

Senate File 564

S-3121

1 Amend Senate File 564 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, before line 1 by inserting:

3 <DIVISION I

4 MOTOR VEHICLE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE DECALS>

5 2. Page 3, line 14, before <Act> by inserting <division of  
6 this>

7 3. Page 3, line 22, before <Act> by inserting <division of  
8 this>

9 4. Page 3, after line 23 by inserting:

10 <DIVISION \_\_\_\_

11 VETERANS AFFAIRS

12 Sec. \_\_\_\_ . Section 35.1, subsection 2, Code 2023, is amended  
13 by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the  
14 following:

15 2. "Veteran" means a resident of this state who is any of  
16 the following:

17 a. A veteran as defined in 38 C.F.R. §3.1, as amended.

18 b. A former member of the reserve forces of the United  
19 States who served at least twenty years in the reserve forces  
20 and who was discharged under honorable conditions. However,  
21 a member of the reserve forces of the United States who  
22 completed a minimum aggregate of ninety days of federal active  
23 duty, other than training, and was discharged under honorable  
24 conditions, or was retired under Tit. 10 of the United States  
25 Code shall be included as a veteran.

26 c. A former member of the Iowa national guard who served  
27 at least twenty years in the Iowa national guard and who was  
28 discharged under honorable conditions. However, a member of  
29 the Iowa national guard who was activated for federal duty,  
30 other than training, for a minimum aggregate of ninety days,  
31 and was discharged under honorable conditions or was retired  
32 under Tit. 10 of the United States Code shall be included as a  
33 veteran.

34 d. A member of the reserve forces of the United States who  
35 has served at least twenty years in the reserve forces and who

1 continues to serve in the reserve forces.

2 e. A member of the Iowa national guard who has served at  
3 least twenty years in the Iowa national guard and who continues  
4 to serve in the Iowa national guard.

5 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 35.2, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2023,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 In order to fulfill any eligibility requirements under  
8 Iowa law pertaining to veteran status, a veteran described in  
9 section 35.1, subsection 2, paragraph ~~"b"~~, ~~subparagraph (6)~~ or  
10 ~~(7)~~ "d" or "e", shall submit the veteran's retirement points  
11 accounting statement issued by the armed forces of the United  
12 States, the state adjutant general, or the adjutant general  
13 of any other state, to confirm that the person has completed  
14 twenty years of service with the reserve forces or the national  
15 guard.

16 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 35A.3, subsection 7, Code 2023, is amended  
17 by striking the subsection.

18 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 35A.5, subsection 6, Code 2023, is amended  
19 to read as follows:

20 6. a. Conduct Administer or conduct one service school  
21 each year for county commissioners and one service school for  
22 executive directors and administrators. ~~The service school for~~  
23 ~~executive directors and administrators shall provide at least~~  
24 ~~sixteen continuing education units.~~

25 b. (1) The department may receive and accept donations,  
26 grants, gifts, and contributions from any public or private  
27 source to be used for any of the following purposes:

28 (a) Providing payment for training opportunities under  
29 paragraph "a".

30 (b) Organizing training relating to state programs for  
31 county commission of veteran affairs executive directors,  
32 administrators, and commissioners.

33 (c) Hiring an agency, organization, or other entity to  
34 provide training or educational programming.

35 (d) Reimbursing county commission of veteran affairs

1 executive directors, administrators, and commissioners for  
2 transportation costs related to a conference, program, or both.

3 (e) Verifying a person's qualifications pursuant to section  
4 35A.5, subsection 9.

5 (2) All moneys received by the department for the  
6 purposes established in subparagraph (1) shall be deposited  
7 in the county commission of veteran affairs training account  
8 established in section 35A.16, subsection 4.

9 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 35A.5, subsection 9, Code 2023, is amended  
10 by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the  
11 following:

12 9. Verify each executive director, administrator, and  
13 commissioner of a county commission of veteran affairs is fully  
14 qualified to work in the person's position. Qualifications  
15 shall include but are not limited to all of the following:

16 a. The person has obtained certification that is federally  
17 required for the member, executive director, or administrator's  
18 position within twelve months of beginning the person's  
19 employment.

20 b. The person has obtained a personal identification  
21 verification card necessary to access the veterans benefits  
22 management system within twelve months of beginning the  
23 person's employment.

