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HOUSE FILE 148

STATE GOVERNMENT, *Pass 3/20/73*

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House File 148
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House File 148
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Vote: Ayes 87 Nays 4 Vote: Ayes 40 Nays 0

Approved 6-13-73

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the soldiers relief fund.

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

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1 Section 1. Section two hundred fifty point one (250.1),
2 Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

3 250.1 TAX. A tax not exceeding one mill on the dollar may
4 be levied by the board of supervisors upon all taxable property
5 within the county, to be collected at the same time and in the
6 same manner as other taxes, to create a veteran affairs fund
7 for the relief of, and to pay the funeral expenses of honorably
8 discharged, indigent men and women of 'the United States who
9 served in the military or naval forces of the United States in
10 any war including the Korean Conflict at any time between
11 June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1953, both dates inclusive, and
12 including the Vietnam Conflict at any time between August 5,
13 1964 and ending on the date the armed forces of the United
14 States are directed by formal order of the government of the
15 United States to cease hostilities, both dates inclusive, and
16 their indigent wives, widows and minor children not over
17 eighteen years of age, having a legal residence in the county.

18 Sec. 2. Section two hundred fifty point ten (250.10),
19 unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1973, is amended to read
20 as follows:

21 250.10 DISBURSEMENTS--INSPECTION OF RECORDS. On the first
22 Monday in each month, all claims certified shall be reviewed
23 by the board of supervisors and the county auditor shall issue
24 his warrants in payment of same drawn upon the ~~soldiers-relief~~
25 veteran affairs fund. All applications, investigation reports
26 and case records shall be privileged communications and held
27 confidential, subject to use and inspection only by persons
28 authorized by law in connection with their official duties
29 relating to financial audits and the administration of the
30 provisions of this chapter. Provided, however, that the
31 county commission of veteran affairs shall prepare and file
32 in the office of the county auditor on or before the thirtieth
33 day of each January, April, July and October a report showing
34 the names and addresses of all recipients receiving assistance
35 under this chapter, together with the amount paid to each

1 during the preceding quarter. Each report so filed shall be
2 securely fixed in a record book to be used only for such
3 reports made under this chapter.

4 EXPLANATION

5 The bill renames the fund for the relief of indigent
6 veterans as the Veteran Affairs Fund in keeping with the
7 present use of the soldiers relief fund to provide for
8 veteran members of all branches of the armed services and
9 not only soldiers.

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1 Amend House File 148 by striking lines 18 through
2 35 from page 2 and lines 1, 2 and 3 from page 3 of the
3 bill and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4 Sec. 2. Section two hundred fifty point two (250.2),
5 Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

6 250.2 CONTROL OF FUND. ~~Said~~ The fund shall be
7 expended ~~for-the-purposes-aforsaid~~ by the ~~joint-action~~
8 ~~and-control-of-the-board-of-supervisors-and-the~~
9 ~~commission-of-veteran-affairs-hereinafter-provided-for~~
10 county board of social welfare, referred to in this
11 chapter as the county board.

12 Sec. 3. Section two hundred fifty point seven
13 (250.7), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

14 250.7 MEETINGS--REPORT--BUDGET. The ~~commission~~
15 county board shall ~~meet-monthly-on-the-first-Monday~~
16 ~~and-at-such-other-times-as-may-be-necessary.--At-the~~
17 ~~monthly-meeting-it-shall~~ determine who are is entitled
18 to relief and the probable amount required to be expended
19 therefor. The ~~commission~~ county board shall meet
20 annually on the second Monday in June. At such annual
21 meeting it shall prepare an estimated budget for all
22 expenditures to be made in the next fiscal year and
23 certify ~~said~~ the budget to the board of supervisors,
24 who shall have the power and authority to approve or
25 reduce ~~said~~ the budget for valid reasons shown and
26 entered of record and ~~such~~ its decision shall be final.

27 Sec. 4. Section two hundred fifty point eight
28 (250.8), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

29 250.8 ACCOUNTING SYSTEM. The state auditor shall
30 prepare sample copies of a system of accounting and
31 case records ~~for-the-use-of-all-county-commissions-of~~
32 ~~veteran-affairs,-and-this-uniform-system-of-accounting~~
33 ~~and-case-records~~ which shall be used by the county
34 boards of the several counties.

35 Sec. 5. Section two hundred fifty point nine (250.9),
36 Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

37 250.9 NAMES CERTIFIED--RELIEF CHANGED. ~~At-each~~
38 ~~regular-meeting-the-commission~~ The county board shall
39 submit to the board of supervisors a certified list
40 of those persons to whom relief has been authorized
41 and the amounts so awarded. The amount awarded to any
42 person may be increased, decreased, or discontinued
43 by the ~~commission-at-any-meeting.--New~~ county board
44 or new names may be added and certified ~~thereat~~.

45 Sec. 6. Section two hundred fifty point ten (250.10),
46 unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1973, is amended
47 to read as follows:

48 250.10 DISBURSEMENTS--INSPECTION OF RECORDS. ~~On~~
49 ~~the-first-Monday-in-each-month,-all~~ All claims certified
50 shall be reviewed by the board of supervisors and the

51 county auditor shall issue his warrants in payment of the
52 same drawn upon the ~~soldiers-relief~~ veteran affairs fund.

