

CHAPTER 12
INJURED VETERANS GRANT PROGRAM
S.F. 402

AN ACT relating to the injured veterans grant program and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

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

Section 1. Section 35A.14, subsection 5, Code 2011, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* (1) A seriously injured veteran meeting all other requirements of this section may receive additional grants for subsequent, unrelated injuries that meet the requirements of this section. Any subsequent, unrelated injury shall be treated as if it were an initial injury for the purposes of determining eligibility or allotment.

(2) Grants for veterans suffering subsequent, unrelated injuries after September 11, 2001, but prior to the effective date of this Act, shall be payable, upon a showing that the veteran would have been eligible for payment had the subsequent, unrelated injury occurred on or after the effective date of this Act.

Sec. 2. Section 35A.14, Code 2011, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The department may appear before the executive council and request funds to meet the funding needs of the grant program under this section if funds are made available to the executive council for this purpose.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT AND RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.** This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment and applies retroactively to September 11, 2001, for veterans suffering a subsequent, unrelated injury after that date.

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