24 c. The person maintains certification that is federally  
25 required for the member, executive director, or administrator's  
26 position.

27 d. The person maintains an active personal identification  
28 verification card and has access to the veterans benefits  
29 management system.

30 e. For executive directors and administrators, the person  
31 is proficient in the use of electronic mail, general computer  
32 use, and use of the internet to access information regarding  
33 facilities, benefits, and services available to veterans and  
34 their families.

35 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 35A.13, subsection 3, Code 2023, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 3. Moneys credited to the trust fund shall not be  
3 transferred, used, obligated, appropriated, or otherwise  
4 encumbered, except as provided in [this section](#). ~~Moneys in the~~  
5 ~~trust fund may also be used for cemetery grant development~~  
6 ~~purposes provided that any moneys so allocated, except~~  
7 ~~for moneys used for department of administrative services~~  
8 ~~expenditures related to the grant, are returned to the trust~~  
9 ~~fund upon receipt of federal funds received for such purposes.~~

10 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 35A.16, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code  
11 2023, is amended to read as follows:

12 a. If sufficient moneys are available, the department  
13 shall annually allocate ten thousand dollars to each county  
14 commission of veteran affairs, or to each county sharing the  
15 services of an executive director or administrator pursuant  
16 to [chapter 28E](#), to be used to provide services to veterans  
17 pursuant to [section 35B.6](#) and provide for and maintain  
18 accreditation in accordance with the policies and procedures of  
19 the United States department of veterans affairs. Each county  
20 receiving an allocation shall annually report on expenditure of  
21 the allocation in a form agreed to by the department and county  
22 representatives.

23 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 35A.16, subsection 4, Code 2023, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

25 4. A county commission of veteran affairs training program  
26 account shall be established within the county commissions  
27 of veteran affairs fund. Any moneys remaining in the fund  
28 after the allocations under [subsection 3](#) shall be credited  
29 to the account and used by the department to fund the county  
30 commission of veteran affairs training program under section  
31 ~~35A.17~~ 35A.5, subsection 6, and training for department  
32 personnel.

33 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 35B.3, Code 2023, is amended to read as  
34 follows:

35 **35B.3 County commission of veteran affairs.**

1 The county commission of veteran affairs shall consist  
2 of either three or five persons, as determined by the board  
3 of supervisors, all of whom shall be veterans as defined in  
4 section 35.1. If possible, each member of the commission shall  
5 be a veteran of a different military action branch. However,  
6 this qualification does not preclude membership to a veteran  
7 who served in more than one branch of the military actions.

8 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 35B.6, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code  
9 2023, is amended to read as follows:

10 c. (1) Upon the employment of an executive director or  
11 administrator, the executive director or administrator shall  
12 complete a course ~~of~~ for the purpose of obtaining certification  
13 ~~training provided by the department of veterans affairs~~  
14 ~~pursuant to section 35A.5 federally required for the person's~~  
15 position and a personal identification verification card  
16 necessary to access the veterans benefits management system.  
17 If an executive director or administrator fails to obtain  
18 certification or a personal identification verification card  
19 within one year of being employed, the executive director or  
20 administrator shall be removed from office. ~~The department~~  
21 ~~shall issue the executive director or administrator a~~  
22 ~~certificate of training after completion of the certification~~  
23 ~~training course. To maintain certification, the~~

24 (2) An executive director or administrator shall satisfy  
25 the continuing education requirements established by the  
26 national association of county veterans service officers and  
27 the United States department of veterans affairs. Failure  
28 of an executive director or administrator to maintain  
29 certification shall be cause for removal from office. The  
30 expenses of training the executive director or administrator  
31 shall be paid from the appropriation authorized in section  
32 35B.14.

33 (3) An executive director or administrator shall satisfy  
34 the continuing education requirements necessary to maintain an  
35 active personal identification verification card and access

1 to the veterans benefits management system. Failure of an  
2 executive director or administrator to maintain certification  
3 and access to the veterans benefits management system shall be  
4 cause for removal from office.

