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## PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO

# **MILITARY VETERANS BILL**

[B 1—2011]

(As agreed to by the Portfolio Committee on Defence and Military Veterans (National Assembly))

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## ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

- 1. On page 2, in line 8, to omit "Authority of President" and to substitute "Patron-in-Chief"
- 2. On page 2, in line 10, to omit "Hierarchy of needs"
- 3. On page 2, in line 12, to omit "Director-General's function in respect of South African National Military Veterans Association" and to substitute "National military veterans' association"

## CLAUSE 1

1. On page 3, from line 8, to omit the definition of "Association" and to substitute:

"association" means the national military veterans' association referred to in section (7);

- 2. On page 3, in line 12, after "is" to insert "legally or factually".
- 3. On page 3, in line 24, after "force" to insert:

: Provided that this definition does not exclude any person referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) who could not complete his or her military training due to an injury sustained during military training or a disease contracted or associated with military training;

4. On page 3, from line 28, to omit subsection (2).

## **CLAUSE 4**

1. On page 4, in line 14, to omit "Authority of President" and to substitute "Patron-in-Chief".

#### CLAUSE 5

- 1. On page 4, in line 21, to omit "psychological" and to substitute "severe psychological and neuro-psychiatric".
- 2. On page 4, in line 18, to omit "and his or her dependants".
- 3. On page 4, in line 23, after "from" to insert "serious mental illness,"
- 4. On page 4, in line 31, to omit "and".
- 5. On page 4, in line 32, after "housing" to add "; and".
- 6. On page 4, after line 32, to add:
  - (k) burial support.

7. On page 4, after line 32, to insert the following subsection:

(2) Subsection (1)(b), (d) and (h) also applies to a dependant of a military veteran.

8. On page 4, from line 40, to omit subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) and to substitute:

(ii) The Director-General may, from funds appropriated by Parliament for the purpose, transfer funds to organs of state or other institutions that pay or provide benefits to military veterans.

#### CLAUSE 6

Clause rejected.

#### CLAUSE 7

1. On page 5, in line 5, after "Board" to insert:

and may provide such services and infrastructure to the association

- 2. On page 5, from line 6, to omit paragraphs (b), (c), (d) and (e).
- 3. On page 5, from line 51, to omit paragraphs (i) and (j).
- 4. On page 6, from line 4, to omit paragraphs (*l*) and (*m*).

#### CLAUSE 8

1. On page 6, from line 19, to omit the heading and to substitute:

## "National military veterans' association"

2. On page 6, from line 21, to omit subsection (1) and to substitute:

**8.** (1) (a) The Director-General must as soon as possible after the commencement of this Act establish a body which is to be an association representing military veterans' organisations nationally. (b) The Minister must publish the date of establishment by notice

in the Gazette.

(2) The Director-General must in conjunction with military veterans' organisations create mechanisms to ensure that the association serves as an umbrella structure representing military veterans' organisations.

- 3. On page 6, in line 26, to omit "Association" and to substitute "association".
- 4. On page 6, in line 27, to omit "associations" and to substitute "organisations".
- 5. On page 6, in line 31, to omit "Association" and to substitute "association".

## CLAUSE 9

1. On page 6, in line 38, to omit "Association" and to substitute "association".

2. On page 6, from line 45, to omit subsection (2).

## CLAUSE 13

- 1. On page 7 in line 13, after "10" to insert "and not more than 15".
- 2. On page 7, from line 15, to omit paragraph (b) and to substitute:
  (b) At least 50 per cent of the members of the Advisory Council must be military veterans.
- 3. On page 7, in line 18, to omit paragraph (a).

## CLAUSE 14

1. On page 7, in line 25, to omit "Director-General" and to substitute "Minister".

## CLAUSE 22

1. On page 9, in line 12, to omit "Association" and to substitute "association".

#### CLAUSE 23

1. On page 9, in line 30, to omit paragraph (a).

## CLAUSE 25

- 1. On page 9, in line 52, to omit "different persons or bodies or".
- 2. On page 9, after line 54, to add the following subsection:

(3) Any regulation relating to criteria that must be met in order to qualify for benefits, contemplated in subsection (1)(a), must be tabled by the Minister in Parliament at least 30 days before such regulation is published.

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