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and SOORHOLTZ

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Vote: Ayes 44 Nays 1 Vote: Ayes 93 Nays 0  
Approved April 14, 1988 (p. 1612)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the eligibility date of certain military  
2 veterans for membership on a county commission of veterans  
3 affairs and certain military veteran benefits.

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

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2 follows:

3 250.3 COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERAN AFFAIRS.

4 The county commission of veteran affairs shall consist of  
5 three persons, all of whom shall be honorably discharged  
6 persons who served in the military or naval forces of the  
7 United States in any war, including World War I at any time  
8 between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, both dates  
9 inclusive, World War II at any time between December 7, 1941,  
10 and December 31, 1946, both dates inclusive, the Korean  
11 Conflict at any time between June 25, 1950, and January 31,  
12 1955, both dates inclusive, and the Vietnam Conflict at any  
13 time between ~~August-57-1964~~ December 22, 1961, and May 7,  
14 1975, both dates inclusive. If possible each member of the  
15 commission shall be a veteran of a different war or conflict,  
16 so as to divide membership among the persons who served in  
17 World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam  
18 Conflict, however, this qualification does not preclude  
19 membership to a veteran who served in more than one of the  
20 wars or conflicts.

21 Sec. 2. Section 250.13, Code 1987, is amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 250.13 BURIAL -- EXPENSES.

24 The commission is responsible for the interment in a  
25 suitable cemetery of the bodies of any honorably discharged  
26 person who served in the military or naval forces of the  
27 United States during any war, including World War I at any  
28 time between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, both dates  
29 inclusive, World War II at any time between December 7, 1941,  
30 and December 31, 1946, both dates inclusive, the Korean  
31 Conflict at any time between June 25, 1950, and January 31,  
32 1955, both dates inclusive, and the Vietnam Conflict at any  
33 time between ~~August-57-1964~~ December 22, 1961, and May 7,  
34 1975, both dates inclusive, or the spouse, surviving spouse,  
35 or child of the person, if the person has died without leaving

1 sufficient means to defray the funeral expenses. The  
2 commission may pay ~~such~~ the expenses in a sum not exceeding an  
3 amount established by the board of supervisors.

4 Sec. 3. Section 250.14, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1987,  
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 The board of supervisors of each county may appropriate  
7 moneys for the benefit of, and to pay the funeral expenses of  
8 honorably discharged, indigent persons who served in the  
9 military or naval forces of the United States in any war  
10 including World War I at any time between April 6, 1917, and  
11 November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive, World War II at any  
12 time between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, both  
13 dates inclusive, the Korean Conflict at any time between June  
14 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955, both dates inclusive, and the  
15 Vietnam Conflict at any time between ~~August-57-1964~~ December  
16 22, 1961, and May 7, 1975, both dates inclusive, and their  
17 indigent spouses, surviving spouses, and minor children not  
18 over eighteen years of age, having a legal residence in the  
19 county.

20 Sec. 4. Section 250.16, Code 1987, is amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 250.16 MARKERS FOR GRAVES.

23 The county commission of veteran affairs may furnish a  
24 suitable and appropriate metal marker, at a cost not exceeding  
25 fifteen dollars each, for the grave of each honorably  
26 discharged person, who served in the military or naval forces  
27 of the United States during any war, including World War I at  
28 any time between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, both  
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32 1955, both dates inclusive, and the Vietnam Conflict at any  
33 time between ~~August-57-1964~~ December 22, 1961, and May 7,  
34 1975, both dates inclusive, and who is buried within the  
35 limits of the county, to be placed at the individual's grave

1 to permanently mark and designate the grave for memorial  
2 purposes. The expenses shall be paid from any funds raised as  
3 provided in this chapter.

4 EXPLANATION

5 This bill changes the beginning eligibility date for  
6 military veterans of the Vietnam Conflict from August 5, 1964  
7 to December 22, 1961. This change makes the veterans eligible  
8 for membership on the county commission on veteran affairs and  
9 for certain benefits including financial assistance and  
10 funeral, burial, and marker expenses for indigent veterans and  
11 their families.

12 COMPANION TO LSB 7877H 72

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STATE OF IOWA

FISCAL NOTE

LSB No. 7876S  
Staff ID. DPW

REQ. BY SENATOR HUTCHINS


SENATE FILE 2088

In compliance with a written request received February 2, 1988, a fiscal note for SENATE FILE 2088 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note are available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

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**FISCAL EFFECT:** There is no effect on State funds as all costs are paid for by the Counties. The amounts paid for these benefits vary from \$400 to \$2,000 depending upon the county involved. Data is not available to determine the potential increased cost per county due to this change

(SOURCE: Department of Public Defense)

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Fiscal Director  
Legislative Fiscal Bureau  
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AN ACT

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JO ANN ZIMMERMAN  
President of the Senate

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DONALD D. AVENSON  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2088, Seventy-second General Assembly.

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JOHN F. DWYER  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved April 14, 1988

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor