HOUSE BILL NO. 15

Offered January 10, 1996

Prefiled January 5, 1996 A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.1-741 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Board on Veterans'

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That § 2.1-741 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.1-741. Board on Veterans' Affairs; appointment; terms.

A. There shall be a Board on Veterans' Affairs, sometimes referred to in this chapter as "the Board," in the Department of Veterans' Affairs consisting of ten members appointed by the Governor. Three shall be chosen from a list of nominees submitted by the Speaker of the House of Delegates and two shall be chosen from a list of nominees submitted by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections. In making appointments the Governor shall endeavor to select appointees of such qualifications and experience as will qualify them to advise the Department and the Director on matters affecting the veterans of Virginia and afford a balanced geographical representation on the Board. No appointee to the Board shall be an officer or employee of the Department.

B. Members of the Board shall be appointed for terms of four years each beginning July 1, 1988. Of the members first appointed, two shall be for terms of one year, two shall be for terms of two years, three shall be for terms of three years, and three shall be for terms of four years. Thereafter, the appointments shall be for terms of four years, except that any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term. No person shall be eligible to serve for or during more than two successive full terms. However, any person heretofore or hereafter appointed to fill a vacancy may be eligible for two additional successive full terms after the term of the vacancy for which he was appointed has expired. Members of the Board may be suspended or removed by the Governor at his pleasure.

C. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties, each member of the Board shall take the usual oath of office.