

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED SECRETARY OF  
STATE BILL)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the address confidentiality program.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 9E.3, subsection 1, paragraphs e and f,  
2 Code 2024, are amended to read as follows:

3 e. The residential address of the eligible person,  
4 disclosure of which could lead to an increased risk of domestic  
5 abuse, domestic abuse assault, sexual abuse, assault, stalking,  
6 or human trafficking. If the eligible person's residential  
7 address is a shelter known to the program, the applicant may  
8 provide the shelter's name and other contact information in  
9 lieu of the shelter's physical address.

10 f. If mail cannot be delivered to the residential address of  
11 the eligible person, the address to which mail can be sent to  
12 the eligible person. If the eligible person's mailing address  
13 is a shelter known to the program, the applicant may provide  
14 the shelter's name and other contact information in lieu of the  
15 shelter's physical address.

16 Sec. 2. Section 9E.4, subsection 2, Code 2024, is amended  
17 to read as follows:

18 2. The secretary shall cancel a program participant's  
19 certification ~~if the~~ for any of the following reasons:

20 a. The program participant's application contains false  
21 information.

22 b. The secretary receives information from a reliable source  
23 that the program participant has died.

24 Sec. 3. Section 9E.5, subsection 3, Code 2024, is amended  
25 to read as follows:

26 3. The secretary shall forward all mail sent to the  
27 designated address to the program participant. At the request  
28 of the program participant, the secretary may hold the program  
29 participant's mail for up to thirty days.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 Under current law, the address confidentiality program  
34 managed by the secretary of state provides mail forwarding  
35 services to program participants who include victims of

1 domestic abuse, domestic abuse assault, sexual abuse, assault,  
2 stalking, or human trafficking, and individuals who fear  
3 for their own safety or the safety of a household member.  
4 This bill allows the secretary to (1) accept as an eligible  
5 person's residential or mailing address the name and other  
6 contact information of a shelter at which the eligible person  
7 resides in lieu of the shelter's physical address, (2) cancel a  
8 deceased participant's certification upon receiving reliable  
9 information, and (3) hold a participant's mail for up to 30  
10 days at the request of the participant.