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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 120

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 120 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Veterans' Affairs Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 38 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/38 new)

7 Sec. 38. Veterans' Service-Related Ailments Task Force.

8 (a) The Veterans' Service-Related Ailments Task Force is  
9 created. The Task Force shall review and make recommendations  
10 regarding veterans' service-related ailments that are not  
11 recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs,  
12 including exploring why certain service-related ailments are  
13 not recognized and determining what may be done to have them  
14 recognized.

15 (b) The Task Force shall have 11 members, comprised as  
16 follows:

1           (1) The Director of Veterans' Affairs or the Director's  
2           designee, who shall serve as chairperson.

3           (2) 2 Members from the House of Representatives,  
4           appointed one each by the Speaker of the House and the  
5           House Minority Leader.

6           (3) 2 Members of the Senate, appointed one each by the  
7           President of the Senate and the Senate Minority Leader.

8           (4) One veteran, appointed by the Director of Veterans'  
9           Affairs.

10           (5) One medical professional with experience working  
11           with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, appointed by  
12           the Director of Veterans' Affairs.

13           (6) 4 representatives from a variety of veterans  
14           organizations representing geographic diversity in the  
15           State, appointed by the Director of Veterans' Affairs.

16           Task Force members shall serve without compensation but may  
17           be reimbursed for their expenses incurred in performing their  
18           duties.

19           (c) The Task Force shall meet at least once every 2 months  
20           beginning July 1, 2019, and at other times as determined by the  
21           Task Force.

22           (d) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall provide  
23           administrative and other support to the Task Force.

24           (e) The Task Force shall prepare a report that summarizes  
25           its work and makes recommendations resulting from its study.  
26           The Task Force shall submit the report of its findings and

1 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by  
2 December 31, 2019. The Task Force is dissolved, and this  
3 Section is repealed, on December 31, 2020.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
5 becoming law.".