5 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 35B.14, subsection 4, Code 2023, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 4. Burial expenses shall be paid by the county in which  
8 the person died resided. ~~If the person is a resident of a~~  
9 ~~different county at the time of death, the county of residence~~  
10 ~~shall reimburse the county where the person died for the cost~~  
11 ~~of burial. In either case, the The county board of supervisors~~  
12 ~~of the respective counties shall audit and pay the account from~~  
13 the funds provided for in this chapter in the manner as other  
14 claims are audited and paid.

15 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 426A.12, Code 2023, is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 **426A.12 Exemptions to relatives.**

18 1. In case any person in the foregoing classifications does  
19 not claim the exemption from taxation, it shall be allowed in  
20 the name of the person to the same extent on the property of any  
21 one of the following persons in the order named:

22 a. The spouse, or surviving spouse remaining unmarried,  
23 of a veteran, as defined in this chapter or in section 35.1,  
24 ~~subsection 2, paragraph "a" or "b"~~, where they are living  
25 together or were living together at the time of the death of  
26 the veteran.

27 b. The parent whose spouse is deceased and who remains  
28 unmarried, of a veteran, as defined in this chapter or in  
29 section 35.1, ~~subsection 2, paragraph "a" or "b"~~, whether living  
30 or deceased, where the parent is, or was at the time of death of  
31 the veteran, dependent on the veteran for support.

32 c. The minor child, or children owning property as tenants  
33 in common, of a deceased veteran, as defined in this chapter or  
34 in section 35.1, subsection 2, paragraph "a" or "b".

35 2. No more than one tax exemption shall be allowed under

1 this section or [section 426A.11](#) in the name of a veteran,  
2 as defined in [this chapter](#) or in [section 35.1, subsection 2,](#)  
3 ~~paragraph "a" or "b"~~.

4 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 426A.13, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2023,  
5 are amended to read as follows:

6 1. A person named in [section 426A.11](#), who is a resident of  
7 and domiciled in the state of Iowa, shall receive a reduction  
8 equal to the exemption, to be made from any property owned  
9 by the person or owned by a family farm corporation of which  
10 the person is a shareholder and occupant of the property and  
11 so designated by proceeding as provided in [this section](#). To  
12 be eligible to receive the exemption, the person claiming it  
13 shall have recorded in the office of the county recorder of  
14 the county in which is located the property designated for the  
15 exemption, evidence of property ownership by that person or the  
16 family farm corporation of which the person is a shareholder  
17 and the military certificate of satisfactory service, order  
18 transferring to inactive status, reserve, retirement, order of  
19 separation from service, honorable discharge or a copy of any  
20 of these documents of the person claiming or through whom is  
21 claimed the exemption. In the case of a person claiming the  
22 exemption as a veteran described in [section 35.1, subsection 2,](#)  
23 ~~paragraph "b", subparagraph (6) or (7) "d" or "e"~~, the person  
24 shall file the statement required by [section 35.2](#).

25 2. The person shall file with the appropriate assessor on  
26 forms obtained from the assessor the claim for exemption for  
27 the year for which the person is first claiming the exemption.  
28 The claim shall be filed not later than July 1 of the year  
29 for which the person is claiming the exemption. The claim  
30 shall set out the fact that the person is a resident of and  
31 domiciled in the state of Iowa, and a person within the terms  
32 of [section 426A.11](#), and shall give the volume and page on which  
33 the certificate of satisfactory service, order of separation,  
34 retirement, furlough to reserve, inactive status, or honorable  
35 discharge or certified copy thereof is recorded in the office

1 of the county recorder, and may include the designation of the  
2 property from which the exemption is to be made, and shall  
3 further state that the claimant is the equitable or legal owner  
4 of the property designated or if the property is owned by a  
5 family farm corporation, that the person is a shareholder of  
6 that corporation and that the person occupies the property.  
7 In the case of a person claiming the exemption as a veteran  
8 described in [section 35.1, subsection 2](#), paragraph ~~"b"~~,  
9 ~~subparagraph (6) or (7)~~ "d" or "e", the person shall file the  
10 statement required by [section 35.2](#).

11 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. REPEAL. Sections 35A.17 and 35B.17, Code 2023,  
12 are repealed.>

13 5. Title page, line 1, before <motor> by inserting  
14 <veterans, including>

15 6. Title page, by striking lines 2 and 3 and inserting  
16 <decals and matters under the purview of the department of  
17 veterans affairs.>

18 7. By renumbering as necessary.

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