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LEGISLATIVE BILL 222

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to veterans memorials; to amend section
2 80-201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a provision
3 relating to the erection of statues, monuments, and memorials; to
4 create a commission; to authorize grants; and to repeal the original
5 section.
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 80-201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 80-201 All counties, townships, cities, and villages of Nebraska may
4 erect or aid in the erection of statues, monuments, or other memorials
5 commemorating the services of the ~~members of the armed forces of the~~
6 ~~Civil, Spanish-American, or World Wars or the Korean or Vietnam conflict,~~
7 ~~to veterans defined in section 80-401.01.~~ Such statues, monuments, or
8 memorials shall be located upon the public lands or within the public
9 buildings within such county, township, city, or village.

10 Sec. 2. (1) The Fallen Heroes Memorial Commission is created. The
11 commission shall consist of five members. The Governor shall appoint the
12 members of the commission with the approval of the members of the
13 Legislature. The Governor is encouraged to appoint veterans to the
14 commission. Members of the commission shall serve terms of four years,
15 except that the Governor shall stagger the terms of the initial
16 appointees. A member may be reappointed to serve only one additional
17 term. Members shall not receive compensation for serving on the
18 commission, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary
19 expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The commission shall
20 elect from its members a chairperson and vice-chairperson.

21 (2) The Fallen Heroes Memorial Construction Fund is created. The
22 fund shall be used to provide matching funds for the design and
23 construction of statues, monuments, or memorials erected pursuant to
24 section 80-201 to recognize members of the armed services who lost their
25 lives in armed conflict. The fund shall consist of money appropriated by
26 the Legislature and funds received by the commission as gifts, grants, or
27 donations. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be
28 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
29 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

30 (3) The commission shall establish an application procedure for
31 counties, townships, cities, and villages to apply for grants to aid in

1 erection of such statues, monuments, and memorials. Subject to available
2 funds, the commission may approve grants of up to one-third of the cost
3 of design and construction of such a statue, monument, or memorial. No
4 such funds shall be expended for maintenance of the statue, monument, or
5 memorial or the surrounding area.

6 (4) The commission may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to
7 carry out this section.

8 Sec. 3. Original section 80-201, Reissue Revised Statutes of
9 Nebraska, is repealed.