

- [Supporting SB 1012 to facilitate supervised, therapeutic use of certain hallucinogenic substances]

Resolution recognizing the therapeutic potential of certain hallucinogenic substances for the treatment of veteran mental health issues and urging the passage of SB 1012.

WHEREAS, veterans account for only 16.5 million of 257 million adults in the United States in 2022 ([6.4%](#)), but [6,392 suicides \(16% of American adult suicides\)](#) in the same year; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1.8 million veterans (11.1% of the U.S. veteran population overall) residing in the State of California, including over 442,000 service-connected disabled veterans, over 90,000 100% service-connected disabled veterans, and over 10,000 homeless veterans; and

WHEREAS, [VA data](#) indicates that the suicide rate for veterans per 100,000 in 2021 was 33.9, increasing from 23.3 in 2001; and

WHEREAS, assuming a constant rate of change, California will lose 35.49 veterans per 100,000, or 639 veterans, to suicide in 2024; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that psychedelic substances may

significantly reduce symptoms of [addiction](#), [depression](#), and [post-traumatic stress](#); and

WHEREAS, the efficacy of psychedelic-assisted therapies in the treatment of mental health disorders is so profound that [Mount Sinai and the James J. Peters Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center established the Center for Psychedelic Psychotherapy](#) to advance such therapies, and

WHEREAS, [Johns Hopkins University established its Center for Psychedelic and Consciousness Research](#) for the same purpose, and

WHEREAS, SB 58, which sought to decriminalize personal use and possession of certain psychedelic substances, [was passed by the California Legislature but was vetoed for reasons related to outlining the therapeutic guidelines for psychedelic administration by Governor Newsom](#); and

WHEREAS, SB 1012 seeks to establish an oversight board and licensing regime for persons to facilitate the use of psychedelic substances including psilocybin, psilocyn, dimethyltryptamine (DMT), ibogaine, and mescaline for supervised use by persons over 21 years old under the supervision of a licensed psychedelic facilitator; and

WHEREAS, SB 1012 [addresses the concerns](#) raised by Governor Newsom

about SB 56, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission recognizes the urgent need to combat the epidemic of veteran suicide; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission urges the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution to support SB 1012 to provide veterans with additional tools in the battle for their mental health under the care of licensed professionals; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission urges the California Legislature to pass SB 1012, as it had with SB 58; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission urges Governor Newsom to sign SB 1012 into law; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission is committed to supporting responsible policies and programs that assist California veterans in obtaining the highest quality of mental health care to facilitate the elimination of veteran homelessness and suicide in California.

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