



CHESTER J. CULVER
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April 24, 2009

The Honorable Michael Mauro
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
LOCAL

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

Senate File 203, an Act relating to the identification of the eligibility of tenants of an assisted living program for benefits through the United States department of veterans affairs.

The above Senate File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chester J. Culver".

Chester J. Culver
Governor

CJC:bdj

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





SENATE FILE 203

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE ELIGIBILITY OF TENANTS OF AN ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM FOR BENEFITS THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

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

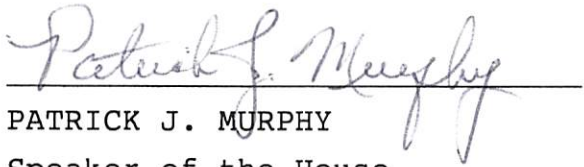
Section 1. NEW SECTION. 231C.5A ASSESSMENT OF TENANTS -- PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY.

An assisted living program receiving reimbursement through the medical assistance program under chapter 249A shall assist the department of veterans affairs in identifying, upon admission of a tenant, the tenant's eligibility for benefits through the United States department of veterans affairs. The assisted living program shall also assist the commission of veterans affairs in determining such eligibility for tenants residing in the program on July 1, 2009. 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 tenant is eligible for benefits through the United States department of veterans affairs or other third-party payor, the payor of last resort for reimbursement to the assisted living program is the medical assistance program. The rules shall also require the assisted living program to request information from a tenant or tenant's personal representative regarding the tenant's veteran status and to report to the department of veterans affairs only the names of tenants identified as potential veterans along with the names of their spouses and any dependents. Information reported by the assisted living

program shall be verified by the department of veterans affairs.



JOHN P. KIBBIE
President of the Senate



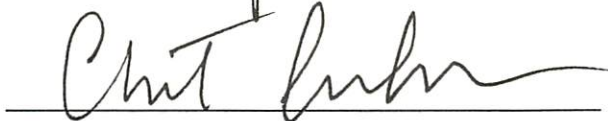
PATRICK J. MURPHY
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 203, Eighty-third General Assembly.



MICHAEL E. MARSHALL
Secretary of the Senate

Approved April 24th, 2009



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