

Del. Pat McGeehan, R-Hancock, is a four-term Republican member of the West Virginia House of Delegates. He is the son of Lt. Col. Mark McGeehan, who died in the 1994 Fairchild Air Force Base B-52 crash.

Rep. McGeehan is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, and from 1998 to 2006, served in the U.S. Air Force. He spent his years of service as an intelligence officer, reaching the rank of captain, with time spent in the Middle East and Afghanistan.

After leaving the military, McGeehan joined the business sector. In 2006, he became president of Mountain State Packaging and later worked in business sales for Frontier Communications. He currently is a youth counselor, helping to manage a private school which caters to troubled children.

Rep. McGeehan represented the 1st District in the state House of Delegates from 2008 to 2010, serving on the Constitutional Revision Committee and the Government Organization Committee.

In April 2013, McGeehan announced he would run for the U.S. Senate seat vacated by Jay Rockefeller and was endorsed by the Republican Liberty Caucus. He eventually withdrew from that race and in 2014 was reelected to his former seat in the House of Delegates, where he has served since.

In 2012, he released his first book entitled, *Printing Our Way to Poverty: The Consequences of American Inflation*, and in 2017, his latest book, *Stoicism and the Statehouse*:



An Old Philosophy Serving a New Idea was published, in which he drew inspiration from the ancient Stoics in advocating the cause of freedom.

Rep. McGeehan resides with his daughter Kennedy in his hometown of Chester, West Virginia.

For more information, see:

www.WVBringOurTroopsHome.com

The Intelligencer. Wheeling News-Register

February 26, 2019

McGeehan's National Guard Bill Reaches House of Delegates Floor

JOSELYN KING

Staff Writer

A bill intended to keep West Virginia soldiers from seeing overseas action when no act of war has been declared by Congress got discharged Monday, and had its first reading in the House of Delegates.

Delegate Pat McGeehan, R-Hancock, had first asked on Friday that House Bill 2732 be discharged and be considered for vote by the full House. House members on Friday instead voted to table the bill, 49-47.

McGeehan made motions again on Monday — this time successfully — to first remove the bill from the table, then discharge the bill. House members voted 53-44 to untable the bill, and 56-41 to discharge.

“It wasn’t exactly an easy fight. But I did my best to make strong arguments on the House floor, and I’m glad my peers listened,” he said.

The measure will likely have its second reading today, and its third reading and vote for passage on Wednesday, according to McGeehan.

Wednesday also is the deadline for lawmakers to pass bills out of their chamber of origin. Legislation not passed by one chamber before midnight Wednesday is effectively dead.

HB 2732 would require that the U.S. Congress declare war or call forth the state militia before the West Virginia National Guard could be released from state control and sent into combat. Currently, the authority to activate the Guard rests with West Virginia’s governor.

The measure successfully passed the



Del. Pat McGeehan

Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security Committee, which is chaired by McGeehan. Until the call for discharge, it had not been addressed by the full House.