(SUCCESSOR TO SF 145) (SUCCESSOR TO SF 291)

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### A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to veterans' benefits, veterans preference,
2 veterans' claims, reimbursement for military service tax
3 exemption, and providing a penalty and applicability date.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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#### SENATE FILE 462

S-3181

1 Amend Senate File 462 as follows:
2 1. Page 4, by striking lines 32 and 33 and
3 inserting the following: "States, at any time between
4 December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, both dates
5 inclusive, and who served for a period of".
6 2. Page 5, line 19, by striking the word and
7 figures "September 16, 1940" and inserting the
8 following: "December 7, 1941".

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20 21 22 DIVISION I

2 VETERANS BENEFITS

- 3 Section 1. Section 19A.9, subsection 21, unnumbered
- 4 paragraph 1, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:
- 5 For veterans preference through a provision that honorably
- 6 separated veterans who-served-on-active-duty-in-the-armed
- 7 forces-of-the-United-States-in-any-warz-campaign-or-expedition
- 8 for-which-a-campaign-badge-or-service-medal-has-been
- 9 authorized-by-the-government-of-the-United-States as defined
- 10 in section 35.1 shall have five points added to the grade or
- 11 score attained in qualifying examinations for appointment to
- 12 jobs.

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- 13 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 35.1 DEFINITIONS.
- 14 As used in this chapter and chapters 35A through 35D:
- 15 1. "Commission" means the commission of veterans affairs
- 16 created in section 35A.2.
- 17 2. a. "Veteran" means a resident of this state who served
- 18 in the armed forces of the United States at any time during
- 19 the following dates and who was discharged under honorable
- 20 conditions:
- 21 (1) World War I from April 6, 1917, through November 11,
- 22 1918.
- 23 (2) Occupation of Germany from November 12, 1918, through
- 24 July 11, 1923.
- 25 (3) American expeditionary forces in Siberia from November
- 26 12, 1918, through April 30, 1920.
- 27 (4) Second Haitian suppression of insurrections from 1919
- 28 through 1920.
- 29 (5) Second Nicaragua campaign with marines or navy in
- 30 Nicaragua or on combatant ships from 1926 through 1933.
- 31 (6) Yangtze service with navy and marines in Shanghai or
- 32 in the Yangtze valley from 1926 through 1927 and 1930 through
- 33 1932.
- 34 (7) China service with navy and marines from 1937 through
- 35 1939.

- 1 (8) World War II from December 7, 1941, through December 2 31, 1946.
- 3 (9) Korean conflict from June 25, 1950, through January 4 31, 1955.
- 5 (10) Vietnam conflict from February 28, 1961, through May 6 7, 1975.
- 7 (11) Lebanon or Grenada service from August 24, 1982, 8 through July 31, 1984.
- 9 (12) Panama service from December 20, 1989, through 10 January 31, 1990.
- 11 (13) Persian Gulf conflict from August 2, 1990, through
  12 the date the president or the Congress of the United States
  13 declares a cessation of hostilities. However, if the United
  14 States Congress enacts a date different from August 2, 1990,
  15 as the beginning Of the Persian Gulf conflict for purposes of
  16 determining whether a veteran is entitled to receive military
  17 benefits as a veteran of the Persian Gulf conflict, that date
  18 shall be substituted for August 2, 1990.
- b. "Veteran" includes the following persons:
- (1) Former members of the reserve forces of the United
  21 States who served at least twenty years in the reserve forces
  22 after January 28, 1973, and who were discharged under
  23 honorable conditions. However, a member of the reserve forces
  24 of the United States who completed a minimum aggregate of
  25 ninety days of active federal service, other than training,
  26 and was discharged under honorable conditions, or was retired
  27 under Title X of the United States Code shall be included as a
  28 veteran.
- 29 (2) Former members of the Iowa national guard who served 30 at least twenty years in the Iowa national guard after January 31 28, 1973, and who were discharged under honorable conditions. 32 However, a member of the Iowa national guard who was activated 33 for federal duty, other than training, for a minimum aggregate 34 of ninety days, and was discharged under honorable conditions 35 or was retired under Title X of the United States Code shall

- 1 be included as a veteran.
- 2 (3) Former members of the active, oceangoing merchant
- 3 marines who served during World War II at any time between
- 4 December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, both dates inclusive,
- 5 who were discharged under honorable conditions.
- 6 (4) Former members of the women's air force service pilots
- 7 and other persons who have been conferred veterans status
- 8 based on their civilian duties during World War II in
- 9 accordance with federal Pub. L. No. 95-202, 38 U.S.C. § 106.
- 10 Sec. 3. Section 35.8, Code 1999, is amended to read as
- 11 follows:
- 12 35.8 MONEY COMPRISING FUND.
- 13 A war orphans educational aid fund is created as a separate
- 14 fund in the state treasury under the control of the commission
- 15 of veterans affairs. Any money hereafter appropriated for the
- 16 purpose of aiding in the education of orphaned children of
- 17 honorably-discharged-persons-who-served-in-the-military-or
- 18 naval-forces-of-the-United-States-in-World-War-I-or-World-War
- 19 H veterans, as provided-by-this-chapter defined in section
- 20 35.1, shall be known-as deposited in the war orphans
- 21 educational aid fund.
- Sec. 4. Section 35.9, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1999,
- 23 is amended to read as follows:
- 24 The commission of veterans affairs may expend not more than
- 25 six hundred dollars per year for any one child who has lived
- 26 in the state of Iowa for two years preceding application for
- 27 aid, and who is the child of a person who died during-World
- 28 War-I-between-the-dates-of-April-67-19177-and-June-27-19217-or
- 29 during-World-War-II-between-the-dates-of-September-167-19407
- 30 and-December-317-19467-both-dates-inclusive7-or-the-Korean
- 31 Conflict-between-June-25,-1950,-and-January-31,-1955,-both
- 32 dates-inclusive,-or-the-Vietnam-Conflict-between-August-5,
- 33 19647-and-May-77-19757-both-dates-inclusive;-or-the-Persian
- 34 Gulf-Conflict-at-any-time-between-August-27-19907-and-the-date
- 35 the-president-or-the-Congress-of-the-United-States-declares-a

