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January 23, 2006

The Honorable Chester Culver  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Building  
LOCAL

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

**House File 2080**, an Act revising and making appropriations involving veterans programs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and providing an effective date.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Vilsack".

Thomas J. Vilsack  
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 2080

AN ACT

REVISING AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS INVOLVING VETERANS PROGRAMS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2005, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 169, section 2, subsection 4, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 2. 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 175, section 4, subsection 2, is amended to read as follows:

2. IOWA VETERANS HOME

For salaries, support, maintenance, miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$ 16,309,443
	<u>13,309,443</u>
.....	FTEs 855.22

It is the intent of the general assembly to appropriate at least \$3,000,000 in funding from the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund to support necessary projects at the Iowa veterans home.

Sec. 3. 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 175, section 4, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3. VETERANS APPRECIATION PROGRAM

For implementation of a new veterans appreciation program, contingent upon enactment of law by the Eighty-first General Assembly, 2006 Session, codifying the new program requirements in chapter 35A, for providing hardship grants to military veterans seriously injured in a combat zone since September 11, 2001:

..... \$ 1,000,000

If the general assembly enacts law codifying a new fund or other requirements for the new program for which the appropriation is made in this subsection, then notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year. However, if the general assembly does not enact such law, the appropriation made in this subsection shall revert as provided in section 8.33.

NEW SUBSECTION. 4. HOME OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For transfer to the Iowa finance authority to be used for continuation of the home ownership assistance program for persons who are or were eligible members of the armed forces of the United States, implemented pursuant to 2003 Iowa Acts, chapter 179, section 21, subsection 5, as amended by 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 161, section 1, and chapter 115, section 37:

..... \$ 2,000,000

a. The Iowa finance authority shall give priority to processing the applications for assistance received after the original allotment of funding for the program was exhausted.

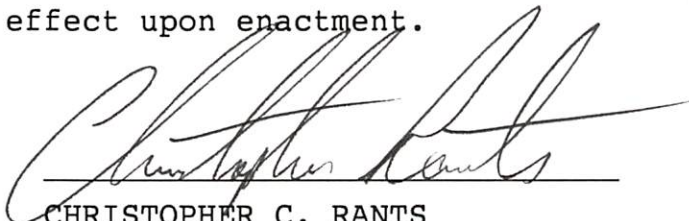
b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007.

Sec. 4. 2003 Iowa Acts, chapter 179, section 21, subsection 5, as enacted by 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 161, section 1, and amended by 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 115, section 37, is amended to read as follows:


5. The remainder of the funds appropriated in this section are transferred to the Iowa finance authority to be used for a

home ownership assistance program for persons who are eligible members of the armed forces of the United States. In the event an eligible member is deceased, the surviving spouse of the eligible member shall be eligible for a loan under the program, subject to the surviving spouse meeting the program's eligibility requirements other than the military service requirement. For the purposes of this subsection, "eligible member of the armed forces of the United States" means a resident of this state who is or was a member of the national guard, reserve, or regular component of the armed forces of the United States who has served at least ninety days of active duty service during the period beginning September 11, 2001, and ending June 30, ~~2006~~ 2007.

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS  
Speaker of the House



JOHN P. KIBBIE  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2080, Eighty-first General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved January 23, 2006



THOMAS J. VILSACK  
Governor