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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS RELATING TO
MEMBERSHIP ON THE COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND
EXPENDITURES FROM THE VETERANS TRUST FUND.

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

Section 1. Section 35A.2, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2018,
are amended to read as follows:

1. A commission of veterans affairs is created consisting
of ~~nine~~ eleven persons who shall be appointed by the governor,
subject to confirmation by the senate. Members shall be
appointed to staggered terms of four years beginning and
ending as provided in [section 69.19](#). The governor shall fill
a vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term. In addition
to the members appointed by the governor, the director of the
department and the commandant of the Iowa veterans home shall
serve as nonvoting, ex officio members of the commission.

2. ~~Eight~~ Ten commissioners shall be honorably discharged
members of the armed forces of the United States. The American
legion of Iowa, disabled American veterans department of Iowa,
veterans of foreign wars department of Iowa, American veterans
of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, the Vietnam veterans
of America, and the military order of the purple heart, the
paralyzed veterans of America, and the Iowa association
of county commissioners and veteran service officers,
through their department commanders, shall submit two names
respectively from their organizations to the governor. The

adjutant general and the Iowa affiliate of the reserve officers association shall submit names to the governor of persons to represent the Iowa national guard and the association. The governor shall appoint from the group of names submitted by the adjutant general and reserve officers association two representatives and from each of the other organizations one representative to serve as a member of the commission, unless the appointments would conflict with the bipartisan and gender balance provisions of [sections 69.16](#) and [69.16A](#). In addition, the governor shall appoint one member of the public, knowledgeable in the general field of veterans affairs, to serve on the commission.

Sec. 2. Section 35A.13, subsection 3, Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

3. Moneys credited to the trust fund shall not be transferred, used, obligated, appropriated, or otherwise encumbered, except as provided in [this section](#). Moneys in the trust fund may be used for cash flow purposes during a fiscal year provided that any moneys so allocated are returned to the trust fund by the end of that fiscal year. Moneys in the trust fund may also be used for cemetery grant development purposes provided that any moneys so allocated, except for moneys used for department of administrative services expenditures related to the grant, are returned to the trust fund upon receipt of federal funds received for such purposes.

Sec. 3. Section 35A.13, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

a. The minimum balance of the trust fund required prior to expenditure of moneys from the trust fund is five million dollars. Once the minimum balance is reached, the interest and earnings on the fund and the first ~~three~~ five hundred thousand dollars transferred each fiscal year pursuant to [section 99G.39](#) from the lottery fund to the trust fund are appropriated to the commission to be used to achieve the purposes of [subsection 6](#) of [this section](#). Moneys appropriated to the commission that remain unobligated or unexpended at the end of each fiscal year shall revert to the trust fund. It is the intent of the general assembly that the balance in the trust fund reach fifty million dollars.

Sec. 4. Section 35A.13, subsection 6, paragraph 1, Code 2018, is amended by striking the paragraph.

Sec. 5. Section 35A.13, subsection 6, Code 2018, is amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

NEW PARAGRAPH. o. Rental housing assistance for veterans who meet the definition of homeless, as set out in 42 U.S.C. §11302, for payment of rental application fees needed for obtaining rental housing.

NEW PARAGRAPH. p. Monetary assistance on a one-time basis per recipient to be used to prevent homelessness in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars per recipient.

CHARLES SCHNEIDER
President of the Senate

LINDA UPMEYER
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2366, Eighty-seventh General Assembly.

W. CHARLES SMITHSON
Secretary of the Senate

Approved _____, 2018

KIM REYNOLDS
Governor