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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Garcia moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 292.17, Florida Statutes, is created to  
read:

292.17 Florida Veterans Care program created; purpose and  
authorization.—The Florida Veterans Care program is created  
within the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The purpose of the  
program is to leverage the expertise, structure, or operations  
of existing state programs to provide Florida veterans and their



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12 families with access to quality alternatives to the federal  
13 veterans' health care system. The department, the Agency for  
14 Health Care Administration, and the Department of Children and  
15 Families are authorized to jointly negotiate with the applicable  
16 federal agencies to seek approval for a waiver, a state plan  
17 amendment, or other federal authorization for federal funding  
18 for the Florida Veterans Care program. The Florida Veterans Care  
19 program may include medical, behavioral health, or long-term  
20 care services, as negotiated. Participants deemed eligible by  
21 the federal Veterans Health Administration or the United States  
22 Department of Veterans Affairs may voluntarily enroll in any of  
23 the programs of the Florida Veterans Care program based on their  
24 eligibility. State funds may not be used to provide medical,  
25 behavioral health, or long-term care services under the program  
26 or to administer the program. This section does not affect a  
27 person's eligibility for services under the state Medicaid  
28 program. Notwithstanding s. 292.05(7), the department may not  
29 implement this section without prior legislative approval.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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32 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

33 And the title is amended as follows:

34 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
35 and insert:

36 A bill to be entitled  
37 An act relating to the Florida Veterans Care program;  
38 creating s. 292.17, F.S.; creating the program within  
39 the Department of Veterans' Affairs; specifying the  
40 purpose of the program; authorizing the department,



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41 the Agency for Health Care Administration, and the  
42 Department of Children and Families to jointly  
43 negotiate with federal agencies in order to seek  
44 federal funding for the program; providing that  
45 eligible participants may enroll in the program;  
46 prohibiting the use of state funds to support the  
47 program; providing that the act does not affect a  
48 person's eligibility for the state Medicaid program;  
49 prohibiting the department from implementing the  
50 program without legislative approval; providing an  
51 effective date.