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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the reissuance of outdated warrants.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
3 Section 1. Section twenty-five point two (25.2), Code  
4 1973, is amended to read as follows:  
5 25.2 EXAMINATION OF REPORT--APPROVAL OR REJECTION--PAY-  
6 MENT. The state appeal board with the recommendation of the  
7 special assistant attorney general for claims may approve  
8 or reject claims against the state of less than ten years  
9 covering the following: Outdated warrants; outdated sales  
10 and use tax refunds; license refunds; additional agricultural  
11 land tax credits; outdated invoices; fuel and gas tax refunds;  
12 outdated homestead and veterans' exemptions; outdated funeral  
13 service claims; tractor fees; registration permits; outdated  
14 bills for merchandise; services furnished to the state; claims  
15 by any county or county official relating to the personal  
16 property tax credit; and refunds of fees collected by the  
17 state. Payments authorized by the state appeal board shall  
18 be paid from the appropriation or fund of original certifica-  
19 tion of the claim, except, that if such appropriation or fund  
20 has since reverted under section 8.33 then such payment  
21 authorized by the state appeal board shall be out of any money  
22 in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated. Notwith-  
23 standing the provisions of this section, the state comptroller  
24 may reissue outdated warrants.

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EXPLANATION

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2 Section 25.2 provides authority to the state appeal board  
3 to approve or reject claims against the state, including out-  
4 dated warrants. Warrants issued are not negotiable after  
5 one year and must be rewritten by the state comptroller.  
6 In order for a warrant to be reissued, it is now necessary  
7 that the claimant prepare a claim form which is submitted  
8 to the state appeal board with an explanation and  
9 recommendation for reissuance. Many of the outdated warrants  
10 relate to right-of-way claims involved in condemnation of  
11 property, and, in a few instances, they are misplaced or lost.

12 The change proposed in this bill will make it unnecessary  
13 to request the state appeal board to issue outdated warrants  
14 and will permit the state comptroller to perform this func-  
15 tion. Because the state appeal board meets only once a month,  
16 the average reissuance of the warrant takes a month to two  
17 months from the time the claimant has initiated action to  
18 the time the new warrant is issued. The procedure provided  
19 in this bill will expedite and facilitate the reissuance of  
20 outdated warrants and eliminate a considerable amount of red  
21 tape for both the claimant and state government. If the state  
22- comptroller refused to issue outdated warrants, the state  
23 appeal board could still order such warrants to be reissued.

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