

## DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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## DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA 2024 LEGISLATIVE ENDORSEMENTS

The DAV will adopt these legislative issues at the 2023 Fall Conference. DAV members ask their district legislators to sponsor and support these legislative endorsements.

- 1. An Act to support Reinstatement of Grants for the DAV Hospital Transportation Network from South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs.
- 2. An Act to research placement of Veterans in community nursing homes, assisted living services, Medical Foster Home Programs, and VA Home Health Program with funding from federal and state governments and Veterans in rural states.
- 3. An Act to revise certain provisions relating to the Veterans' preference in employment (Public, State, Counties, Municipalities, and School Districts).
- 4. An Act to exempt 100% Disabled Veterans from paying sales tax on the first \$25,000.00 in purchases each year.
- 5. An Act to support that eligibility for admission to the State Veterans' Home the Veteran must have served active duty (Training doesn't count as active duty).
- 6. An Act to support keeping the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program in Hot Springs and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in Ft. Meade.
- 7. An Act to support Exemption of Veteran's disability payments from income calculations from certain tax relief programs.
- 8. An Act to support Military Absentee Voting.
- 9. An Act to support the salary supplement to County/Tribal Veterans Service Officers.
- 10. An Act to permit voters to register on Election Day at the polling place.
- 11. An Act to make an appropriation to provide certain refunds on sales tax on food.
- 12. An Act to support the specific amount of money that is appropriated from the budget to operate the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, Michael J. Fitzmaurice South Dakota Veterans Home, and South Dakota State Veterans Cemetery.

- 13. An Act to support Veterans entitled to free tuition at state institutions or any post-secondary technical institute.
- 14. An Act to change the eligibility requirements of a property tax relief program for disabled veterans and surviving spouses.
- 15. An Act to revise the eligible disability level for veterans to receive state park benefits.