

department of veterans affairs shall submit its findings and recommendations in a report to the general assembly by December 31, 2010.

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CHAPTER 1170

VETERANS AND MILITARY SERVICE — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

S.F. 2297

AN ACT concerning veterans and military service, including waivers and refunds of certain fees, use of state facilities, public utility disconnection of service, weapons permit renewals, and declarations for disposition of remains.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. **29A.14A Use of government facilities.**

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state or any political subdivision of the state, shall permit the rental of facilities under its control, for a fee not in excess of any expenses incurred by the state or political subdivision, for designated military events. For purposes of this section, “*designated military event*” means an event, authorized by the adjutant general, for military family readiness groups or for returning veterans of the national guard, reserves, or regular components of the armed forces of the United States for a period of up to one year from the date of return from active duty.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **144.13B Waiver of fees — military service.**

Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the certified copy fees for a birth certificate or death certificate of a service member, as defined in section 29A.90, who died while on active duty shall be waived for a period of one year from the date of death for a family member of the deceased service member.

Sec. 3. Section 144C.6, Code 2009, is amended by adding the following new subsection:
NEW SUBSECTION. 4. A declaration for disposition of remains made by a service member, as defined in section 29A.90, on forms provided and authorized by the department of defense for service members for this purpose shall constitute a valid declaration of designee for purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 4. Section 476.20, subsection 3, Code 2009, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The rules established by the board shall provide that a public utility furnishing gas or electricity shall not disconnect service to a residence in which one of the heads of household is a service member deployed for military service, as defined in section 29A.90, prior to a date ninety days after the end of the service member’s deployment, if the public utility is informed of the deployment.

Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. **483A.24A License refunds — military service.**

Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, a service member deployed for military service, both as defined in section 29A.90, shall receive a refund of that portion of any license fee paid by the service member representing the service member’s period of military service.

Sec. 6. Section 724.7, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

724.7 Nonprofessional permit to carry weapons.

1. Any person who can reasonably justify going armed may be issued a nonprofessional permit to carry weapons. Such permits shall be on a form prescribed and published by the commissioner of public safety, which shall be readily distinguishable from the professional permit, and shall identify the holder thereof, and state the reason for the issuance of the permit, and the limits of the authority granted by such permit. All permits so issued shall be for a definite period as established by the issuing officer, but in no event shall exceed a period of twelve months, except as provided in subsection 2.

2. The commissioner of public safety shall develop a process to allow service members deployed for military service to submit a renewal of a nonprofessional permit to carry weapons early and by mail. In addition, a permit issued to a service member who is deployed for military service, as defined in section 29A.90, that would otherwise expire during the period of deployment shall remain valid for ninety days after the end of the service member's deployment.

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CHAPTER 1171

VETERANS AND MILITARY MEMBERS — EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, PROFESSIONAL LICENSING, CONSUMER CREDIT TERMS

S.F. 2318

AN ACT concerning and affecting veterans and military members, related to employment benefits, professional licensing, and interest rate limit enforcement, and making penalties applicable.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

DIVISION I EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR MILITARY MEMBERS

Section 1. Section 8A.402, subsection 2, paragraph f, Code Supplement 2009, is amended to read as follows:

f. (1) Develop, in consultation with the department of veterans affairs, programs to inform state employees who are members of the national guard or organized reserves of the armed forces of the United States, and their families, of their rights and benefits while the member is deployed in active federal service.

(2) Develop, in consultation with the department of veterans affairs, programs to inform members of the national guard or organized reserves of the armed forces of the United States returning to Iowa following active federal service about job opportunities in state government.

Sec. 2. **NEW SECTION. 97A.10A Purchase of service credit for military service.**

1. An active member of the system who has been a member of the retirement system five or more years may elect to purchase up to five years of service credit for military service, other than military service required to be recognized under Internal Revenue Code § 414(u) or under the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, that will be recognized by the retirement system for purposes of calculating a member's benefit, pursuant to Internal Revenue Code § 415(n) and the requirements of this section.

2. a. A member seeking to purchase service credit pursuant to this section shall file a written application with the system requesting an actuarial determination of the cost of a purchase of service credit. Upon receipt of the cost estimate for the purchase of service from the system, the member may make contributions to the system in an amount equal to the actuarial cost of the service credit purchase.