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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 1557**

Offered January 12, 2011 Prefiled January 4, 2011

A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-2002.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Department of Veterans Services; department staff ratio to veterans residing in the Commonwealth.

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-2002.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-2002.1. Department personnel.

The Commissioner shall be responsible for appointing appoint the personnel assigned to each service office and determining determine the compensation to be paid to such personnel. In determining the number of personnel assigned to each service office, the Commissioner shall ensure the The number of employees assigned to the processing of benefit claims is shall be sufficient to maintain a ratio of one staff person for every 26,212 veterans residing in the Commonwealth.