



1 Montana veteran population. The Montana veterans' affairs division may form an advisory committee comprised  
2 of stakeholders to assist with the survey.

3 (4) (5) The study must evaluate existing veterans' home services and the configuration of those  
4 services with respect to the needs identified.

5 (5) (6) The study must include an analysis of the need for additional state veterans' cemeteries,  
6 including their placement within the state.

7 (7) The Montana veterans' affairs division shall prepare an outreach and marketing plan prior to  
8 the start of the study."

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10 **Section 2.** Section 10-2-902, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"10-2-902. ~~Department of public health and human services~~ Montana veterans' affairs division**  
12 **to conduct study.** The staff of the ~~senior and long-term care division within the department of public health and~~  
13 ~~human services~~ Montana veterans' affairs division shall conduct the decennial veterans' long-term care needs  
14 study. The staff of the ~~Montana veterans' affairs division~~ senior and long-term care division within the  
15 department of public health and human services shall provide support as needed."

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17 **Section 3.** Section 10-2-903, MCA, is amended to read:

18 **"10-2-903. Survey report required Reporting requirements -- plan and budget.** (1) (a) During the  
19 interim prior to the availability of the most recent federal census data, the staff of the Montana veterans' affairs  
20 division shall present a plan for conducting the study required in 10-2-901, including a budget estimate, to the  
21 state administration and veterans' affairs interim committee.

22 (b) After hearing the study plan and budget estimate, the state administration and veterans' affairs  
23 interim committee may request a committee bill with an appropriation to fund the study.

24 (2) The Montana veterans' affairs division shall provide at least one update to the state  
25 administration and veterans' affairs interim committee while the study is being conducted. The committee may  
26 request additional updates as needed.

27 (3) As soon as possible after the completion of the decennial survey study, the department of  
28 public health and human services and the Montana veterans' affairs division, in consultation with the

1 department of public health and human services, shall prepare a detailed written report and present a detailed  
2 report it to the state administrative administration and veterans' affairs interim committee in accordance with 5-  
3 11-210, including but not limited to results of the study, recommendations for legislative actions, and  
4 recommendations for changes to the conduct of future studies."

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