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**71-8-2 Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs created -- Appointment of executive director -- Department responsibilities.**

- (1) There is created the Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs.
- (2) The governor shall appoint an executive director for the department, after consultation with the Veterans' Advisory Council, who is subject to Senate confirmation.
  - (a) The executive director shall be an individual who:
    - (i) has served on active duty in the armed forces for more than 180 consecutive days;
    - (ii) was a member of a reserve component who served in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign medal has been authorized; or
    - (iii) incurred an actual service-related injury or disability in the line of duty, whether or not that person completed 180 consecutive days of active duty; and
    - (iv) was separated or retired under honorable conditions.
  - (b) Any veteran or veteran's group may submit names to the council for consideration.
- (3) The department shall:
  - (a) conduct and supervise all veteran activities as provided in this title;
  - (b) determine which campaign or combat theater awards are eligible for a special group license plate in accordance with Section 41-1a-418;
  - (c) verify that an applicant for a campaign or combat theater award special group license plate is qualified to receive it;
  - (d) provide an applicant that qualifies a form indicating the campaign or combat theater award special group license plate for which the applicant qualifies; and
  - (e) adopt rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to carry out the provisions of this title.
- (4) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as altering or preempting the provisions of Title 39, Militia and Armories, as specifically related to the Utah National Guard.

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