1 permanent-cessation-of-hostilities,-both-dates-inclusive, 2 while-serving-in-the during active federal military or-naval 3 forces service while serving in the armed forces or during 4 active federal military service in the Iowa national guard or -5 other military component of the United States, to-include 6 members-of-the-reserve-components-performing-service-or-duties 7 required-or-authorized-under-chapter-397-United-States-Gode 8 and-Title-327-United-States-Code7-sections-502-through-5057 9 and-active-state-service-required-or-authorized-under-chapter 10 29A7-or-as-a-result-of-such-service, to defray the expenses of 11 tuition, matriculation, laboratory and similar fees, books and 12 supplies, board, lodging, and any other reasonably necessary 13 expense for such the child or children incident to attendance 14 in this state at an educational or training institution of 15 college grade, or in a business or vocational training school 16 with standards approved by the commission of veterans affairs. 17 However,-if-Congress-enacts-a-date-different-from-August-2, 18 1990,-as-the-beginning-of-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-for 19 purposes-of-determining-whether-a-veteran-is-entitled-to 20 receive-military-benefits-as-a-veteran-of-the-Persian-Gulf 21 Conflict, that date shall be substituted for August 27-1990. 22 Sec. 5. Section 35A.8, Code 1999, is amended by adding the 23 following new subsection: The executive director shall 24 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. a. 25 provide for the administration of the bonus authorized in this 26 subsection. The commission shall adopt rules, pursuant to 27 chapter 17A, as necessary to administer this subsection 28 including, but not limited to, application procedures, 29 investigation, approval or disapproval, and payment of claims. Each person who served on active duty in the 31 active, oceangoing merchant marine service of the United 32 States, at any time between September 16, 1940, and September 33 2, 1945, both dates inclusive, and who served for a period of 34 not less than one hundred twenty days on or before December 35 31, 1946, and who at the time of entering into the merchant

1 marine service was a legal resident of the state of Iowa, and

2 who had maintained the person's residence in this state for a

- 3 period of at least six months immediately before entering the
- 4 merchant marine service, and was honorably discharged or
- 5 separated from the merchant marine service, is entitled to
- 6 receive from moneys appropriated for that purpose the sum of
- 7 twelve dollars and fifty cents for each month that the person
- 8 was on active duty in the merchant marine service, all before
- 9 December 31, 1946, not to exceed a total sum of five hundred
- 10 dollars. Compensation for a fraction of a month shall not be
- 11 considered unless the fraction is sixteen days or more, in
- 12 which case the fraction shall be computed as a full month.
- 13 (2) A person is not entitled to compensation pursuant to
- 14 this subsection if the person received a bonus or compensation
- 15 similar to that provided in this subsection from another
- 16 state.
- 17 (3) A person is not entitled to compensation pursuant to
- 18 this subsection if the person was on active duty in the
- 19 merchant marine service after September 16, 1940, and the
- 20 person refused on conscientious, political, religious, or
- 21 other grounds, to be subject to military discipline.
- 22 (4) The surviving unremarried widow or widower, child or
- 23 children, mother, father, or person standing in loco parentis,
- 24 in the order named and none other, of any deceased person,
- 25 shall be paid the compensation that the deceased person would
- 26 be entitled to pursuant to this subsection, if living, but if
- 27 any person has died or shall die, or is disabled, from
- 28 service-connected causes incurred during the period and in the
- 29 area from which the person is entitled to receive compensation
- 30 pursuant to this subsection, the person or the first survivor
- 31 as designated by this subsection and in the order named, shall
- 32 be paid five hundred dollars, regardless of the length of
- 33 service.
- 34 c. A person who knowingly makes a false statement relating
- 35 to a material fact in supporting an application under this

- 1 subsection is guilty of a serious misdemeanor. A person
- 2 convicted pursuant to this subsection shall forfeit all
- 3 benefits to which the person may have been entitled under this
- 4 subsection.
- 5 d. All payments and allowances made under this subsection
- 6 shall be exempt from taxation and from levy and sale on
- 7 execution.
- 8 e. The bonus compensation authorized under this subsection
- 9 shall be paid from moneys appropriated for that purpose.
- 10 Sec. 6. Section 35B.3, Code 1999, is amended to read as
- 11 follows:
- 12 35B.3 COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERAN AFFAIRS.
- 13 The county commission of veteran affairs shall consist of
- 14 either three or five persons, as determined by the board of
- 15 supervisors, all of whom shall be honorably-discharged-persons
- 16 who-served-in-the-military-or-naval-forces-of-the-United
- 17 States-in-any-wary-including-World-War-I-at-any-time-between
- 18 April-67-19177-and-November-117-19187-both-dates-inclusive;
- 19 World-War-II-at-any-time-between-December-77-1941,-and
- 20 December-317-19467-both-dates-inclusive7-the-Korean-Conflict
- 21 at-any-time-between-June-25,-1950,-and-January-31,-1955,-both
- 22 dates-inclusive;-the-Vietnam-Conflict-at-any-time-between
- 23 Becember-227-19617-and-May-77-19757-both-dates-inclusive;-and
- 24 the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-at-any-time-between-August-27-19907
- 25 and-the-date-the-president-or-the-Congress-of-the-United
- 26 States-declares-a-permanent-cessation-of-hostilities,-both
- 27 dates-inclusive:--However;-if-Congress-enacts-a-date-different
- 28 from-August-27-19907-as-the-beginning-of-the-Persian-Gulf
- 29 Conflict-for-purposes-of-determining-whether-a-veteran-is
- 30 entitled-to-receive-military-benefits-as-a-veteran-of-the
- 31 Persian-Gulf-Conflict, that date shall be substituted for
- 32 August-27-1990 veterans as defined in section 35.1. I
- 33 possible, each member of the commission shall be a veteran of
- 34 a different war-or-conflict;-so-as-to-divide-membership-among
- 35 the-persons-who-served-in-World-War-I7-World-War-II7-the

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- 1 Korean-Conflicty-the-Vietnam-Conflicty-and-the-Persian-Gulf
- 2 Conflict, -however, military action. However, this
- 3 qualification does not preclude membership to a veteran who
- 4 served in more than one of the wars-or-conflicts military
- 5 actions.
- 6 Sec. 7. Section 35B.10, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1999,
- 7 is amended to read as follows:
- 8 All claims certified by the commission shall be reviewed by
- 9 the board of supervisors and the county auditor shall issue
- 10 warrants in payment of the claims. All applications,
- 11 investigation reports and case records are privileged
- 12 communications and shall be held confidential, subject to use
- 13 and inspection only by persons authorized by law in connection
- 14 with their official duties relating to financial audits and
- 15 the administration of this chapter. However, the county
- 16 commission of veteran affairs shall prepare and file in the
- 17 office of the county auditor on or before the thirtieth day of
- 18 each January, April, July and October a report showing the
- 19 names-and-addresses case numbers of all recipients receiving
- 20 assistance under this chapter, together with the amount paid
- 21 to each during the preceding quarter. Each report so filed
- 22 shall be securely fixed in a record book to be used only for
- 23 such reports made under this chapter.
- 24 Sec. 8. Section 35B.13, Code 1999, is amended to read as
- 25 follows:
- 26 35B.13 BURIAL -- EXPENSES.
- 27 The commission is responsible for the interment in a
- 28 suitable cemetery of the body of any honorably-discharged
- 29 person-who-served-in-the-military-or-naval-forces-of-the
- 30 United-States-during-any-war;-including-World-War-I-at-any
- 31 time-between-April-67-19177-and-November-117-19187-both-dates
- 32 inclusive; -World-War-II-at-any-time-between-Becember-7;-1941;
- 33 and-December-31,-1946,-both-dates-inclusive,-the-Korean
- 34 Conflict-at-any-time-between-June-25,-1956,-and-January-31,
- 35 19557-both-dates-inclusive;-the-Vietnam-Conflict-at-any-time

- 1 between-December-227-19617-and-May-77-19757-both-dates 2 inclusive;-and-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-at-any-time-between 3 August-27-19907-and-the-date-the-president-or-the-Congress-of 4 the-United-States-declares-a-permanent-cessation-of 5 hostilities,-both-dates-inclusive; veteran, as defined in 6 section 35.1, or the spouse, surviving spouse, or child of the 7 person, if the person has died without leaving sufficient 8 means to defray the funeral expenses. However,-if-Congress 9 enacts-a-date-different-from-August-27-19907-as-the-beginning 10 of-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-for-purposes-of-determining 11 whether-a-veteran-is-entitled-to-receive-military-benefits-as 12 a-veteran-of-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict,-that-date-shall-be 13 substituted-for-August-27-1990. The commission may pay the 14 expenses in a sum not exceeding an amount established by the 15 board of supervisors. Sec. 9. Section 35B.14, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1999, 16 17 is amended to read as follows: The board of supervisors of each county may appropriate 18 19 moneys for the food, clothing, shelter, utilities, medical 20 benefits, and funeral expenses of honorably-discharged, 21 indigent persons-who-served-in-the-military-or-naval-forces-of 22 the-United-States-in-any-war-including-World-War-I-at-any-time 23 between-April-67-19177-and-November-117-19187-both-dates 24 inclusive; -World-War-II-at-any-time-between-Becember-7,-1941; 25 and-December-317-19467-both-dates-inclusive;-the-Korean 26 Conflict-at-any-time-between-June-25,-1950,-and-January-31,
- 28 between-December-227-19617-and-May-77-19757-both-dates
- 29 inclusive; -and-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-at-any-time-between

27 1955,-both-dates-inclusive;-the-Vietnam-Conflict-at-any-time

- 30 August-27-19907-and-the-date-the-president-or-the-Congress-of
- 31 the-United-States-declares-a-permanent-cessation-of
- 32 hostilities,-both-dates-inclusive; veterans, as defined in
- 33 section 35.1, and their indigent spouses, surviving spouses,
- 34 and minor children not over eighteen years of age, having a
- 35 legal residence in the county. However,-if-Congress-enacts-a

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- 1 date-different-from-August-27-19907-as-the-beginning-of-the
- 2 Persian-Gulf-Conflict-for-purposes-of-determining-whether-a
- 3 veteran-is-entitled-to-receive-military-benefits-as-a-veteran
- 4 of-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflicty-that-date-shall-be-substituted
- 5 for-August-27-1990-
- 6 Sec. 10. Section 35B.16, Code 1999, is amended to read as
- 7 follows:
- 8 35B.16 MARKERS FOR GRAVES.
- 9 The county commission of veteran affairs may furnish a
- 10 suitable and appropriate metal marker for the grave of each
- 11 honorably-discharged-person,-who-served-in-the-military-or
- 12 naval-forces-of-the-United-States-during-any-wary-including
- 13 World-War-I-at-any-time-between-April-6,-1917,-and-November
- 14 117-19187-both-dates-inclusive;-World-War-II-at-any-time
- 15 between-Becember-77-19417-and-Becember-317-19467-both-dates
- 16 inclusive;-the-Korean-Conflict-at-any-time-between-June-25;
- 17 19507-and-January-317-19557-both-dates-inclusive;-the-Vietnam
- 18 Conflict-at-any-time-between-Becember-22,-1961,-and-May-7,
- 19 19757-both-dates-inclusive;-and-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-at
- 20 any-time-between-August-2,-1990,-and-the-date-the-president-or
- 21 the-Congress-of-the-United-States-declares-a-permanent
- 22 cessation-of-hostilities,-both-dates-inclusive;-and veteran,
- 23 as defined in section 35.1, who is buried within the limits of
- 24 the county,-to. The marker shall be placed at the
- 25 individual's grave to permanently mark and designate the grave
- 26 for memorial purposes. The expenses shall be paid from any
- 27 funds raised as provided in this chapter. #f-Congress-enacts
- 28 a-date-different-from-August-27-19907-as-the-beginning-of-the
- 29 Persian-Gulf-Conflict-for-purposes-of-determining-whether-a
- 30 veteran-is-entitled-to-receive-military-benefits-as-a-veteran
- 31 of-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflicty-that-date-shall-be-substituted
- 32 for-August-27-1990:
- 33 Sec. 11. Section 35C.3, Code 1999, is amended to read as
- 34 follows:
- 35 35C.3 DUTY TO INVESTIGATE AND APPOINT.

When any preferred person shall-apply applies for 1 2 appointment or employment under this chapter, the officer, 3 board, or person whose duty it is or may be to appoint or 4 employ some a person to fill such the position or place shall, 5 before appointing or employing anyone a person to fill such 6 the position or place, make an investigation as to the 7 qualifications of said the applicant for such the place or 8 position, and if the applicant is of good moral character and 9 can perform the duties of said the position so applied for, as 10 hereinbefore-provided, -said the officer, board, or person 11 shall appoint said the applicant to such the position, place, 12 or employment. Said The appointing officer, board, or person 13 shall set forth in writing and file for public inspection, the 14 specific grounds upon which it is-held-that-the-person 15 appointed is-entitled-to-said-appointment; or in-the-case-such 16 appointment-is-refused,-the-specific-grounds-for-the-refusal 17 thereof refused to appoint the person. Within ten days after 18 an appointment is refused, the appointing officer, board, or 19 person shall notify the unsuccessful applicant in writing of 20 the specific grounds for refusal. Sec. 12. NEW SECTION. 35C.5A ARBITRATION. 21 22 In addition to the remedies provided in sections 35C.4 and 23 35C.5, a person belonging to a class of persons qualifying for 24 a preference may submit any refusal to allow a preference, or 25 any reduction of the person's salary as described in section 26 35C.4, to arbitration within sixty days after written 27 notification of the refusal or reduction. Within ten days 28 after any submission, an arbitrator shall be selected by a 29 committee that includes one member chosen by the person 30 refused preference, one member chosen by the appointing 31 officer, board, or person, and one member who shall be a 32 disinterested party selected by the other two members of the 33 committee. A list of qualified arbitrators may be obtained 34 from the American arbitration association or other recognized 35 arbitration organization or association. The decision of the

