

**RESOLUTION 10-27**

**SOURCE: AMVETS Department of Ohio  
Veterans Employment Committee**

**SUBJECT: VA Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (VR&E) Training and  
Services Beyond the 12 Year Rule**

**WHEREAS**, Disabled Veterans rated at 10% or more can apply for Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (VR&E) training and services within 12 years from the date of their service-connected award rating; and

**WHEREAS**, initial service-connected disabilities or conditions may increase in severity over time and affect their health, earning capacity/employment, quality of life. They may reapply for VR&E training and services, but are beyond the 12 years of their initial rating; and

**WHEREAS**, VA VR&E staff may deny the disabled veterans an extension for VR&E training/services as they interpret and view the veteran as “presently” suitably employed and without serious employment barriers; and

**WHEREAS**, the denial for VR&E benefits could further aggravate their health and affect their employment and quality of life with their family; Now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the AMVETS petition Congress to enact legislation to allow VA VR&E staff to evaluate and determine the effect of disabilities and their impact on immediate and long term employment in determining eligibility for VR&E training and services, including extensions beyond the delimiting date of 12 years.