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May 9, 2003

The Honorable Chester Culver
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
L O C A L

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

Senate File 94, an Act providing for the confidentiality of certain veterans' records maintained by county recorders.

The above Senate File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Vilsack", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





SENATE FILE 94

AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN VETERANS' RECORDS
MAINTAINED BY COUNTY RECORDERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 22.7, Code 2003, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 47. Military personnel records recorded by the county recorder pursuant to section 331.608.

Sec. 2. Section 331.608, Code 2003, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. Unless otherwise provided by the person who requested the recording of a record under this section, notwithstanding section 22.2, subsection 1, such record shall be confidential and shall not be made available for examination or copying except as follows:

- a. To the person who is the subject of the record, to a member of that person's immediate family, or to that person's agent or representative duly authorized in writing.
- b. To a person requesting to examine or copy a record when the event that resulted in the record being made occurred more than seventy-five years prior to the request.
- c. To a person who is a funeral director licensed pursuant to chapter 156 and who has custody of the body of a deceased veteran.
- d. When otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- e. When otherwise required by a department or agency of the federal or state government or a political subdivision thereof.

f. To a person conducting research who has received written approval from the county commissioner of veteran affairs to view the records.

Sec. 3. Section 331.608, subsection 6, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

6. If a certified copy of a public record is required to perfect the claim of a veteran in service or honorably discharged or a claim of a dependent of the veteran, the certified copy shall be furnished by the custodian of the public record without charge.



MARY E. KRAMER

President of the Senate



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 94, Eightieth General Assembly.



MICHAEL E. MARSHALL

Secretary of the Senate

Approved May 9, 2003



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