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Establish Military Appreciation Month.
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HOUSE BILL DRH40039-LG-30

Short Title:	Establish Military Appreciation Month.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representative B. Jones.	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER OF EACH YEAR AS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"**§ 103-19. Military Appreciation Month.**

The month of November of each year is designated as Military Appreciation Month in the State of North Carolina."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

House Bill 36

Maintenance of State Veterans Cemeteries.
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HOUSE BILL DRH40033-LG-22

Short Title:	Maintenance of State Veterans Cemeteries.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representative Wheatley.	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS TO ENHANCE OVERALL MAINTENANCE OF THE STATE'S VETERANS CEMETERIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) The Department of Veterans and Military Affairs (hereafter "Department") shall ensure that all four of the State's veterans cemeteries are staffed by employees who are able to operate and maintain the cemeteries in a manner that honors the State's veterans and their families. The Department shall identify and correct any issues at the State's veterans cemeteries related to (i) undue delays in installing headstones, (ii) damage to headstones, temporary markers, and graves caused by lawn equipment or vehicles, (iii) drainage and flooding problems, (iv) scattered debris and other items, and (v) overall grounds appearance, including bare patches due to lack of grass. In its efforts to comply with this section, the Department shall permit auxiliary and active military groups and other fraternal organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the North Carolina National Guard, and the ROTC, to volunteer to perform maintenance projects at the State's veterans cemeteries.

SECTION 1.(b) In order to better serve the families of our State's veterans, the Department shall adjust its policies to accommodate family requests relating to funeral services. The Department shall review its current policies and the reasons for those policies on the following: (i) chapel only services, (ii) the time allotted for funeral services, (iii) the number of attendees allowed to attend funeral services, and (iv) no visitation of grave sites while a funeral is being held.

SECTION 2. By October 1, 2025, the Department shall submit a report of its findings on (i) the issues set out in subsection (a) of Section 1 of this act and any changes made to address those issues and (ii) any changes made to the policies listed in subsection (b) of Section 1 of this act to the House and Senate Chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

H38 House Bill 39 H40

Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle Tax Exclusion.
2025-2026 Session

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HOUSE BILL DRH30031-NIf-26

Short Title:	Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle Tax Exclusion.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representative Ward.	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EXCLUDE MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED BY A VETERAN WITH A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT DISABILITY RATING FROM THE PROPERTY TAX.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 105-275 reads as rewritten:

"**§ 105-275. Property classified and excluded from the tax base.**

The following classes of property are designated special classes under Article V, Sec. 2(2), of the North Carolina Constitution and are excluded from tax:

…

(5b) Motor vehicles owned by a person who has a one hundred percent (100%) disability rating certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

…."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 2026, and applies to motor vehicles registered on or after that date.

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House Bill 57

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Adopt State Veterans Museum.
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HOUSE BILL DRH30026-LG-23

Short Title:	Adopt State Veterans Museum.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representative Clampitt.	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT ADOPTING THE VETERANS HISTORY MUSEUM OF THE CAROLINAS AS THE STATE'S VETERANS HISTORY MUSEUM.

Whereas, the Veterans History Museum of the Carolinas opened in the Town of Brevard in 2016; and

Whereas, the mission of the Museum is "to honor our nation's veterans, to educate the public about our country's military history and the contribution of our service men and women, and to preserve important and unique historic artifacts"; and

Whereas, the Museum honors veterans of all branches of the military but especially those of the Carolinas and the north Georgia region by displaying artifacts from the 20th century to the present; and

Whereas, the Museum has a large collection of unique military artifacts, uniforms, weaponry, original newspapers, personal letters, and other one-of-a-kind items, such as a WWI six-person Maxim machine gun, a 1943 Willys Jeep and 1942 Harley-Davidson motorcycle used in WWII-Europe, and exhibits honoring women in the military and the United States Merchant Marine; and

Whereas, the Museum serves as a gathering place for veterans to meet informally, share stories, and make new friends. Monthly programs include "Veterans Coffee & Conversation," which provides a welcoming and private space for combat and noncombat veterans to talk and listen; and

Whereas, the Museum has six professionally produced, copyrighted videos, "Through Their Eyes," to teach the history of each American war since WWI, using local veterans' stories; and

Whereas, the Museum is free to the public and is staffed by volunteers; and

Whereas, the State does not have an official veterans history museum; Now, therefore, The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"**§ 145-52. State veterans history museum.**

The Veterans History Museum of the Carolinas, located in Transylvania County, is adopted as the official Veterans History Museum of the State of North Carolina."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.