

By: Senator(s) Parker

To: Veterans and Military
Affairs; Accountability,
Efficiency, Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2644
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 35-1-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CLARIFY THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE
3 STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD SHALL BE A CURRENTLY SERVING MEMBER
4 OR HONORABLY DISCHARGED OR RELEASED VETERAN OF ANY ACTIVE OR
5 RESERVE COMPONENT BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES; AND
6 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 35-1-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 35-1-3. The State Veterans Affairs Board shall appoint, to
11 serve at the will and pleasure of the board, an executive
12 director, (who shall also serve as Executive Secretary of the
13 State Veterans Affairs Board), a deputy director, individuals to
14 manage each of the agency's major functional areas and individuals
15 to manage each of the state veterans homes. The executive
16 director and deputy director shall be a currently serving member
17 or honorably discharged or honorably released * * * veteran of any
18 active or reserve component branch of the Armed Forces of the
19 United States. The board may establish additional minimum
20 qualifications for agency positions.



21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after its passage.

