



SF 512 – Licensure Reciprocity for Military Spouses and the Injured Veterans Grant Program (LSB1275SV)

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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[Senate File 512](#) does the following:

- Amends eligibility for the Injured Veterans Grant Program to cover any injury received in the line of duty outside the United States.
- Increases the spendable portion of the Iowa Lottery transfer to the Veterans Trust Fund from \$500,000 to \$600,000.
- Allocates the above increase of \$100,000 to the Injured Veterans Grant Program until that Program has a fiscal year ending balance of \$1.0 million. If the fiscal year ending balance is \$1.0 million or more, transfers to the Program do not resume until the total resources available to the Program drop below \$700,000.
- Directs licensing boards in the State to develop by January 1, 2020, an expedited licensing process for military spouses who are already licensed in similar professions or occupations in another state.

Background

Under current law, the Veterans Trust Fund is projected to reach its \$50.0 million goal by FY 2029.

The Injured Veterans Grant Program has received three appropriations from the General Fund since FY 2006, totaling \$4.0 million. Awards are made in \$2,500 increments up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Assumptions

- For the past five fiscal years, awards from the Injured Veterans Grant Program have averaged just under \$50,000. With the eligibility expansion, award amounts are assumed to increase to at least this amount annually for the foreseeable future.
- The current balance of the Injured Veterans Grant Program is approximately \$200,000.
- In the years that the transfer to the Injured Veterans Grant Program is not made, the \$100,000 will be eligible for expenditure from the Veterans Trust Fund for awards.
- Once the goal of the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund is met, Iowa Code section [99G.39](#) appropriates the \$2.5 million from the Iowa Lottery to the Department of Revenue for distribution to county directors of veterans affairs.
- Iowa licensing boards have already implemented protocols for expediting licensure for members of the military.

Fiscal Impact

[Senate File 512](#) will transfer \$100,000 per year from the Veterans Trust Fund to the Injured Veterans Grant Program from FY 2020 until FY 2030, for a cumulative total of \$1.1 million.

The Veterans Trust Fund will reach its \$50.0 million goal one year later than current projections, in FY 2030. After that time, there will be no more transfers to the Injured Veterans Grant Program. The \$2.5 million in lottery revenue will be appropriated to the Department of Revenue for distribution to county directors of veterans affairs.

Requiring licensing boards to adopt rules to expedite licensure of military spouses will have little to no fiscal impact.

Sources

Department of Public Safety

Department of Public Health

Board of Medicine

Board of Pharmacy

Board of Nursing

Dental Board

Judicial Branch

Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

Professional Licensing and Regulation Bureau, Department of Commerce

Banking Division, Department of Commerce

LSA analysis and calculations

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The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