- 1 arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties.
- 2 Sec. 13. Section 37.10, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1999,
- 3 is amended to read as follows:
- 4 Each commissioner shall be an-honorably-discharged-soldier,
- 5 sailor,-marine,-airman,-or-coast-guard-member a veteran, as
- 6 defined in section 35.1, and be a resident of the county in
- 7 which the memorial hall or monument is located.
- 8 Sec. 14. Section 282.6, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1999,
- 9 is amended to read as follows:
- 10 Every school shall be free of tuition to all actual
- 11 residents between the ages of five and twenty-one years and to
- 12 resident honorably-discharged-soldiers,-sailors,-and-marines
- 13 veterans as defined in section 35.1, as many months after
- 14 becoming twenty-one years of age as they have spent in the
- 15 military-or-naval-service armed forces of the United States
- 16 before they became twenty-one, provided, however, fees may be
- 17 charged covering instructional costs for a summer school or
- 18 drivers education program. The board of education may, in a
- 19 hardship case, exempt a student from payment of the above
- 20 fees. Every person, however, who shall attend any school
- 21 after graduation from a four-year course in an approved high
- 22 school or its equivalent shall be charged a sufficient tuition
- 23 fee to cover the cost of the instruction received by such the
- 24 person.
- 25 Sec. 15. Section 331.608, subsection 8, Code 1999, is
- 26 amended to read as follows:
- 27 8. As used in this section, "veteran" means a man-or-woman
- 28 veteran as defined in section 35.1 who enlisted or was
- 29 inducted from the county, resided at any time in the county,
- 30 or is buried in the county and-who-served-as-a-member-of-a
- 31 branch-of-the-armed-forces-of-the-United-States-of-America;-as
- 32 a-member-of-the-merchant-marine-during-the-time-of-wary-during
- 33 the-Korean-Conflict-beginning-June-257-19507-and-ending
- 34 January-31,-1955,-both-dates-inclusive,-or-during-the-Vietnam
- 35 Conflict-beginning-August-57-19647-and-ending-June-307-19737

1 both-dates-inclusive,-or-as-a-member-of-the-armed-forces-of-a 2 country-allied-with-the-United-States-of-America-or-the-armed 3 forces-of-Iowa-or-another-state-or-territory. Sec. 16. Section 400.10, Code 1999, is amended to read as 5 follows: 6 400.10 PREFERENCES. 7 In all examinations and appointments under this chapter, 8 other than promotions and appointments of chief of the police 9 department and chief of the fire department, honorably 10 discharged veterans from-the-military-or-naval-forces-of-the 11 United-States-in-any-war-in-which-the-United-States-has-been 12 engaged; -including-the-Korean-Conflict-at-any-time-between 13 June-25,-1950,-and-January-31,-1955,-both-dates-inclusive,-the 14 Vietnam-Conflict-beginning-August-5,-1964,-and-ending-May-7, 15 1975,-both-dates-inclusive,-and-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict 16 beginning-August-2,-1990,-and-ending-on-the-date-specified-by 17 the-president-or-the-Congress-of-the-United-States-as-the-date 18 of-permanent-cessation-of-hostilities,-both-dates-inclusive, 19 and as defined in section 35.1, who are citizens and residents 20 of this state, shall have five points added to the veteran's 21 grade or score attained in qualifying examinations for 22 appointment to positions and five additional points added to 23 the grade or score if the veteran has a service-connected 24 disability or is receiving compensation, disability benefits 25 or pension under laws administered by the veterans 26 administration. However,-if-the-Congress-of-the-United-States 27 enacts-a-date-different-from-August-2,-1990,-as-the-beginning 28 of-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-to-determine-the-eligibility-of-a 29 veteran-for-military-benefits-as-a-veteran-of-the-Persian-Gulf 30 Conflict; the date enacted by the Congress of the United 31 States-shall-be-substituted-for-August-27-1990. An honorably 32 discharged veteran who has been awarded the Purple Heart for 33 disabilities incurred in action shall be considered to have a 34 service-connected disability. However, the points shall be

35 given only upon passing the exam and shall not be the

- 1 determining factor in passing.
- 2 For-the-purposes-of-this-section-World-War-II-shall-be-from
- 3 December-77-19417-to-December-317-19467-both-dates-inclusive-
- 4 Sec. 17. Section 427.3, subsections 1, 2, and 3, Code
- 5 1999, are amended to read as follows:
- 6 1. The property, not to exceed two thousand seven hundred
- 7 seventy-eight dollars in taxable value of any honorably
- 8 discharged-soldier,-sailor,-marine,-or-nurse veteran, as
- 9 defined in section 35.1, of the first World War.
- 10 2. The property, not to exceed one thousand eight hundred
- 11 fifty-two dollars in taxable value of an honorably separated,
- 12 retired, furloughed to a reserve, placed on inactive status,
- 13 or discharged soldier, -sailor, -marine, -or -nurse -of -the -second
- 14 World-War-from-December-77-19417-to-December-317-19467-army-of
- 15 occupation-in-Germany-from-November-127-19187-to-July-117
- 16 19237-American-expeditionary-forces-in-Siberia-from-November
- 17 127-19187-to-April-307-19207-second-Nicaraguan-campaign-with
- 18 the-navy-or-marines-in-Nicaragua-or-on-combatant-ships-1926-
- 19 19337-second-Haitian-suppression-of-insurrections-1919-19207
- 20 navy-and-marine-operations-in-China-1937-1939-and-Yangtze
- 21 service-with-navy-and-marines-in-Shanghai-or-in-the-Yangtze
- 22 Valley-1926-1927-and-1930-1932-or-of-the-Korean-Conflict-at
- 23 any-time-between-June-25,-1950,-and-January-31,-1955,-both
- 24 dates-inclusive;-or-those-who-served-on-active-duty-during-the
- 25 Vietnam-Conflict-beginning-Becember-227-19617-and-ending-May
- 26 77-19757-both-dates-inclusive7-or-those-who-served-on-active
- 27 duty-during-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-at-any-time-between
- 28 August-27-19907-and-the-date-the-president-or-the-Congress-of
- 29 the-United-States-declares-a-permanent-cessation-of
- 30 hostilities,-both-dates-inclusive veteran, as defined in
- 31 section 35.1. However, -if-Congress-enacts-a-date-different
- 32 from-August-2,-1990,-as-the-beginning-of-the-Persian-Gulf
- 33 Conflict-for-purposes-of-determining-whether-a-veteran-is
- 34 entitled-to-receive-military-benefits-as-a-veteran-of-the
- 35 Persian-Gulf-Conflicty-that-date-shall-be-substituted-for

- 1 August-27-1990---For-the-purposes-of-this-section7-"active
- 2 duty"-means-full-time-duty-in-the-armed-forces-of-the-United
- 3 States, excluding-active-duty-for-training-purposes-only-and
- 4 excluding-any-period-a-person-was-assigned-by-the-armed-forces
- 5 to-a-civilian-institution-for-a-course-of-education-or
- 6 training-which-was-substantially-the-same-as-established
- 7 courses-offered-to-civilians,-or-as-a-cadet-or-midshipman,
- 8 however-enrolled; -at-one-of-the-service-academies;
- 9 3. Where the word "soldier veteran" appears in this
- 10 chapter, it includes, without limitation, the members of the
- 11 United States air force and the United States merchant marine.
- 12 Sec. 18. Section 427.4, Code 1999, is amended to read as
- 13 follows:
- 14 427.4 EXEMPTIONS TO RELATIVES.
- In case any person in the foregoing classifications does
- 16 not claim any-such the exemption from taxation, it shall be
- 17 allowed in the name of such the person to the same extent on
- 18 the property of any one of the following persons in the order
- 19 named:
- 20 1. The spouse, or surviving spouse remaining unmarried, of
- 21 any-such-soldier,-sailor,-marine,-or-nurse a veteran, as
- 22 defined in section 35.1, where they are living together or
- 23 were living together at the time of the death of such-person
- 24 the veteran.
- 25 2. The parent whose spouse is deceased and who remains
- 26 unmarried, of any-such-soldier,-sailor,-marine,-or-nurse a
- 27 veteran, as defined in section 35.1, whether living or
- 28 deceased, where such the parent is, or was at the time of
- 29 death of the soldier, -sailor, -marine, -or -nurse veteran,
- 30 dependent on such-person the veteran for support.
- 31 3. The minor child, or children owning property as tenants
- 32 in common, of any-such a deceased soldier,-sailor,-marine,-or
- 33 nurse veteran, as defined in section 35.1.
- No more than one tax exemption shall be allowed under this
- 35 section or section 427.3 in the name of any-honorably

