

To the Chairman and Members of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee,

Having met established a quorum on 13 March 2023, The Permanent Advisory Council to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman motioned, discussed, and approved the following recommendations:

We recommend the passage of **House Bill 5617** which changes the service requirement for admission to the Rhode Island Veteran's Home from 90 days to 2 years and gives priority veterans defined as war veterans. We also recommend the

passage of **House Bill 5728** which extends veterans' benefits to Hmong and/or Lao veterans who served in military operations in support of the United States during the Vietnam Conflict any time between 2/18/1961 and 5/7/1975 within the definition of "active conduct of and/or fighting in the Vietnam Conflict.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters and we look forward to their future passage.

Sincerely,

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Secretary, PAC