

**HOUSE DEFENSE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE RULES
2009-2010**

1. The quorum for the Committee shall be four (4) members.
2. A bill, resolution or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he designates. In the event that more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.
3. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman. Recess or adjournment may also take place upon affirmative vote by a majority of the members present.
4. The Chairman shall determine measures to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered.
5. When a bill is placed on the Committee agenda for consideration, the principal author shall be notified of the time and place of the meeting.
6. Subcommittees shall be the authority to make recommendations on measures assigned to them, but no measure will be returned to the House prior to consideration by the Committee.
7. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee may file a minority report.
8. Any member may request that his/her vote be recorded on action taken by the Committee on any bill or resolution.
9. Any proposed change of Committee Rules shall be presented in writing to the Chairman and Secretary, whereupon the Secretary shall immediately distribute written copies of such proposals to each Committee member. Action on changes shall not be considered by the Committee prior to the lapse of seventy-two (72) hours following distribution. This 72-hour waiting period, however, may be waived or amended within the last six days of a Session by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members present.
10. The rules of the House shall prevail in all matters not covered by these rules.

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Chairman