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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PROCESS UTILIZED IN ASSESSING RESIDENTS OF
HEALTH CARE FACILITIES FOR VETERANS PROGRAM BENEFITS.

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

Section 1. Section 135C.31A, Code Supplement 2005, is
amended to read as follows:

135C.31A ASSESSMENT OF RESIDENTS == PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY.

~~Beginning July 1, 2003, a~~ A health care facility receiving
reimbursement through the medical assistance program under
chapter 249A shall assist the Iowa department of veterans
affairs in identifying, upon admission of a resident, the
resident's eligibility for benefits through the federal United
States department of veterans affairs. ~~The health care~~

~~facility shall also assist the Iowa department of veterans~~
~~affairs in determining such eligibility for residents residing~~
~~in the facility on July 1, 2003.~~ The department of
inspections and appeals, in cooperation with the department of
human services, shall adopt rules to administer this section,
including a provision that ensures that if a resident is
eligible for benefits through the federal United States
department of veterans affairs or other third-party payor, the
payor of last resort for reimbursement to the health care
facility is the medical assistance program. The rules shall
also require the health care facility to request information
from a resident or resident's personal representative
regarding the resident's veteran status and to report to the
Iowa department of veterans affairs only the names of
residents identified as potential veterans along with the
names of their spouses and any dependents. Information
reported by the health care facility shall be verified by the
Iowa department of veterans affairs. This section shall not
apply to the admission of an individual to a state mental
health institute for acute psychiatric care or to the
admission of an individual to the Iowa veterans home.

CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House

JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and
is known as House File 2363, Eighty-first General Assembly.

MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved _____, 2006

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor