

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Assistance for veterans affected by depleted uranium					

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This proposed bill requires that the adjutant general and the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) assist national guard members and veterans who may have been exposed to depleted uranium in obtaining the best practice health screening from the federal government.

The provisions of the bill require the department, with the assistance of the adjutant general, to provide information to veterans being discharged from active duty about the safety issues, testing, treatments and federal and state benefits available to veterans affected by depleted uranium exposure.

The department currently sends a brochure with information about veteran benefits provided by the state to military personnel who are being discharged. The information regarding exposure to depleted uranium could be produced in-house at virtually no cost and included in the mailing that is currently being sent to veterans being discharged from active duty. Distributing this information to current DVA staff, CVSOs and veterans organizations can be done via email at no cost to the department. The information can be posted on the department's web site at no cost. It is anticipated that the information could be distributed to health care providers at a minimal cost by coordinating those efforts through various health care associations.

This bill will have no fiscal effect on the department.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications