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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the validity and enforceability in Iowa of an
2 advance directive document executed by a veteran of the armed
3 forces.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 144A.3, subsection 4, Code 1997, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. A declaration or similar document executed in another
4 state or jurisdiction in compliance with the law of that state
5 or jurisdiction shall be deemed valid and enforceable in this
6 state, to the extent the declaration or similar document is
7 consistent with the laws of this state. A declaration or
8 similar document executed by a veteran of the armed forces
9 which is in compliance with the federal department of veterans
10 affairs advance directive requirements shall be deemed valid
11 and enforceable.

12 Sec. 2. Section 144B.3, subsection 4, Code 1997, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 4. A durable power of attorney for health care or similar
15 document executed in another state or jurisdiction in
16 compliance with the law of that state or jurisdiction shall be
17 deemed valid and enforceable in this state, to the extent the
18 document is consistent with the laws of this state. A durable
19 power of attorney or similar document executed by a veteran of
20 the armed forces which is in compliance with the federal
21 department of veterans affairs advance directive requirements
22 shall be deemed valid and enforceable.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill provides that an advance directive declaration or
25 similar document, executed by a veteran of the armed forces,
26 which complies with the federal department of veterans affairs
27 requirements for advance directives is deemed valid and
28 enforceable in Iowa under the life-sustaining procedures Act
29 (Code chapter 144A) and the durable power of attorney for
30 health care chapter of the Code (chapter 144B).

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