

**35A.8 Executive director — term — duties.**

1. The governor shall appoint an executive director, subject to confirmation by the senate, who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. The executive director is responsible for administering the duties of the department and the commission other than those related to the Iowa veterans home.

2. The executive director shall be a resident of the state of Iowa and an honorably discharged veteran who served in the armed forces of the United States during a conflict or war. As used in [this section](#), the dates of service in a conflict or war shall coincide with the dates of service established by the Congress of the United States.

3. Except for the employment duties and responsibilities assigned to the commandant for the Iowa veterans home, the executive director shall employ such personnel as are necessary for the performance of the duties and responsibilities assigned to the department and the commission. All employees shall be selected on a basis of fitness for the work to be performed with due regard to training and experience and shall be subject to the provisions of [chapter 8A, subchapter IV](#).

[C79, 81, §35A.8]

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1710](#); [92 Acts, ch 1140, §10](#); [92 Acts, ch 1247, §28](#); [99 Acts, ch 180, §5](#); [2000 Acts, ch 1218, §1](#); [2003 Acts, ch 145, §148](#); [2005 Acts, ch 115, §14, 40](#); [2007 Acts, ch 176, §1, 3](#); [2007 Acts, ch 202, §6](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1031, §21](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1191, §35, 36, 106](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1059, §5](#)

Referred to in [§35A.1](#)

Confirmation, see [§2.32](#)