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Overview

This bill creates the Veterans Health Care Advisory Council to advise the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) regarding the **Minnesota Veterans Homes**, including veterans long-term health needs and health care.

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1 Veterans Health Care Advisory Council.

Subd. 1. Creation. Establishing clause.

Subd. 2. Membership. Directs that the council would consist of nine members, appointed by the governor, including:

- seven members with extensive expertise in health care delivery, long-term care, and veterans services;
- one licensed clinician; and
- one additional member.

The commissioner of MDVA is an ex-officio member, and the department must provide administrative and technical support. Members may not receive

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compensation or per diem payments, but may receive reimbursement for expenses.

Subd. 3. Duties. Defines the Council's duties as being:

- to create a new vision and strategic plan for the State Veterans Homes that complements the other service programs of the MDVA;
- to provide recommendations on a range of other matters including clinical performance, quality improvement, culture and working environment, and other operational and organizational functions of the State Veterans Homes;
- studying current issues and trends in the industry;
- to make recommendations regarding alternative options; and so on.

Subd. 4. Continuation. Authorizes the Governor to review the Council, and to abolish it at any time.

2 Appointments. Allows the Governor greater flexibility in making the initial appointments.