- 1 discharged-soldier,-sailor,-marine,-or-nurse a veteran, as
- 2 defined in section 35.1.
- 3 Sec. 19. Section 483A.24, subsection 13, Code 1999, is
- 4 amended to read as follows:
- 5 13. Upon payment of the fee of thirty dollars for a
- 6 lifetime hunting and fishing combined license, the department
- 7 shall issue a hunting and fishing combined license to a
- 8 resident of Iowa who is a veteran, as defined in section 35.1,
- 9 who was disabled during-the-period-of-a-veterants-service
- 10 listed-in-this-subsection or who was a prisoner of war during
- 11 that veteran's military service. The department shall prepare
- 12 an application to be used by a person requesting a hunting and
- 13 fishing combined license under this subsection. The
- 14 commission of veterans affairs shall assist the department in
- 15 verifying the status or claims of applicants under this
- 16 subsection. As used in this subsection, "veteran"-means-a
- 17 person-who-is-a-resident-of-Yowa-and-who-served-in-the-armed
- 18 forces-of-the-United-States-of-America-at-any-time-during
- 19 World-War-I-between-the-dates-of-April-67-1917,-and-July-27
- 20 1921, -World-War-fi-between-the-dates-of-Becember-7,-1941, and
- 21 December-317-19467-the-Korean-Conflict-between-the-dates-of
- 22 June-27,-1950,-and-January-31,-1955,-the-Vietnam-Conflict
- 23 between-August-57-19647-and-May-77-19757-or-the-Persian-Gulf
- 24 Conflict-between-August-2,-1990,-and-the-date-the-president-or
- 25 the-Congress-of-the-United-States-declares-a-permanent
- 26 cessation-of-hostilities,-all-dates-inclusive,-and "disabled"
- 27 means entitled to compensation under the United States Code,
- 28 Title 38, chapter 11.
- 29 Sec. 20. Section 35.7, Code 1999, is repealed.
- 30 DIVISION II
- 31 MILITARY SERVICE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT AND EXEMPTION
- 32 Sec. 21. Section 25B.7, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code
- 33 1999, is amended to read as follows:
- 34 c. Military service property tax credit and exemption
- 35 pursuant to chapter 426A and sections 427.3 through 427.7, to

- 1 the extent of six dollars and seventy-five ninety-two cents
- 2 per thousand dollars of assessed value of the exempt property.
- 3 Sec. 22. Section 426A.2, Code 1999, is amended to read as 4 follows:
- 5 426A.2 MILITARY SERVICE TAX CREDIT.
- 6 The moneys shall be apportioned each year so as to replace
- 7 all or a portion of the tax which would be due on property
- 8 eligible for military service tax exemption in the state, if
- 9 the property were subject to taxation, the amount of the
- 10 credit to be not more than six dollars and seventy-five
- 11 ninety-two cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of
- 12 property which would be subject to the tax, except for the
- 13 military service tax exemption.
- 14 Sec. 23. The increase in state reimbursement resulting
- 15 from the amendment to section 426A.2 in this Act is subject to
- 16 the limitation on its use by local governments as provided in
- 17 section 25B.7, subsection 3.
- 18 Sec. 24. Division II of this Act applies to the military
- 19 service property tax exemption claims allowed on or after
- 20 January 1, 2000.
- 21 EXPLANATION
- 22 Division I of this bill redefines "veteran" to include
- 23 those who served in the armed forces during designated wars or
- 24 expeditions and includes persons who served in the armed
- 25 forces of the United States during peacetime or in civilian
- 26 occupations which have been given military status when
- 27 performed during actual conflict or in war zones.
- 28 In addition to the persons who served during wars or
- 29 military conflicts, the term "veteran" is redefined to include
- 30 former members of the armed forces who served on active duty
- 31 during peacetime and were discharged under honorable
- 32 conditions, former members of the national guard or military
- 33 reserve who served 20 or more years after January 28, 1973,
- 34 and were discharged under honorable conditions, former members
- 35 of the active, oceangoing merchant marines who served during

- 1 World War II and were discharged under honorable conditions,
- 2 and former members of the women's air force service pilots and
- 3 other persons who have been conferred veterans status based on
- 4 their civilian duties during World War II pursuant to federal
- 5 law. A veteran also includes a member of the reserve forces
- 6 of the United States or the Iowa national guard who was
- 7 activated for federal service for at least 90 days or
- 8 completed at least 90 days of active federal service,
- 9 excluding training, and was discharged or retired under
- 10 honorable conditions. The definition change makes these
- 11 persons and their families eligible for veteran benefits, such
- 12 as military service property tax exemptions and credits,
- 13 education benefits for veterans' children, burial benefits,
- 14 employment preferences, bonus compensation for active,
- 15 oceangoing merchant marines during World War II, and benefits
- 16 for indigent veterans and their families. A veteran also
- 17 receives a preference in state employment.
- 18 Division I establishes a bonus compensation for merchant
- 19 marines who served during World War II and were discharged
- 20 under honorable conditions or for qualified relatives of
- 21 deceased merchant marines. The bonus is to be administered by
- 22 the executive director of the state commission of veterans
- 23 affairs. The bonus amounts to \$12.50 for each month served on
- 24 active duty, not to exceed a total of \$500. A person applying
- 25 for bonus compensation who knowingly makes a false statement
- 26 relating to a material fact commits a serious misdemeanor and
- 27 forfeits all rights to such compensation.
- 28 Division I amends the military service property tax
- 29 exemption provisions to correspond to the new definition of
- 30 veteran.
- 31 Division I replaces the term "honorably discharged persons"
- 32 with the term "veteran" for purposes of memorial markers
- 33 placed by county commissions of veteran affairs, for
- 34 membership on county commissions of veteran affairs, for
- 35 payment of burial expenses of veterans, for payments to

