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SENATE BILL

No. 1858

Introduced by Senator ~~Burton~~ Knight

February 22, 2002

~~An act to amend Section 72 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.~~ *An act to amend Section 66.5 of, and to add Sections 73.8 and 78.5 to, the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1858, as amended, ~~Burton~~ Knight. ~~Demonstration projects Veterans affairs: administration.~~

Under existing law, the California Veterans Board consists of 7 members, all of whom are veterans. The Inspector General for Veterans Affairs provides ongoing and independent advice to the board. The chief administrative officer of the Department of Veterans Affairs is the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

This bill would require one member of the board to have an accounting or auditing background, as specified. The bill would also allow the inspector general and the board access to the documents and employees of the department. The bill would require the secretary to conduct audits, as specified by statute, on internal controls, and to provide those audits to the Inspector General.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

~~Under existing law, the Department of Transportation is generally responsible for the design, construction, and maintenance of state~~

~~highways on routes determined by the Legislature and is required to improve and maintain state highways. Existing law deletes State Highway Route 480 from the state highway system and requires the department to remove the earthquake-damaged structure, transfer the Route 480 right-of-way to the City and County of San Francisco, and jointly agree with the city and county on a system of ramps and city streets to provide accessibility comparable to that provided by Route 480.~~

~~This bill would make a nonsubstantive change.~~

Vote: ~~majority~~ ^{2/3}. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 72 of the Streets and Highways Code is~~
- 2 *SECTION 1. Section 66.5 of the Military and Veterans Code*
- 3 *is amended to read:*
- 4 66.5. (a) One member of the board shall have substantial
- 5 training or professional expertise in mortgage lending and real
- 6 estate finance.
- 7 (b) One other member of the board shall have substantial
- 8 training or professional expertise in geriatrics, gerontology, or
- 9 long-term care.
- 10 (c) *One member of the board shall have an accounting or*
- 11 *auditing background, and preferably shall be a certified public*
- 12 *accountant.*
- 13 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any
- 14 member of the board from serving the remainder of his or her term.
- 15 (e) *The first vacancy in the membership of the board, that*
- 16 *occurs after the enactment of the act adding this subdivision and*
- 17 *does not require the training or expertise required by subdivision*
- 18 *(a) or (b), shall be filled by the appointment of a member who meets*
- 19 *the criteria required by subdivision (c).*
- 20 *SEC. 2. Section 73.8 is added to the Military and Veterans*
- 21 *Code, to read:*
- 22 *73.8. The board and the inspector general shall have access*
- 23 *to all documents and employees of the department.*
- 24 *SEC. 3. Section 78.5 is added to the Military and Veterans*
- 25 *Code, to read:*



1 78.5. *The secretary shall conduct audits as required by*
2 *Section 13402 of the Government Code, on internal controls of the*
3 *department, that shall be provided to the inspector general.*

4 *SEC. 4. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*
5 *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety*
6 *within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go*
7 *into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

8 *In order to ensure that a member of the California Veterans*
9 *Board have an accounting or auditing background and that the*
10 *Inspector General for Veterans Affairs have access to all*
11 *documents, including any audits, and employees of the*
12 *Department of Veterans Affairs as soon as possible, it is necessary*
13 *that this act take effect immediately.*

14 ~~amended to read:~~

15 ~~72. (a) The department shall do all of the following with~~
16 ~~respect to Route 480 in the City and County of San Francisco,~~
17 ~~commonly known as the Embarcadero Freeway, if approval for the~~
18 ~~use of federal emergency relief funds for that purpose is received~~
19 ~~from the appropriate federal agency:~~

20 ~~(1) Remove the earthquake-damaged structure as quickly as~~
21 ~~possible.~~

22 ~~(2) Retain that portion of the right-of-way that is necessary for~~
23 ~~new ramps and transfer to the City and County of San Francisco~~
24 ~~the remaining portions of the Route 480 right-of-way.~~

25 ~~(3) Jointly agree with the City and County of San Francisco on~~
26 ~~a system of ramps and city streets that would essentially provide~~
27 ~~motorists with accessibility comparable to that provided by Route~~
28 ~~480.~~

29 ~~(b) The City and County of San Francisco shall do both of the~~
30 ~~following:~~

31 ~~(1) Construct the system of ramps and city streets and utilize~~
32 ~~the Route 480 right-of-way or the proceeds from sales of that~~
33 ~~right-of-way for the sole purpose of constructing an alternate~~
34 ~~system of local streets pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a).~~

35 ~~(2) Upon the transfer of that right-of-way pursuant to this~~
36 ~~section, accept all obligations and liabilities associated with that~~
37 ~~right-of-way.~~

38 ~~(c) The total amount of state and federal funds to be expended~~
39 ~~by the state for the purposes of this section shall not exceed the~~
40 ~~amount of state and federal funds which would have been~~



1 ~~expended to repair and reopen the segment to traffic as a state~~
2 ~~highway.~~
3 ~~(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the~~
4 ~~selection, development, and operation of a project pursuant to~~
5 ~~Section 143.~~

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