

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 275
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 8 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TOWNHALL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF
 9 VETERANS' AFFAIRS; AND PROVIDING A TERMINATION DATE."

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 11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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 13 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Veterans townhall meetings.** (1) Prior to December 31, 2024, the board
 14 of veterans' affairs shall hold six townhall meetings to:

- 15 (a) provide a forum for veterans and their families to learn about the services and resources
- 16 available in their own communities; and
- 17 (b) educate the board of veterans' affairs on issues that are important to veterans and their families
- 18 across the state.

19 (2) The six townhall meetings shall be divided equally in the following three areas:

- 20 (a) Billings and east of Billings;
- 21 (b) Great Falls and the high line; and
- 22 (c) the Rocky Mountains.

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 24 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Termination.** [This act] terminates December 31, 2024.

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