- 1 indigent veterans, and for the war orphans educational aid
- 2 fund. This change expands the number of persons eligible for
- 3 veterans preference and for lifetime hunting and fishing
- 4 licenses.
- 5 Claims certified by a county commission of veteran affairs
- 6 are required to be reviewed by the county board of supervisors
- 7 and the county auditor then issues warrants in payment of the
- 8 claims. The Code requires the county commissions to prepare
- 9 and file quarterly in the county auditor's office a report
- 10 showing the names and addresses of all recipients of
- ll assistance. Division I requires that case numbers, rather
- 12 than names and addresses, be used to identify recipients.
- 13 Under Division I, when a person who qualifies for a
- 14 veterans preference applies for an appointment or employment,
- 15 and is refused the appointment or employment, the appointing
- 16 officer, board, or person is required, within 10 days of the
- 17 refusal, to notify the unsuccessful applicant in writing of
- 18 the specific grounds for refusal.
- 19 If a person who belongs to a class of persons qualifying
- 20 for veterans preference is refused a preference or receives a
- 21 qualifying reduction in salary, the Code currently allows the
- 22 person the remedies of judicial review and appeal. Division I
- 23 adds arbitration as a third remedy. Within 60 days after
- 24 written notification of the refusal or reduction, the person
- 25 affected may submit the refusal or reduction to arbitration.
- 26 Within 10 days of a submission, an arbitrator shall be
- 27 selected by a committee that includes one member chosen by the
- 28 person refused preference, one member chosen by the appointing
- 29 officer, board, or person, and one member who shall be a
- 30 disinterested party selected by the other two members of the
- 31 committee. The arbitrator's decision is final and binding.
- 32 Division I repeals Code section 35.7, which becomes
- 33 redundant with the amendment to Code section 35.8.
- 34 Under present law, the state will reimburse local
- 35 governments for the lost tax revenue resulting from the

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1 military service tax exemption. However, the amount of
 2 reimbursement is limited to $6.75 per $1,000 of the assessed
 3 value of the exemption. Since the consolidated levies
 4 throughout the state exceed $6.75 per $1,000 of the assessed
 5 value, the local governments are not reimbursed for all the
 6 lost property tax revenue. This bill increases the amount of
 7 the reimbursement to $6.92 per $1,000 of the assessed value.
      Division II also limits the use of the increased
... 9 reimbursement to local governments to property tax relief and
10 infrastructure needs until July 1, 2002.
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      Division II applies to military service property tax
12 exemption claims allowed on or after January 1, 2000.
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#### SENATE FILE 462 FISCAL NOTE

A fiscal note for Senate File 462 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

Senate File 462 redefines the definition of veteran, provides a bonus compensation for merchant marines, and amends the military service property tax exemptions based upon the new definition of veteran.

#### **ASSUMPTIONS**

- 1. Bonus compensations for merchant marines:
  - A. There are approximately 300 eligible merchant marines/widows/children.
  - B. The maximum bonus is \$500 per eligible merchant marine or survivor.
- 2. The military service property tax exemption is based upon the new definition of veteran:
  - A. The redefinition of "veteran" to include persons honorably discharged from the armed services who served during Lebanon or Grenada service from August 24, 1982, through July 31, 1984. Second, it adds Panama service from December 20, 1989, through January 31, 1990. This is projected to add an additional 2,200 individuals, of which 75.0% (1,650) are assumed to be eligible homeowners.
  - B. The expansion of the definition of "veteran" to include veterans of the Iowa National Guard and the reserve forces would increase the number of eligible veterans by an additional 800 persons. Of the 800 individuals, 75.0% (600) are assumed to be eligible homeowners.
  - C. The military service exemption allows eligible property owners to reduce the taxable value of their home by \$1,852. The State currently reimburses local governments for \$6.75 per \$1,000 of lost taxable valuation. Senate File 462 increases the reimbursement to \$6.92 per \$1,000 of lost taxable valuation.
  - D. The average consolidated tax rate is estimated to be \$30.00 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated cost to the General Fund for Senate File 462 is as follows:

	FY 2000		<u>F</u>	FY 2001	
Merchant Marines	\$	150,000	\$	0	
Military Exempt. Approp.				97,000	
Total	\$	150,000	\$	97,000	

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The additional \$97,000 reimbursement by the State for the Military Service Tax Exemption effectively reimburses localities for the additional ,250 individuals now eligible due to Senate File 462.

#### SOURCES

Commission on Veterans Affairs Iowa Veterans Home Department of Management U.S. Census Bureau U.S. Department of Defense

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S.F. 462

SENATE FILE 462 COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 145) (SUCCESSOR TO SF 291)

- New Language by the Senate

(AS AMENDED AND PASSED BY THE SENATE MARCH 31, 1999)

Passed Senate, Date 4/28/99 Passed House, Date 4-27-99

Vote: Ayes 48 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 96 Nays 0

Approved May 25, 1999

(P.1816) Vote 97-0

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to veterans' benefits, veterans preference, 2 veterans' claims, reimbursement for military service tax 3 exemption, and providing a penalty and applicability date. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA: 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

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## S.F. 46Z H.F.

1 DIVISION I

2 VETERANS BENEFITS

- 3 Section 1. Section 19A.9, subsection 21, unnumbered
- 4 paragraph 1, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:
- 5 For veterans preference through a provision that honorably
- 6 separated veterans who-served-on-active-duty-in-the-armed
- 7 forces-of-the-United-States-in-any-wary-campaign-or-expedition
- 8 for-which-a-campaign-badge-or-service-medal-has-been
- 9 authorized-by-the-government-of-the-United-States as defined
- 10 in section 35.1 shall have five points added to the grade or
- 11 score attained in qualifying examinations for appointment to
- 12 jobs.
- 13 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 35.1 DEFINITIONS.
- 14 As used in this chapter and chapters 35A through 35D:
- 15 1. "Commission" means the commission of veterans affairs
- 16 created in section 35A.2.
- 17 2. a. "Veteran" means a resident of this state who served
- 18 in the armed forces of the United States at any time during
- 19 the following dates and who was discharged under honorable
- 20 conditions:
- 21 (1) World War I from April 6, 1917, through November 11,
- 22 1918.
- 23 (2) Occupation of Germany from November 12, 1918, through
- 24 July 11, 1923.
- 25 (3) American expeditionary forces in Siberia from November
- 26 12, 1918, through April 30, 1920.
- 27 (4) Second Haitian suppression of insurrections from 1919
- 28 through 1920.
- 29 (5) Second Nicaragua campaign with marines or navy in
- 30 Nicaragua or on combatant ships from 1926 through 1933.
- 31 (6) Yangtze service with navy and marines in Shanghai or
- 32 in the Yangtze valley from 1926 through 1927 and 1930 through
- 33 1932.
- 34 (7) China service with navy and marines from 1937 through
- **35** 1939.

