NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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Resolution No. 19: Expanding Employment Services to Non-Service Connected Disabled Veterans
Origin: Veterans Employment & Education Commission
Submitted By: Veterans Employment & Education Commission

WHEREAS, The Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL-VETS) should undertake a close but expedient review of the current list and definitions of 'Significant Barriers to Employment' (SBE) governing the Jobs for Veterans State Grants (JVSG) Program; and

WHEREAS, While the falling unemployment rate for veterans has been a welcome development, there is still a substantial number of veterans being served within the broader one-stop system that could certainly use the assistance of specialized JVSG services, but are currently ineligible due to SBE restrictions; and

WHEREAS, This situation may impact veterans with a non-service connected disability, veterans who never received a VA-rating, older veterans, veterans impacted by natural disasters, or other state-based economic circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Especially, as funding around one-stop systems becomes limited, DOL-VETS should adequately reconsider existing limitations on Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialists customer services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 11-12, 2017, That The American Legion supports an administrative amendment to the Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Services (DOL-VETS), Veterans Program Letter No 08-14 that would allow Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialists to service all veterans with service connected and non-service connected disabilities.