An act to amend Section 102791 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to death registration.

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Existing law requires that each death be registered with the applicable local registrar of births and deaths, and requires a person completing the certificate of death to record specified information, including whether the decedent was ever in the Armed Forces of the United States. Existing law requires the State Department of Public Health to implement an electronic death registration system and to access data within the system to compile a report on veteran suicide in California that includes information on the veterans’ ages, sexes, races or ethnicities, and methods of suicide. Existing law requires the department to provide that report annually to the Legislature and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

This bill would additionally require the report described above to include information on the veterans’ locations of residency and death, length and locations of service, branches of service, and occupations and industries or businesses, as well as recommendations for additional
services and support to reduce the number of veteran suicides.


The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 102791 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

102791. (a) The State Department of Public Health shall access data within the electronic death registration system implemented pursuant to Section 102778 to compile a report on veteran suicide in California. The report shall include both of the following:

1. Information on the ages, sexes, races or ethnicities, locations of residency and death, length and locations of service, branches of service, occupations and industries or businesses, and methods of suicide of veterans.
2. Recommendations regarding additional services and support needed to reduce the number of veteran suicides.

(b) (1) Beginning January 1, 2019, the department shall, notwithstanding Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, annually provide the report compiled pursuant to subdivision (a) to the Legislature and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(2) A report to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.