

Summary of Military-Related Bills, 2010 Session (As of June 22, 2010)

Adopted	
<p>Bill Number: House Joint Resolution 10-1004</p> <p>Sponsors: <i>Representatives Todd and Nikkel</i> <i>Senators Heath and Cadman</i></p> <p>The joint resolution expresses the General Assembly's gratitude for the military service of veterans and those currently serving in the armed services, expresses gratitude to family members of service members and veterans, and honors and remembers prisoners of war and those missing in action from previous conflicts. Additionally, the resolution encourages the celebration of Colorado's Military, Veterans, and MIA/Pow Appreciation Day.</p>	<p>Short Title: Military Day 2010</p> <p>Status: Adopted</p> <p>Appropriations:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Not applicable.</p>
<p>Bill Number: House Joint Resolution 10-1005</p> <p>Sponsors: <i>Representative Looper</i> <i>Senators King K. and Morse</i></p> <p>The joint resolution honors those service members who have been wounded during service, and applauds the assistance provided to service members through the Warrior Transition Battalion and Wounded Warrior Program at Fort Carson. The resolution further expresses commitment to providing high-quality care to troops returning home in need of aid. Established in 2007, the Warrior Transition Battalion provides returning injured troops with specialized care. The most severely wounded soldiers and veterans are assigned to the Wounded Warrior Program, which provides personalized, local support; recovery assistance; and counseling.</p>	<p>Short Title: Honoring Wounded Warriors</p> <p>Status: Adopted</p> <p>Appropriations:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Not applicable.</p>
<p>Bill Number: House Joint Resolution 10-1008</p> <p>Sponsors: <i>Representative Apuan</i> <i>Senator Morse</i></p> <p>The joint resolution honors those Coloradans who have lost their lives serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and further honors those military personnel from Colorado who have served or are currently serving in these theaters. The resolution lists all of those service members stationed at Fort Carson and those from Colorado who have lost their lives serving in these operations since January 2009.</p>	<p>Short Title: Memorializing Fallen Soldiers</p> <p>Status: Adopted</p> <p>Appropriations:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Not applicable.</p>

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<p>Bill Number: Senate Joint Resolution 10-025</p> <p>Sponsors: <i>Senator Kester</i> <i>Rep. Gardner C.</i></p> <p>The joint resolution names the portion of State Highway 96 in Crowley County as "All Veterans Memorial Highway," and allows the Department of Transportation to accept gifts, grants, donations, and federal funds to pay for signage. The resolution also allows the department to explore a cooperative agreement with Crowley County's board of commissioners to maintain the signage.</p>	<p>Short Title: State Highway 96 All Veterans Memorial Highway</p> <p>Status: Adopted</p> <p>Appropriations: Not applicable.</p>
<p>Bill Number: Senate Joint Resolution 10-048</p> <p>Sponsors: <i>Senator Shaffer B.</i> <i>Representative Primavera</i></p> <p>The joint resolution honors those from Colorado who served in the Vietnam War, and designates "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."</p>	<p>Short Title: Vietnam Veterans Resolution</p> <p>Status: Adopted</p> <p>Appropriations: Not applicable.</p>
Signed into Law	
<p>Bill Number: House Bill 10-1104</p> <p>Sponsors: <i>Representative Looper</i> <i>Senator Williams</i></p> <p>The act authorizes a judicial district to establish a veterans treatment court, and allows the State Court Administrator to seek federal funding to establish, maintain, or expand such courts. Veterans treatment courts hear cases involving veterans with service-related mental health or substance abuse issues. There is currently one veterans treatment court in Colorado.</p>	<p>Short Title: Veterans Treatment Court</p> <p>Status: Signed into Law</p> <p>Appropriations: The act is assessed as having no fiscal impact. The veterans treatment court in Colorado's Fourth Judicial District operates part time using existing resources.</p>
<p>Bill Number: House Bill 10-1139</p> <p>Sponsors: <i>Representative Apuan</i> <i>Senator Heath</i></p> <p>The act creates the Afghanistan War and Iraq War veterans special license plates, available to those veterans who served in those conflicts. The act establishes the criteria for issuing these special license plates.</p>	<p>Short Title: Iraq Afghanistan Veteran License Plates</p> <p>Status: Signed into Law</p> <p>Appropriations: The act is estimated to generate \$167,760 in revenue For FY 2010-11 based on 1,500 veterans selecting the plates. Veterans who select the plates must pay a one-time \$50 fee, with half of the fee credited to the Highway Users Tax Fund, to be used for highway projects, and half credited to the Licensing Services Cash Fund, for use in operating driver's license offices. The act requires an appropriation of \$35,520 from the License Plate Cash Fund to cover the costs of the license plates and tabs.</p>

