National Guard Association of Kentucky (NGAKY) Legislative Committee

The NGAKY Legislative Committee exists to support legislative proposals and initiatives of the National Guard Association of Kentucky. These proposals and initiatives ultimately provide further benefits and opportunities for our members and the Soldiers & Airmen of the Kentucky National Guard. Please see the below for a list of current proposals from the committee:

**What we are currently working on:** **as of 21 February 2019**

1. **Amend KRS 12.357**: Remove Active Duty requirement to allow National Guard Spouses to become eligible for License and Certification waivers while member is currently serving. Remove “non-renewable” following the 6 month expiration to “renewable” as long as requirement continues and applicant remains qualified.

**Current Status: Incorporated in HB 323 as a change to KRS 12.245; at Kentucky House of Representatives awaiting floor vote**

1. **Amend KRS 12.355:** Remove Active Duty requirement to allow National Guard Soldiers and Airmen to become eligible to renewal of professional license or certification at no cost while in service

**Current Status: HB 241 is currently at Kentucky House of Representatives awaiting floor vote**

1. **Amend KRS 141.065:** Create a new section for Veterans Tax incentives for businesses which hire Veterans, currently serving members of the National Guard, and their dependents

**Current Status: Status: Draft Amendment submitted to Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs for consideration**

1. **Amend KRS 164.2844:** Waive all application fees for Service Members, Veterans, and dependents seeking to enroll at a public university in Kentucky

**Current Status: Draft Amendment submitted to Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs for consideration**

1. **Amend KRS 132.810:**  Expand the homestead exemption of the Constitution to include surviving unremarried spouses of totally disabled veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

**Current Status: HB 228 currently at House Appropriations & Revenue Committee**

1. **Amend KRS 186.041:** Expand the current list of eligibility to receive a special military license plate to include spouses of current serving members/veterans of the Armed Forces. Clarify veteran designation on an driver’s license.

**Current Status:** **HB 497 has currently been posted in is awaiting committee assignment**

Please reach out to the association and let us know of any additional suggestions or concerns you may have.