.009, F.S.

⁶ Section 465.003(13), F.S.

⁷ See s. 465.189, F.S.

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ Section 465.1893, F.S.

¹⁰ Section 465.1861, F.S.

¹¹ Section 465.003(22), F.S.

¹² Section 465.186, F.S.

¹³ *Id.*

- Any medicinal drug recommended by the FDA Advisory Panel for transfer to over-the-counter status pending approval by the FDA;
- Any medicinal drug containing any antihistamine or decongestant as a single active ingredient or in combination;
- Any medicinal drug containing fluoride in any strength;
- Any medicinal drug containing lindane in any strength;
- Any over-the-counter proprietary drug under federal law that has been approved for reimbursement by the Florida Medicaid Program; and
- Any topical anti-infectives, excluding eye and ear topical anti-infectives.

A pharmacist may order the following, within his or her professional judgment and subject to the following conditions:

- Certain oral analgesics for mild to moderate pain. The pharmacist may order these drugs for minor pain and menstrual cramps for patients with no history of peptic ulcer disease. The prescription is limited to a six-day supply for one treatment of:
 - Magnesium salicylate/phenyltoloxamine citrate;
 - Acetylsalicylic acid (zero order release, long acting tablets);
 - Choline salicylate and magnesium salicylate;
 - Naproxen sodium;
 - Naproxen;
 - Ibuprofen;
 - Phenazopyridine, for urinary pain; and
 - Antipyrine 5.4 percent, benzocaine 1.4 percent, glycerin, for ear pain if clinical signs or symptoms of tympanic membrane perforation are not present;
- Anti-nausea preparations;
- Certain antihistamines and decongestants;
- Certain topical antifungal/antibacterials;
- Topical anti-inflammatory preparations containing hydrocortisone not exceeding 2.5 percent;
- Certain otic antifungal/antibacterial;
- Salicylic acid 16.7 percent and lactic acid 16.7 percent in flexible collodion, to be applied to warts, except for patients under 2 years of age, and those with diabetes or impaired circulation;
- Vitamins with fluoride, excluding vitamins with folic acid in excess of 0.9 mg.;
- Medicinal drug shampoos containing lindane for the treatment of head lice;
- Ophthalmic. Naphazoline 0.1 percent ophthalmic solution;
- Certain histamine H2 antagonists;
- Acne products; and
- Topical antiviral for herpes simplex infections of the lips.¹⁴

Collaborative Pharmacy Practice Agreements

Under s. 465.1865, F.S., a collaborative pharmacy practice agreement (CPPA) is a formal agreement in which a physician licensed under ch. 458 or 459, F.S., makes a diagnosis, supervises patient care, and refers patients to a pharmacist under a protocol that allows the

¹⁴ Fla. Admin. Code R. 64B16-27.220 (2025).

pharmacist to provide specified patient care services for certain chronic medical conditions. A CPPA specifies what functions beyond the pharmacist's typical scope of practice can be delegated to the pharmacist by the collaborating physician. Common tasks include initiating, modifying, or discontinuing medication therapy and ordering and evaluating tests.

Pharmacist Training for Collaborative Practice

To provide services under a CPPA, a pharmacist must be certified by the BOP. To obtain certification a pharmacist must complete a 20-hour course approved by the BOP, in consultation with the BOM and the BOOM, and:

- Hold an active and unencumbered license to practice pharmacy;
- Have a Ph.D. in pharmacy or have five years of experience as a licensed pharmacist;
- Have completed the BOP-approved, 20-hour course, eight hours of which must be live or live video conference that includes instruction in:
 - Performance of patient assessments;
 - Ordering, performing, and interpreting clinical and laboratory tests;
 - Evaluating and managing diseases and health conditions in collaboration with other health care practitioners; and
 - Writing and entering into a CPPA.
- Maintains at least \$250,000 of professional liability insurance coverage; and
- Has established a system to maintain patient records of patients receiving services under a CPPA for five years from the patient's most recent service.¹⁵

Required Contents of CPPA

The terms and conditions of the CPPA must be appropriate to the pharmacist's training, and the services delegated to the pharmacist must be within the collaborating physician's scope of practice. A copy of the certification received from the BOP must be included as an attachment to the CPPA. A CPPA must include the following:

- The name of the collaborating physician's patient(s) for whom a pharmacist may provide services;
- Each chronic health condition to be collaboratively managed;
- The specific medicinal drug(s) to be managed for each patient;
- Material terms defined as those terms enumerated in s. 465.1865(3)(a), F.S.;
- Circumstances under which the pharmacist may order or perform and evaluate laboratory or clinical tests;
- Conditions and events in which the pharmacist must notify the collaborating physician and the manner and timeframe in which notification must occur;
- The start and ending dates of the CPPA and termination procedures, including procedures for patient notification and medical records transfers;
- A statement that the CPPA may be terminated, in writing, by either party at any time; and
- In the event of an addendum to the material terms of an existing CPPA, a copy of the addendum and the initial agreement.

¹⁵ Section 465.1865(2), F.S.

