

Legislative Report  
Feb 2022

Col Marivn Schott has resigned as Legislative Chair due to family health problems. I have taken over as the interim legislative Chair.

On Sep 16th we sent the letter to Governor Lujan-Grisham (return receipt requested). Her office signed for the letter on the 18th. We left 3 contact points for the Governor's office to respond (address, email & phone number). To date we have received no response from the Governor's office. In late September we requested Sec Sonya Smith (DVS) to set up meetings for us with Tax & Rev and also with the Governor. We have received no response from the Secretaries office either (I understand that there are issues with her office)

MSG Gallegos (EANMG Ret & MVLC Legislative Chair) and I had a Zoom meeting in early January with Sen Burt to work out the details of his draft legislation on the Millitary Retirement Income Tax initiative that he has since introduced (SB 128).

As of 2/1/22 The following legislation has been introduced:

Military Retirement Income Tax Issue:

HB 76 (Rep Garcia)

- Passed Military & Vets Committee unanimously
- Tabled in Tax & Rev Committee pending budget discussions.

SB 85 (Sen Pope)

SB 128 (Sen Burt)

Veterans Property Tax:

HJR 6 VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION, (CA = Constitutional Amendment)

- Passed Military & Vets Committee unanimously

HJR 7 ARMED FORCES & WIDOW PROPERTY TAXES, CA

- Passed Military & Vets Committee unanimously

Other Veterans Legislation:

HB 168 DISABLED VETERAN TRANSPORTATION

We are half way through the session. MSG Martin Gallegos – (NMARNG Ret & Legislative Chair, MVLC) is sending out updates almost daily.

Respectfully submitted – LTC Walter Paul, Interim Leg Chair & Past President