

SENATE FILE 2111  
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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing the position of veterans advocate under the  
2 authority of the attorney general to be housed in the office  
3 of commission of veterans affairs and making an appropriation.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 13.32 VETERANS ADVOCATE.

2 1. APPOINTMENT. The attorney general shall appoint a  
3 competent attorney to the office of veterans advocate, subject  
4 to confirmation by the senate, in accordance with section  
5 2.32. The veterans advocate is to be housed in the office of  
6 the commission of veterans affairs. The advocate shall be an  
7 honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United  
8 States. The advocate's term of office is for four years. The  
9 term begins and ends in the same manner as set forth in  
10 section 69.19.

11 2. VACANCY. If a vacancy occurs in the office of veterans  
12 advocate, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term  
13 in the same manner as an original appointment under the  
14 procedures of section 2.32.

15 3. POLITICAL ACTIVITY PROHIBITED. The veterans advocate  
16 shall devote the advocate's entire time to the duties of the  
17 office; and during the advocate's term of office the advocate  
18 shall not be a member of a political committee or contribute  
19 to a political campaign fund other than through the income tax  
20 checkoff for contributions to the Iowa election campaign fund  
21 and the presidential election campaign fund or take part in  
22 political campaigns or be a candidate for a political office.

23 4. REMOVAL. The attorney general may remove the veterans  
24 advocate for malfeasance or nonfeasance in office, or for any  
25 cause which renders the advocate ineligible for appointment,  
26 or incapable or unfit to discharge the duties of the  
27 advocate's office; and the advocate's removal, when so made,  
28 is final.

29 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 13.33 DUTIES OF VETERANS ADVOCATE.

30 The veterans advocate shall do all of the following:

31 1. Assist the commission of veterans affairs created in  
32 section 35A.2 in the carrying out of its duties.

33 2. Assist the veterans of the state in obtaining the  
34 benefits to which they are entitled.

35 3. Assist the veterans of the state in gaining admission

1 to the Iowa veterans home in a timely manner.

2 4. Provide assistance to the county commissions of  
3 veterans affairs created in chapter 35B in the carrying out of  
4 their duties.

5 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 13.34 FUNDING.

6 There is appropriated annually from the general fund of the  
7 state an amount sufficient to fund the cost of the position of  
8 veterans advocate and the office of veterans advocate.

9 EXPLANATION

10 This bill establishes a position of veterans advocate under  
11 the authority of the attorney general's office. The advocate  
12 is to be appointed by the attorney general with confirmation  
13 by the senate. The person selected for the post is to be an  
14 attorney who has been honorably discharged from the military  
15 service of the United States and will be housed in the office  
16 of the state commission of veterans affairs. A standing  
17 unlimited appropriation from the state general fund is  
18 provided to fund the position and the advocate's office.

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