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53 applications, investigation reports and case records
54 shall be privileged communications and held confidential,
55 subject to use and inspection only by persons authorized
56 by law in connection with their official duties relating
57 to financial audits and the administration of the
58 provisions of this chapter. Provided, however, that
59 the county ~~commission-of-veteran-affairs~~ board shall
60 prepare and file in the office of the county auditor
61 on or before the thirtieth day of each January, April,
62 July and October a report showing the names and addresses
63 of all recipients receiving assistance under this
64 chapter, together with the amount paid to each during
65 the preceding quarter. Each report so filed shall be
66 securely fixed in a record book to be used only for
67 such reports made under this chapter.

68 Sec. 7. Section two hundred fifty point eleven
69 (250.11), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

70 250.11 DATA FURNISHED BONUS BOARD. The ~~commission~~
71 ~~of-veteran-affairs-of-each~~ county board shall obtain
72 for and transmit to the state bonus board, created by
73 chapter 35, at such time and in such manner as the bonus
74 board shall specify, such information as said bonus
75 board may request concerning any person having or claim-
76 ing to have any right to award from the additional bonus
77 and disability fund created by ~~said~~ chapter thirty-five
78 (35) of the Code.

79 Sec. 8. Section two hundred fifty point twelve
80 (250.12), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

81 250.12 RELIEF INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL. It shall
82 be unlawful for the board of supervisors ~~of-any-county~~
83 or the ~~commission-of-veteran-affairs~~ county board of
84 any county to ~~place-the-administration-of-the-duties~~
85 ~~of-the-commission-of-veteran-affairs-under-any-other~~
86 ~~relief-agency-of-any-county,-or-to~~ publish the names
87 of the veterans or their families who receive relief
88 under the provisions of this chapter.

89 Sec. 9. Section two hundred fifty point thirteen
90 (250.13), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

91 250.13 BURIAL--EXPENSES. The county board shall
92 designate some suitable person in each township to cause
93 to be decently interred in a suitable cemetery and not
94 in any cemetery or part thereof used exclusively for
95 the burial of the pauper dead, the body of any honorably
96 discharged man or woman of the United States, who served
97 in the military or naval forces of the United States
98 during any war, including the Korean Conflict at any
99 time between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1953, both
100 dates inclusive, and including the Vietnam Conflict
101 at any time between August 5, 1964, and ending on the
102 date the armed forces of the United States are directed
103 by formal order of the government of the United States

104 to cease hostilities, both dates inclusive, or his wife,
105 widow, or child, if any such person has died without
106 leaving sufficient means to defray the funeral expenses.
107 The ~~commission~~ county board shall pay such expenses
108 in a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars in any case.

109 Sec. 10. Section two hundred fifty point sixteen
110 (250.16), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

111 250.16. ~~MARKERS FOR GRAVES. The commission-of-~~
veteran
112 ~~affairs~~ county board in any county shall, upon the
113 petition of five reputable freeholders of any township
114 or municipality in ~~their~~ the county, procure for and
115 furnish to said petitioners some suitable and appropriate
116 metal marker, at a cost not exceeding three and one-
117 half dollars each, for the grave of each honorably
118 discharged man or woman of the United States, who served
119 in the military or naval forces of the United States
120 during any war, including the Korean Conflict at any
121 time between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1953, both
122 dates inclusive, and including the Vietnam Conflict
123 at any time between August 5, 1964, and ending on the
124 date the armed forces of the United States are directed
125 by formal order of the government of the United States
126 to cease hostilities, both dates inclusive, who is
127 buried within the limits of said township or
128 municipality, to be placed at his grave to permanently
129 mark and designate said grave for memorial purposes.
130 The expenses thereof shall be paid from any funds raised
131 as provided in this chapter.

132 Sec. 11. Section two hundred fifty point nineteen
133 (250.19), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

134 250.19 BURIAL RECORDS. The ~~commission-of-veteran~~
135 ~~affairs-of-each~~ county board shall be charged with
136 securing the information requested by the adjutant gen-
137 eral's office of every person having a service record
138 buried in that county. Such information shall be secured
139 from the undertaker in charge of the burial and shall
140 be transmitted by him to the ~~commission-of-veteran~~
141 ~~affairs~~ county board of the county where burial is made
142 and shall be recorded alphabetically and by description
143 of location in the cemetery where buried, in a book
144 as prescribed by the adjutant general and kept for that
145 purpose in the office of the ~~commission~~ county board.

146 Sec. 12. Sections two hundred fifty point three
147 (250.3), two hundred fifty point four (250.4), two
148 hundred fifty point five (250.5), and two hundred
149 fifty point six (250.6), Code 1973, are repealed.

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EXPLANATION

This amendment transfers responsibility for administration of the veteran affairs fund (former soldiers' relief fund) to the county board of social welfare, and abolishes the present veteran affairs commission of the county.