

**2021 KANSAS LEGISLATIVE BILL TRACKER**

<b>BILL #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Military Impact</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>S 44</b>	Expanding low-income family postsecondary savings accounts incentive program to include military servicemembers/veterans. Allows contributions by charitable organizations.	Gives military dependents access to more funds for education.	01/22/2021 Introduced. Referred to Education.
<b>H 2020 (SB 109)</b>	Requiring the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office to submit an initial application for a VA state veterans home construction grant.  <b>SEE EXECUTIVE ORDER ON PAGE 3</b>	Precursor to construction of new veterans home in Kansas.	Introduced 01/12/2021 Referred to Veterans and Military. Hearing: Thursday, February 18, 2021. Committee recommends passage.
<b>H 2021 (SB 110)</b>	Authorizes bonds up to \$17.5 million to finance construction of state veterans home facility in DG, JF, LV, SN, or WY counties. Proceeds would constitute state's 35% match (U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs State Veterans Home Construction Grant Program.) The maturity date on the bonds could not exceed 20 years from the date of issuance.	Funding mechanism for new veterans home in Kansas.	Introduced 01/12/2021. Referred to Appropriations. Hearing: 1-27-21. Committee recommends passed to House floor 2-10-21.
<b>SB 109</b>	Requiring the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office to submit an initial application for a VA state veterans home construction grant.	Precursor to construction of new veterans home in Kansas.	Introduced 1-28-21. Referred to Ways & Means. Hearing 2-17-21.
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<b>H 2066</b>	Expanding military spouse/servicemember's expedited licensure law to all applicants who have established/intend to establish residency in Kansas, providing for practice of telemedicine by out-of-state physicians, permitting issuance of	Gives military spouses ability to work in Kansas immediately with temporary license.	01/14/2021 Introduced. Hearing: 1-19-21, Referred to Commerce, Labor, Economic Development.

	temporary licenses in emergencies and use of electronic credentials.		Passed Committee 2-3-21. Passed House 3-3-21.
<b>H 2015</b>	Providing distinctive license plates for current and veteran members of the United States army, navy, marine corps, air force and coast guard.	Recognition of military service via license plate identification.	Introduced 01/12/2021 Referred to Transportation. Hearing: Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 1:30 PM Room 582-N
<b>H 2094</b>	Creating the wartime veteran and first responder survivors' grant program and fund.	Education grants for surviving dependents.	01/21/2021 Introduced. Hearing 1-28-21. Referred to Appropriations. Sub bill passed by Appropriation 2-28-21.
<b>H 2148</b>	Making all sales of tangible personal property purchased by gage park memorial, Inc. exempt from federal income taxation per section 501(c)(3) federal internal revenue code.	Adds tax exemption Gage Park veterans memorial.	1-27-21 introduced. Referred to Taxation.
<b>HB 2313</b>	Allowing Kansas national guard and reservist members who are in good standing to receive a property tax exemption for up to two motor vehicles.	Expands definition from active duty to National Guard members in current service.	Introduced 2-10-21. Referred to Taxation. Hearing 2-24-21. Committee passed bill to be placed on consent calendar 3-1-21.
<b>SB 180</b>	Tax exemption of food sales tax for 100% disabled veterans.		Introduced 2-9-21. Referred to Assessment & Taxation.
<b>SB 108</b>	Veterans benefit lottery game design.	Stabilizes KCVA funding from lottery sales. Allows year round veteran ticket sales.	Introduced 1-29-21. Referred to Fed and State Affairs. Hearing: Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 10:30 AM Room 144-S
<b>HB 2361</b>	Allows for creation of Specialty Courts for treatment /problem solving in lieu of incarceration. Establishes a Specialty Court Funding Advisory Committee.	Veterans may be included as a specialty court population.	Introduced 2-11-21. Passed House 3-2-3-21. To Senate.

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Governor Laura Kelly signed an Executive Order 21-07 on March 3, 2021 to direct the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs to submit an application to the Veterans Administration for a grant to construct a veterans home in Kansas. Here is the order, which can be found at <https://governor.kansas.gov/governor-kelly-signs-eo-no-21-07/>

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-07**

Supporting Kansas veterans with the establishment of a new state veterans' home

**WHEREAS**, the State of Kansas recognizes the great service to our country our veterans have given;

**WHEREAS**, there is a large concentration of retired veterans in northeast Kansas and the two current Kansas veterans' homes are located in the south and west regions of Kansas;

**WHEREAS**, Kansas veterans organizations have made it clear that a new veterans home in northeast Kansas is a top priority, and the possibility of constructing a new veterans' home in northeast Kansas has been the subject of significant study;

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs has a grant program for construction of veterans homes that pays for up to 65% of construction costs;

**WHEREAS**, constructing a new building designed to serve as a veterans' home would likely be more efficient and effective than using an older building not originally built to serve as a veterans' home;

**WHEREAS**, the Kansas development finance authority has the authority or can be given the authority to issue one or more series of revenue bonds pursuant to the Kansas Development Finance Authority Act for Kansas to receive grant approval from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, I hereby direct and order the following:

1. On or before April 15, 2022, the director of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs office shall submit an initial application to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, pursuant to the state veterans home construction grant program authorized under 38 U.S.C. §§ 8131 through 8138, for construction of a state veterans home in northeast Kansas.