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VETERANS AFFAIRS, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF[801]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to the veterans license fee fund and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 17, "Veterans License Fee Fund," Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new Chapter 17 with the same title.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 35A.5 and 35A.11 and Executive Order 10.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 35A.5 and 35A.11 and Executive Order 10.

Purpose and Summary

The Department is proposing a revised Chapter 17 to update procedures and reduce unnecessary text pursuant to Executive Order 10. Relevant content will be streamlined to provide greater clarity and remove unnecessary elaboration on certain rules.

Regulatory Analysis

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on September 30, 2026. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 22, 2026

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 801—Chapter 1.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 17, 2026. Comments should be directed to:

Mike Olson
Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs
Camp Dodge, Building 3465
7105 NW 70th Avenue
Johnston, Iowa 50131
Email: michael.olson@ivh.state.ia.us

Public Hearing

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

December 17, 2026 1 p.m.	Video call link: meet.google.com/eoj-hchy-bfi Or dial: 401.903.4770 Conference ID: 927 612 478#
December 17, 2026 3:30 p.m.	Video call link: meet.google.com/uat-yjdh-edv Or dial: 650.667.3126 Conference ID: 667 104 270#

Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department and advise of specific needs.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 801—Chapter 17 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 17
VETERANS LICENSE FEE FUND

801—17.1(35A) Purpose. These rules establish guidelines utilized by the commission of veterans affairs for grants and authorized expenditures from the veterans license fee fund to fulfill the responsibilities of the commission.

801—17.2(35A) Grants.

17.2(1) Grant applicants must have nonprofit or governmental status or be a nationally recognized veterans service organization.

17.2(2) The amount of funding awarded to an applicant is at the discretion of the commission. Applications with at least 50 percent of total project or program funding, exclusive of future pledges, are encouraged. Applicants must include a budget for the entire project to include sources and uses of funds and a timeline for completion. Grants may be paid as the last dollar in at the discretion of the commission. Projects and programs should generally be completed within one year of the awarding of the grant.

17.2(3) Recurring requests for funding are not guaranteed but may be granted at the sole discretion of the commission. Grants are not intended to be built into an organizational budget with the expectation for continuous and ongoing funding.

17.2(4) Grant recipients will submit a written report on the effectiveness of the project or program to the commission no later than three months following completion.

17.2(5) The commission will maintain an application form with any additional details and requirements that will be available upon request from the department.

801—17.3(35A) Expenditures. Moneys in this fund may be used for administrative expenses related to the business of the commission of veterans affairs, including outreach and awareness, professional development, mileage, per diem, conference call capabilities, printing, and other costs for meetings.

801—17.4(35A) Administration. This fund will be administered by the department.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 35A.11.