

House File 259

S-5004

1 Amend House File 259, as passed by the House, as follows:

2 1. By striking page 1, line 1, through page 2, line 4, and
3 inserting:

4 <Section 1. Section 35.1, subsection 2, Code 2024, is
5 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

6 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* A resident of this state who served in
7 any component of the armed forces of the United States, who
8 is in receipt of service-connected disability from the United
9 States department of veterans affairs, and who was discharged
10 under honorable conditions.>

11 2. Page 2, line 5, by striking <2023> and inserting <2024>

12 3. Page 2, line 7, by striking <2023> and inserting <2024>

13 4. Page 2, lines 27 and 28, by striking <section 35A.5,
14 subsection 9> and inserting <subsection 9>

15 5. Page 2, line 31, after <training> by inserting <program>

16 6. By striking page 2, line 33, through page 3, line 23, and
17 inserting:

18 <Sec. _____. Section 35A.5, subsection 9, Code 2024, is
19 amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu
20 thereof the following:

21 9. Verify each executive director and administrator of a
22 county commission of veteran affairs is fully qualified to work
23 in the person's position. Qualifications include but are not
24 limited to all of the following:

25 *a.* The person has obtained certification that is federally
26 required for the executive director's or administrator's
27 position within twelve months of beginning the person's
28 employment.

29 *b.* The person has obtained a personal identification
30 verification card necessary to access the veterans benefits
31 management system within twelve months of beginning the
32 person's employment.

33 *c.* The person maintains certification that is federally
34 required for the executive director's or administrator's
35 position.

- 1 *d.* The person maintains an active personal identification
2 verification card and has access to the veterans benefits
3 management system.
- 4 *e.* The person is proficient in the use of electronic
5 mail, general computer use, and use of the internet to access
6 information regarding facilities, benefits, and services
7 available to veterans and their families.>
- 8 7. Page 3, line 24, by striking <2023> and inserting <2024>
- 9 8. Page 3, line 35, by striking <2023> and inserting <2024>
- 10 9. Page 4, line 12, by striking <2023> and inserting <2024>
- 11 10. Page 4, line 22, by striking <2023> and inserting <2024>
- 12 11. Page 4, line 33, by striking <2023> and inserting <2024>
- 13 12. Page 5, line 12, after <the> by inserting <Upon a
14 request from a county commission of veteran affairs and based
15 on extenuating circumstances, the commandant of the Iowa
16 department of veterans affairs may extend the time frame for
17 an executive director or administrator to obtain a personal
18 identification verification card.>
- 19 13. Page 5, line 29, by striking <2023> and inserting <2024>
- 20 14. By striking page 6, line 4, through page 8, line 1, and
21 inserting:
- 22 <Sec. _____. REPEAL. Sections 35A.17 and 35B.17, Code 2024,
23 are repealed.
- 24 Sec. _____. TRANSITION. A person employed in the position
25 of a county veteran service officer on the effective date of
26 this Act must obtain a personal identification verification
27 card under section 35A.5, subsection 9, as amended by this Act,
28 within one year of the effective date of this Act or be removed
29 from office.>
- 30 15. By renumbering as necessary.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS
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