S.B. 64-102

The Student Senate
64th Session
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Academic Affair Chair Brody Smith, Off Campus

Action Taken | PASSED | **Certified By:** *Tanner Wilson*
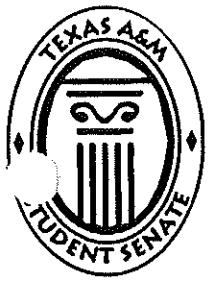April 18, 2012

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Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved: *Jeff Pickering '12 4-25-12*

Jeff Pickering
Student Body President

Veterans Priority Registration Bill

"A bill requesting that veterans be allowed to have priority registration for classes."

Whereas(1): The veteran population of Texas A&M University is currently under 1000 students; and,

Whereas(2): Currently, most veterans with GI Bills have to complete their education within a four years before their funding in the GI Bill runs out; and,

Whereas(3): Some veterans on campus are reactivated and spend many months if not years away from Texas A&M, requiring them to extend their education longer than four years; and,

Whereas(4): The current GI Bill policy mandates that veterans have to follow their degree plans or they will not get funding; and,

Whereas(5): Many majors have changed their academic benchmarks while activated veteran are on duty overseas requiring some veterans to take courses that meet some academic requirements for their preferred major outside of their degree plan in order to remain in their respective majors thereby threatening their GI Bill funding.

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**Therefore
Let it be
Enacted(1):** That the Student Senate of Texas A&M University requests that U3 and U4 veterans be given automatic priority registration in order to complete their degree plans; and,

**Let it be
Further
Enacted(2):** That a copy of this legislation be sent to the following faculty members with 5 days of being passed in Senate:

- Texas A&M University President Bowen Loftin
- EVP for Academic Affairs Karen Watson
- The Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee
- The Academic Operations Committee