A CPPA will automatically terminate two years after execution if not renewed. The pharmacist, along with the collaborating physician, must maintain the CPPA on file at his or her practice location and must make the CPPA available to the DOH or BOP upon request or inspection. A pharmacist who enters into a CPPA must submit a copy of the signed agreement to the BOP before the agreement may be implemented.¹⁶

Allowable Chronic Health Conditions

CPPAs in Florida allow a pharmacist to provide specific patient care services for chronic health conditions. Section 465.1865(1)(b), F.S., establishes that the term “chronic health condition” means:

- Arthritis;
- Asthma;
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases;
- Type 2 diabetes;
- Human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome;
- Obesity; or
- Any other chronic condition adopted in rule by the board, in consultation with the BOM and the BOOM.

The BOP has adopted the following list of chronic health conditions for which a pharmacist certified pursuant to s. 465.1865, F.S., can provide specified patient care services to patients of a collaborating physician pursuant to a pending CPPA:

- Hyperlipidemia;
- Hypertension;
- Anti-coagulation management;
- Nicotine Dependence;
- Opioid use disorder;
- Hepatitis C
- Those chronic health conditions enumerated in s. 465.1865(1)(b), F.S.¹⁷

On May 23, 2024, the Boards of Pharmacy, Medicine, and Osteopathic Medicine held a Joint Rules Committee meeting to discuss adding heart disease to the list of chronic health conditions.¹⁸ The committee ultimately decided not to proceed with the proposed rule language.¹⁹

Prohibited Acts Regarding a CPPA

A pharmacist may not:

- Modify or discontinue medicinal drugs prescribed by a health care practitioner with whom he or she does not have a CPPA; or
- Enter into a CPPA while acting as a pharmacy employee without the written approval of the owner of the pharmacy.

¹⁶ Section 465.1865(3), F.S. and Fla. Admin. Code R. 64B16-31.003 (2025).

¹⁷ Fla. Admin. Code R. 64B16-31.007, F.A.C. (2025).

¹⁸ Florida Department of Health, *Senate Bill 294 Analysis* (Feb. 17, 2025) (on file with Senate Committee on Health Policy).

¹⁹ *Id.*

A physician may not delegate the authority to initiate or prescribe a controlled substance listed in s. 893.03, F.S. or 21 U.S.C. s. 812, to a pharmacist.

Continuing Education

A pharmacist who practices under a CPPA must complete an eight-hour continuing education (CE) course approved by the BOP that addresses CPPA-related issues each biennial licensure renewal, in addition to the CE requirements under s. 465.009, F.S. A pharmacist wishing to maintain CPPA certification must submit confirmation of having completed such course when applying for licensure renewal. A pharmacist who fails to complete this CE is prohibited from practicing under a CPPA.

CPPAs in Effect

According to the DOH 2023-2024 Annual Report, there are 39,486 licensed pharmacists in Florida.²⁰ In fiscal year 2023-2024, 87 pharmacists became certified to provide care under a CPPA.²¹

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 amends s. 465.1865, F.S., to exclude heart failure, coronary heart disease, and cardiac rhythm disorders from the definition of “chronic health condition.” This would remove the authority of the Board of Pharmacy (BOP) to include those conditions as “chronic health conditions” in rule.

Under current law and rule, pharmacists are not authorized to “collaboratively manage” heart failure, coronary heart disease, and cardiac rhythm disorders with a collaborating physician under a collaborative pharmacy agreement (CPPA). This would not change upon the enactment of the bill, but it would prevent the BOP from classifying those conditions by rule as chronic health conditions that may be included in a CPPA prospectively

Section 2 provides an effective date of July 1, 2025.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

²⁰ Florida Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance, *Annual Report and Long-Range Plan, Fiscal Year 2023-2024*, at pg. 4, available at <https://www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/reports-and-publications/annual-reports.html> (last visited Feb. 13, 2025).

²¹ *Id.*

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill has no fiscal impact on state revenues or expenditures.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends section 465.1865 of the Florida Statutes.

IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

By Senator Harrell

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to collaborative pharmacy practice for
 3 chronic health conditions; amending s. 465.1865, F.S.;
 4 revising the definition of the term "chronic health
 5 condition" to exclude specified heart conditions for
 6 purposes of collaborative pharmacy practice for
 7 chronic health conditions; providing an effective
 8 date.
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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
 11
 12 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
 13 465.1865, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 14 465.1865 Collaborative pharmacy practice for chronic health
 15 conditions.—
 16 (1) For purposes of this section, the term:
 17 (b) "Chronic health condition" means:
 18 1. Arthritis;
 19 2. Asthma;
 20 3. Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases;
 21 4. Type 2 diabetes;
 22 5. Human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune
 23 deficiency syndrome;
 24 6. Obesity; or
 25 7. Any other chronic condition adopted in rule by the
 26 board, in consultation with the Board of Medicine and the Board
 27 of Osteopathic Medicine.
 28
 29 The term does not include heart failure, coronary heart disease,

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30 or a cardiac rhythm disorder.
 31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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Representing Florida Medical Association

Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

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9:37:56 AM	Karen Murillo, American Association of Retired Persons (waives in support)
9:38:00 AM	Mitchell McCombs, Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (waives in support)
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9:44:13 AM	Sen. Trumbull
9:44:20 AM	Jarrold Fowler, Director of Health Care Policy, Florida Medical Association (waives in support)
9:44:25 AM	Jason Winn, Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (waives in support)
9:44:34 AM	Bill Mincy (waives in opposition)
9:45:00 AM	Stacy Hall, Executive Vice President, Florida Pharmacy Association
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