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<p>Bill Number: House Bill 10-1140</p> <p>Sponsors: <i>Representatives Nikkel and Todd</i> <i>Senators Shaffer B. and Spence</i></p> <p>The act allows Colorado State Veterans Trust Fund moneys to be used for National Guard armory construction projects in Alamosa, Grand Junction, and Windsor.</p> <p>The Veterans Trust Fund receives funding from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. Prior to the passage of House Bill 10-1140, moneys in the fund were used for improvements at state veterans nursing homes, operations at state veterans cemeteries, and grants to veterans programs operated by nonprofit organizations. Authority to use moneys from the fund for armory construction is repealed July 1, 2012, and the act states that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Office of State Planning and Budgeting ensure moneys dedicated to such construction be repaid to the trust fund.</p>	<p>Short Title: Veterans Trust Fund Guard Armories</p> <p>Status: Signed into Law</p> <p>Appropriations:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">As authorized by the act, \$4.7 million is appropriated in the Long Bill from the Veterans Trust Fund in FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12 to contribute to the state's 25 percent funding match of the federal government's contribution for the armory projects.</p>
<p>Bill Number: House Bill 10-1205</p> <p>Sponsors: <i>Representative Ryden</i> <i>Senator Spence</i></p> <p>The act modifies law relating to land use planning by county and municipal governments to address the impacts of military installations in close proximity to local governments. Previously, a local government with a military installation, or a portion of a military installation, within its territory was required to submit to the commanding officer of the installation information about proposed changes to the local government's zoning plan or land development regulations within two miles of the installation. The act alters this provision by applying the information submission requirements to local governments within two miles of military installations and requiring local governments to also submit the information to installation flying mission commanding officers. Under the act, a military installation now has 14 business days to review the information and submit comments to the local government; previously, there was no set deadline for comments in state law.</p> <p>Further, the act changes the definition of "military installation" to apply to facilities larger than 500 acres, down from 1,000 acres under previous law. The act requires a county or municipal master plan to reflect off-site impacts of a military installation using noise contour data provided by the U.S. Department of Defense. The act clarifies that it is not intended to require a local government to prepare a new master plan in order to comply with the act. Finally, the act includes military installations in the list of public facilities that may be included in a county or municipal master plan.</p>	<p>Short Title: Local Land Use Planning for Military Installations</p> <p>Status: Signed into Law</p> <p>Appropriations:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The act is assessed as having no fiscal impact,</p>

