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**A B I L L**

To enact section 5904.01 of the Revised Code to 1  
create the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame to recognize 2  
the post-military achievements of outstanding 3  
veterans. 4

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 5904.01 of the Revised Code be 5  
enacted to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 5904.01.** (A) There is hereby created the Ohio veterans 7  
hall of fame. The governor's office of veterans affairs shall 8  
serve as the veterans hall of fame's administrative agent. The 9  
veterans hall of fame shall recognize the post-military 10  
achievements of outstanding veterans and spotlight all veterans' 11  
contributions to the civilian workplace. 12

(B) The Ohio veterans hall of fame shall have an executive 13  
committee composed of thirteen members, all of whom shall be 14  
veterans. The director of the governor's office of veterans 15  
affairs shall be an ex officio member. The governor's office of 16  
veterans affairs' veterans advisory committee, the advisory 17  
committee on women veterans, the Ohio veterans hall of fame 18  
foundation, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American 19

Veterans, the AMVETS, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and the  
American Legion shall each appoint one member.

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The Ohio veterans hall of fame executive committee shall  
appoint its final four members, one of whom shall be from any  
veterans organization that is incorporated in this state and that  
is not otherwise represented on the executive committee, one of  
whom was inducted into the veterans hall of fame three years  
before the current fiscal year, one of whom was inducted into the  
veterans hall of fame two years before the current fiscal year,  
and one of whom was inducted into the veterans hall of fame one  
year before the current fiscal year.

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(C) Terms of office of the members of the Ohio veterans hall  
of fame executive committee shall be for three years. Each member  
shall serve subsequent to the expiration of the member's term  
until the member's successor is appointed, or until sixty days has  
elapsed, whichever occurs first. No member shall serve more than  
two consecutive terms.

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(D) All vacancies in the membership of the Ohio veterans hall  
of fame executive committee shall be filled in the same manner as  
prescribed for original appointments, and the terms of the  
appointees shall be limited to the unexpired terms.

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(E) The members of the Ohio veterans hall of fame executive  
committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be  
reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the  
performance of their official duties.

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(F) The Ohio veterans hall of fame executive committee shall  
elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from its membership. It  
shall meet annually to select inductees for the veterans hall of  
fame from the persons nominated in a manner prescribed by the  
executive committee. The names of selected inductees shall be  
submitted to the governor for final approval. The governor shall

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provide any final approval within thirty days after the executive 51  
committee submits the names of the selected inductees. The 52  
governor may reject any of the selected inductees for cause, but 53  
shall not make any additions to the list of those inductees. 54

(G) Except as otherwise provided in this division, all state 55  
elected officials, members of the general assembly, members of the 56  
Ohio veterans hall of fame foundation, members of the veterans 57  
hall of fame executive committee, members of the governor's staff, 58  
members of the veterans hall of fame staff, and members of any 59  
county veterans service commission, and the director of the 60  
governor's office of veterans affairs, shall not be eligible for 61  
induction into the veterans hall of fame until two years after 62  
they have left their position. The executive committee may waive 63  
the two-years requirement for nominees over the age of seventy. 64

(H) The Ohio veterans hall of fame executive committee is not 65  
subject to sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code. 66