- 1 (8) World War II from December 7, 1941, through December 2 31, 1946.
- 3 (9) Korean conflict from June 25, 1950, through January 4 31, 1955.
- 5 (10) Vietnam conflict from February 28, 1961, through May 6 7, 1975.
- 7 (11) Lebanon or Grenada service from August 24, 1982, 8 through July 31, 1984.
- 9 (12) Panama service from December 20, 1989, through 10 January 31, 1990.
- 11 (13) Persian Gulf conflict from August 2, 1990, through
  12 the date the president or the Congress of the United States
  13 declares a cessation of hostilities. However, if the United
  14 States Congress enacts a date different from August 2, 1990,
  15 as the beginning Of the Persian Gulf conflict for purposes of
  16 determining whether a veteran is entitled to receive military
  17 benefits as a veteran of the Persian Gulf conflict, that date
  18 shall be substituted for August 2, 1990.
- b. "Veteran" includes the following persons:
- 20 (1) Former members of the reserve forces of the United
  21 States who served at least twenty years in the reserve forces
  22 after January 28, 1973, and who were discharged under
  23 honorable conditions. However, a member of the reserve forces
  24 of the United States who completed a minimum aggregate of
  25 ninety days of active federal service, other than training,
  26 and was discharged under honorable conditions, or was retired
  27 under Title X of the United States Code shall be included as a
  28 veteran.
- 29 (2) Former members of the Iowa national guard who served 30 at least twenty years in the Iowa national guard after January 31 28, 1973, and who were discharged under honorable conditions. 32 However, a member of the Iowa national guard who was activated 33 for federal duty, other than training, for a minimum aggregate 34 of ninety days, and was discharged under honorable conditions 35 or was retired under Title X of the United States Code shall

- 1 be included as a veteran.
- 2 (3) Former members of the active, oceangoing merchant
- 3 marines who served during World War II at any time between
- 4 December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, both dates inclusive,
- 5 who were discharged under honorable conditions.
- 6 (4) Former members of the women's air force service pilots
- 7 and other persons who have been conferred veterans status
- 8 based on their civilian duties during World War II in
- 9 accordance with federal Pub. L. No. 95-202, 38 U.S.C. § 106.
- 10 Sec. 3. Section 35.8, Code 1999, is amended to read as
- 11 follows:
- 12 35.8 MONEY COMPRISING FUND.
- 13 A war orphans educational aid fund is created as a separate
- 14 fund in the state treasury under the control of the commission
- 15 of veterans affairs. Any money hereafter appropriated for the
- 16 purpose of aiding in the education of orphaned children of
- 17 honorably-discharged-persons-who-served-in-the-military-or
- 18 naval-forces-of-the-United-States-in-World-War-I-or-World-War
- 19 HT veterans, as provided-by-this-chapter defined in section
- 20 35.1, shall be known-as deposited in the war orphans
- 21 educational aid fund.
- Sec. 4. Section 35.9, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1999,
- 23 is amended to read as follows:
- 24 The commission of veterans affairs may expend not more than
- 25 six hundred dollars per year for any one child who has lived
- 26 in the state of Iowa for two years preceding application for
- 27 aid, and who is the child of a person who died during-World
- 28 War-I-between-the-dates-of-April-67-19177-and-June-27-19217-or
- 29 during-World-War-II-between-the-dates-of-September-167-19407
- 30 and-December-31,-1946,-both-dates-inclusive,-or-the-Korean
- 31 Conflict-between-June-257-19507-and-January-317-19557-both
- 32 dates-inclusive;-or-the-Vietnam-Conflict-between-August-5;
- 33 19647-and-May-77-19757-both-dates-inclusive7-or-the-Persian
- 34 Gulf-Conflict-at-any-time-between-August-27-19907-and-the-date
- 35 the-president-or-the-Congress-of-the-United-States-declares-a

1 permanent-cessation-of-hostilities,-both-dates-inclusive, 2 while-serving-in-the during active federal military or-naval 3 forces service while serving in the armed forces or during 4 active federal military service in the Iowa national guard or 5 other military component of the United States, to-include 6 members-of-the-reserve-components-performing-service-or-duties 7 required-or-authorized-under-chapter-397-United-States-Code 8 and-Title-327-United-States-Code7-sections-502-through-5057 9 and-active-state-service-required-or-authorized-under-chapter 10 29A7-or-as-a-result-of-such-service; to defray the expenses of 11 tuition, matriculation, laboratory and similar fees, books and 12 supplies, board, lodging, and any other reasonably necessary 13 expense for such the child or children incident to attendance 14 in this state at an educational or training institution of 15 college grade, or in a business or vocational training school 16 with standards approved by the commission of veterans affairs. 17 However,-if-Congress-enacts-a-date-different-from-August-2, 18 1990,-as-the-beginning-of-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-for 19 purposes-of-determining-whether-a-veteran-is-entitled-to 20 receive-military-benefits-as-a-veteran-of-the-Persian-Gulf 21 Conflict7-that-date-shall-be-substituted-for-August-27-1990-22 Sec. 5. Section 35A.8, Code 1999, is amended by adding the 23 following new subsection: 24 4. a. The executive director shall NEW SUBSECTION. 25 provide for the administration of the bonus authorized in this 26 subsection. The commission shall adopt rules, pursuant to 27 chapter 17A, as necessary to administer this subsection 28 including, but not limited to, application procedures, 29 investigation, approval or disapproval, and payment of claims. 30 (1) Each person who served on active duty in the 31 active, oceangoing merchant marine service of the United 32 States, at any time between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 33 1946, both dates inclusive, and who served for a period of not 34 less than one hundred twenty days on or before December 31, 35 1946, and who at the time of entering into the merchant marine

1 service was a legal resident of the state of Iowa, and who had

2 maintained the person's residence in this state for a period

- 3 of at least six months immediately before entering the
- 4 merchant marine service, and was honorably discharged or
- 5 separated from the merchant marine service, is entitled to
- 6 receive from moneys appropriated for that purpose the sum of
- 7 twelve dollars and fifty cents for each month that the person
- 8 was on active duty in the merchant marine service, all before
- 9 December 31, 1946, not to exceed a total sum of five hundred
- 10 dollars. Compensation for a fraction of a month shall not be
- 11 considered unless the fraction is sixteen days or more, in
- 12 which case the fraction shall be computed as a full month.
- 13 (2) A person is not entitled to compensation pursuant to
- 14 this subsection if the person received a bonus or compensation
- 15 similar to that provided in this subsection from another
- 16 state.
- 17 (3) A person is not entitled to compensation pursuant to
- 18 this subsection if the person was on active duty in the
- 19 merchant marine service after December 7, 1941, and the person
- 20 refused on conscientious, political, religious, or other
- 21 grounds, to be subject to military discipline.
- 22 (4) The surviving unremarried widow or widower, child or
- 23 children, mother, father, or person standing in loco parentis,
- 24 in the order named and none other, of any deceased person,
- 25 shall be paid the compensation that the deceased person would
- 26 be entitled to pursuant to this subsection, if living, but if
- 27 any person has died or shall die, or is disabled, from
- 28 service-connected causes incurred during the period and in the
- 29 area from which the person is entitled to receive compensation
- 30 pursuant to this subsection, the person or the first survivor
- 31 as designated by this subsection and in the order named, shall
- 32 be paid five hundred dollars, regardless of the length of
- 33 service.
- 34 c. A person who knowingly makes a false statement relating
- 35 to a material fact in supporting an application under this

