

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Uniform Law Commissioners and Observers

FROM: Harry L Tindall, Chair,

ACT: Model Veterans Treatment Court Act/Rules

DATE: June 9, 2017

RE: Issues Memorandum for Second Reading in San Diego

Attached is the revised draft of the Model Veterans Treatment Court and the Model Veterans Treatment Court Rules. Since our First Reading at the Annual Meeting in 2016, our drafting committee met twice. Three changes (other than nonsubstantive style changes) are noted:

1. The act has been renamed from Model Veterans Court Act to Model Veterans Treatment Court.
2. The draft has been expanded to provide an option for adoption by court rule. This change was inspired by the Uniform Collaborative Law Act/Rules.
3. Section 8 has been revised after hearing comments from the Commissioners that the draft allowed too much to be placed in the hands of the prosecutors. The draft now provides that participation in the veterans treatment program requires approval of the prosecutor, but expressly reserves to the court all power regarding punishment including probation, conditions of probation, and consequences of violation terms of participation in the treatment program. Sections 10 and 11.

We look forward to the second reading in San Diego

Regards, Harry L Tindall: htindall@tindallengland.com