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<p>Bill Number: House Bill 10-1209</p> <p>Sponsors: <i>Representative Balmer</i> <i>Senator Gibbs</i></p> <p>The act allows a member or veteran of the armed services to request that an identifier be placed on his or her driver's license that identifies the branch of service with which the service member or veteran serves or has served. The act requires the applicant to possess documentation proving service, and pay a \$15 fee to have the identifier placed on his or her driver's license. Under the act, a portion of the fee is used to offset the costs of implementing the act, and the remainder is credited to the Highway Users Tax Fund to be used for road projects.</p>	<p>Short Title: Voluntary Military Driver's License</p> <p>Status: Signed into Law</p> <p>Appropriations:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The act is expected to generate \$121,500 in state revenue for FY 2010-11, and \$243,000 per future fiscal year, based on a 2.7 percent participation rate among active military members and veterans. One-time expenditures to implement the act are estimated to be \$83,088 for FY 2010-11, for computer programming within the Department of Revenue.</p>
<p>Bill Number: Senate Bill 10-047</p> <p>Sponsors: <i>Senator King K.</i> <i>Representative Looper</i></p> <p>Current law allows a person to execute a declaration regarding the disposition of his or her last remains, including appointing another person to direct the disposition. For members of the armed forces, including National Guard members called into federal service, who have signed a valid federal record of emergency data, the act specifies that the federal record is the controlling record with regard to the person authorized to direct the disposition of last remains. Under the act, the federal record controls even if the service member signs a disposition declaration after signing the federal record. The act requires a person authorized to direct disposition of a person's last remains pursuant to the federal record of emergency data to do so in accordance with the decedent's most recent declaration.</p>	<p>Short Title: Service Member Designation Last Remains</p> <p>Status: Signed into Law</p> <p>Appropriations:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The act is assessed as having no fiscal impact.</p>
<p>Bill Number: Senate Bill 10-075</p> <p>Sponsors: <i>Senator White</i> <i>Representative Baumgardner</i></p> <p>The act allows owners of military vehicles to forego displaying the vehicle's license plate, so long as the plate is in the vehicle and available for inspection by peace officers upon request. The act defines "military vehicle" as a vehicle valued for historical purposes that was made for use by any nation's armed forces, and that is maintained in a condition representing its military design and markings.</p>	<p>Short Title: Military Vehicles License Plates</p> <p>Status: Signed into Law</p> <p>Appropriations:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">It is estimated that the act will result in additional costs of \$4,708 in FY 2010-11 for computer programming to add a new vehicle type to the Colorado State Titling and Registration System (CSTARS). No separate appropriation was required for this cost.</p>

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<p>Bill Number: Senate Bill 10-211</p> <p>Sponsors: <i>Senators Morse and Gibbs</i> <i>Representatives Looper and Scanlan</i></p> <p>The act allows the Wildlife Commission to promulgate rules to reduce or eliminate big-game hunting license fees and establish a big-game hunting license preference for members of the United States Armed Forces Wounded Warrior programs. Eligible beneficiaries are post-September 11, 2001, service members participating in Wounded Warrior programs who are residents of, or stationed in, Colorado and whose combat injuries are severe enough to require years of intense, ongoing care or assistance. The act outlines the eligible Wounded Warrior programs, and allows the Wildlife Commission to adopt rules for implementing the act.</p>	<p>Short Title: Wounded Warrior Big Game Hunting License</p> <p>Status: Signed into Law</p> <p>Appropriations:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The act will result in reduced revenues to the Wildlife Cash Fund at a rate of \$108 per participating wounded warrior.</p>
Deemed Lost	
<p>Bill Number: House Bill 10-1426</p> <p>Sponsors: <i>Representatives Riesberg and Todd</i> <i>Senators Williams and Spence</i></p> <p>State law pools money allocated for the operation and maintenance of the four state veterans nursing homes and the Trinidad State Nursing Home in a central fund. The bill would have created the Trinidad State Nursing Home Cash Fund, thus segregating all of the moneys allocated to this home from the moneys dedicated to the four state veterans nursing homes.</p>	<p>Short Title: Trinidad State Nursing Home Fund</p> <p>Status: Deemed Lost due to House Adherence</p> <p>Appropriations:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The bill would have shifted revenues and expenditures associated with the Trinidad State Nursing Home to a newly created Trinidad State Nursing Home Cash Fund. The shift would have resulted in the need for a \$431,269 General Fund subsidy to the home for FY 2010-11, since the home currently operates at a \$0.9 million yearly deficit. This deficit is currently covered by the central fund for state nursing homes. The General Fund subsidy would have covered the home's deficit for six months, with the assumption that the home would be sold in December 2010.</p>