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29	to enter into contract with any group or organization for the
30	installation and maintenance of monuments and memorials honoring
31	Florida's military veterans at highway rest areas around the
32	state pursuant to the provisions of this section.
33	(1) Proposals for contracts under this act must be
34	approved by a committee composed of the secretary of the
35	Department of Transportation or the secretary's designee, the
36	executive director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs or the
37	executive director's designee, and three members of the Florida
38	Commission on Veterans' Affairs appointed by the chair of the
39	commission. Appointed members of the committee shall be
40	appointed for terms of not longer than 2 years and may be
41	reappointed to the committee. All appointed members' terms shall
42	expire on January 31 of each even-numbered year.
43	(2) Installations may consist of monuments, memorials,
44	plaques, markers, or various retired military equipment and must
45	honor the accomplishments of military veterans and the
46	sacrifices made by them and their families.
47	(3) The group or organization making the proposal shall be
48	responsible for all costs of the monument and its installation.
49	(4) The group or organization making the proposal shall be
50	responsible for the cost of maintenance of the monument. The
51	cost of maintenance shall be secured by sufficient funds
52	provided annually by the group or organization making the
53	proposal deposited into a maintenance account held by the
54	Department of Transportation. In addition, the group or
55	organization making the proposal shall provide a 10-year bond
56	securing the cost of removal of the monument and any
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57	modifications made to the site as part of the placement of the
58	monument should the group or organization making the proposal
59	fail to provide sufficient funds for maintenance for a period of
60	2 consecutive years. Prior to expiration, the bond shall be
61	renewed for another 10-year period if the memorial is to remain
62	<u>in place.</u>
63	Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.