

**NINETY-SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Charlotte, North Carolina
August 26, 27, 28, 2014**

Resolution No. 216: Automatic Waiver for Over-Payments of \$300 or Less

Origin: Illinois

Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

WHEREAS, The American Legion is a national organization of veterans who have dedicated themselves to the service of the community, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Veterans sometimes incur overpayments with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) due to the complexity of VA laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, The majority of these overpayments are not due to any misrepresentation or fraud on the veteran's part; and

WHEREAS, VA processing of waiver requests through the Committees on Waivers and Compromises and collection of these debts requires significant employee resources and time, printing, mailing, filing, et cetera; and

WHEREAS, Under current regulations, many small overpayment waiver requests are granted; and

WHEREAS, Elimination of processing of small overpayment amounts would allow VA personnel to concentrate on other duties, such as attacking the large claims and appeals backlog, thus improving the timeliness of delivery of benefits to our deserving veterans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Charlotte, North Carolina, August 26, 27, 28, 2014, That The American Legion shall sponsor and support legislation to allow the Department of Veterans Affairs to grant an automatic waiver for those overpayments of \$300 or less if the claimant requests one.