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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1532, L.D. 2159, Bill, "An Act to Establish an Advisory Commission on Women Veterans"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 5-B and inserting in its place the following:

'5-B. Advisory Expenses 37-B MRSA
Defense, Commission Only \$1151'
Veterans on Women
and Emergency Veterans
Management

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§1151." by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Establishment. The Advisory Commission on Women Veterans, as established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 5-B and referred to in this section as the "commission," shall act as an advisory commission to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management on issues affecting women veterans. The commission shall also serve as a liaison between women veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office Center at Togus.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§1151." by striking out all of subsection 6 and inserting in its place the following:

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2 '6. Staff assistance. The Department of Defense, Veterans
3 and Emergency Management shall provide assistance to the
4 commission in the conduct of its business.'

6 Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated
7 "\$1151." in subsection 8 by striking out all of paragraphs A and
8 B and inserting in their place the following:

10 'A. Advise the Department of Defense, Veterans and
11 Emergency Management on issues affecting women veterans; and

12 B. Serve as a liaison between women veterans and the
13 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office
14 Center at Togus.'

16 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the
17 following:

18 'Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
19 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

22 **1998-99**

24 **DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY**
25 **MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

26 **Veterans Services**

28 All Other \$1,200

30 Provides funds for the reimbursement of
31 expenses for members of the Advisory
32 Commission on Women Veterans.'

34 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
35 summary the following:

38 **FISCAL NOTE**

40 **1998-99**

42 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

44 General Fund \$1,200

46 The Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management
47 will require a General Fund appropriation to the Veterans
48

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2 Services program of \$1,200 in fiscal year 1998-99 for the
reimbursement of expenses for members of the Advisory Commission
4 on Women Veterans.'

6 **SUMMARY**

8 This amendment corrects the title of the Department of
10 Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management. It also adds
language to allow the Advisory Commission on Women Veterans to
12 serve as liaison to the federal veterans agency on a variety of
veterans' issues, not just medical care. It also adds an
appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

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