- 1 subsection is guilty of a serious misdemeanor. A person
- 2 convicted pursuant to this subsection shall forfeit all
- 3 benefits to which the person may have been entitled under this
- 4 subsection.
- 5 d. All payments and allowances made under this subsection
- 6 shall be exempt from taxation and from levy and sale on
- 7 execution.
- 8 e. The bonus compensation authorized under this subsection
- 9 shall be paid from moneys appropriated for that purpose.
- 10 Sec. 6. Section 35B.3, Code 1999, is amended to read as
- 11 follows:
- 12 35B.3 COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERAN AFFAIRS.
- 13 The county commission of veteran affairs shall consist of
- 14 either three or five persons, as determined by the board of
- 15 supervisors, all of whom shall be honorably-discharged-persons
- 16 who-served-in-the-military-or-naval-forces-of-the-United
- 17 States-in-any-wary-including-World-War-I-at-any-time-between
- 18 April-67-19177-and-November-117-19187-both-dates-inclusive;
- 19 World-War-II-at-any-time-between-Becember-7,-1941,-and
- 20 December-31,-1946,-both-dates-inclusive;-the-Korean-Conflict
- 21 at-any-time-between-June-257-19507-and-January-317-19557-both
- 22 dates-inclusive;-the-Vietnam-Conflict-at-any-time-between
- 23 December-22,-1961,-and-May-7,-1975,-both-dates-inclusive,-and
- 24 the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-at-any-time-between-August-27-19907
- 25 and-the-date-the-president-or-the-Congress-of-the-United
- 26 States-declares-a-permanent-cessation-of-hostilities,-both
- 27 dates-inclusive---However,-if-Congress-enacts-a-date-different
- 28 from-August-27-19907-as-the-beginning-of-the-Persian-Gulf
- 29 Conflict-for-purposes-of-determining-whether-a-veteran-is
- 30 entitled-to-receive-military-benefits-as-a-veteran-of-the
- 31 Persian-Gulf-Conflict; that date-shall-be-substituted-for
- 32 August-27-1990 veterans as defined in section 35.1. If
- 33 possible, each member of the commission shall be a veteran of
- 34 a different war-or-conflict;-so-as-to-divide-membership-among
- 35 the-persons-who-served-in-World-War-I7-World-War-II;-the

- 1 Korean-Conflict, -the-Vietnam-Conflict, -and-the-Persian-Gulf
- 2 Conflict; -however, military action. However, this
- 3 qualification does not preclude membership to a veteran who
- 4 served in more than one of the wars-or-conflicts military
- 5 actions.
- 6 Sec. 7. Section 35B.10, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1999,
- 7 is amended to read as follows:
- 8 All claims certified by the commission shall be reviewed by
- 9 the board of supervisors and the county auditor shall issue
- 10 warrants in payment of the claims. All applications,
- 11 investigation reports and case records are privileged
- 12 communications and shall be held confidential, subject to use
- 13 and inspection only by persons authorized by law in connection
- 14 with their official duties relating to financial audits and
- 15 the administration of this chapter. However, the county
- 16 commission of veteran affairs shall prepare and file in the
- 17 office of the county auditor on or before the thirtieth day of
- 18 each January, April, July and October a report showing the
- 19 names-and-addresses case numbers of all recipients receiving
- 20 assistance under this chapter, together with the amount paid
- 21 to each during the preceding quarter. Each report so filed
- 22 shall be securely fixed in a record book to be used only for
- 23 such reports made under this chapter.
- 24 Sec. 8. Section 35B.13, Code 1999, is amended to read as
- 25 follows:
- 26 35B.13 BURIAL -- EXPENSES.
- 27 The commission is responsible for the interment in a
- 28 suitable cemetery of the body of any honorably-discharged
- 29 person-who-served-in-the-military-or-naval-forces-of-the
- 30 United-States-during-any-wary-including-World-War-I-at-any
- 31 time-between-April-6,-1917,-and-November-11,-1918,-both-dates
- 32 inclusive; -World-War-HI-at-any-time-between-Becember-7;-1941;
- 33 and-December-317-19467-both-dates-inclusive;-the-Korean
- 34 Conflict-at-any-time-between-June-257-19507-and-January-317
- 35 ±9557-both-dates-inclusive;-the-Vietnam-Conflict-at-any-time -

- 1 between-December-22;-1961;-and-May-7;-1975;-both-dates
  2 inclusive;-and-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-at-any-time-between
- 3 August-27-19907-and-the-date-the-president-or-the-Congress-of
- 4 the-United-States-declares-a-permanent-cessation-of
- 5 hostilities,-both-dates-inclusive; veteran, as defined in
- 6 section 35.1, or the spouse, surviving spouse, or child of the
- 7 person, if the person has died without leaving sufficient
- 8 means to defray the funeral expenses. However,-if-Congress
- 9 enacts-a-date-different-from-August-27-19907-as-the-beginning
- 10 of-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-for-purposes-of-determining
- 11 whether-a-veteran-is-entitled-to-receive-military-benefits-as
- 12 a-veteran-of-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict,-that-date-shall-be
- 13 substituted-for-August-27-1990. The commission may pay the
- 14 expenses in a sum not exceeding an amount established by the
- 15 board of supervisors.
- 16 Sec. 9. Section 35B.14, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1999,
- 17 is amended to read as follows:
- 18 The board of supervisors of each county may appropriate
- 19 moneys for the food, clothing, shelter, utilities, medical
- 20 benefits, and funeral expenses of honorably-discharged,
- 21 indigent persons-who-served-in-the-military-or-naval-forces-of
- 22 the-United-States-in-any-war-including-World-War-I-at-any-time
- 23 between-April-6,-1917,-and-November-11,-1918,-both-dates
- 24 inclusive; -World-War-II-at-any-time-between-December-7; -1941;
- 25 and-December-31,-1946,-both-dates-inclusive,-the-Korean
- 26 Conflict-at-any-time-between-June-25,-1950,-and-January-31,
- 27 19557-both-dates-inclusive;-the-Vietnam-Conflict-at-any-time
- 28 between-December-22,-1961,-and-May-7,-1975,-both-dates
- 29 inclusive; -and-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-at-any-time-between
- 30 August-27-19907-and-the-date-the-president-or-the-Congress-of
- 31 the-United-States-declares-a-permanent-cessation-of
- 32 hostilities,-both-dates-inclusive; veterans, as defined in
- 33 section 35.1, and their indigent spouses, surviving spouses,
- 34 and minor children not over eighteen years of age, having a
- 35 legal residence in the county. Howevery-if-Congress-enacts-a

- 1 date-different-from-August-27-19907-as-the-beginning-of-the
- 2 Persian-Gulf-Conflict-for-purposes-of-determining-whether-a
- 3 veteran-is-entitled-to-receive-military-benefits-as-a-veteran
- 4 of-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict, that-date-shall-be-substituted
- 5 for-August-27-1990-
- 6 Sec. 10. Section 35B.16, Code 1999, is amended to read as
- 7 follows:
- 8 35B.16 MARKERS FOR GRAVES.
- 9 The county commission of veteran affairs may furnish a
- 10 suitable and appropriate metal marker for the grave of each
- 11 honorably-discharged-person,-who-served-in-the-military-or
- 12 naval-forces-of-the-United-States-during-any-war;-including
- 13 World-War-I-at-any-time-between-April-6,-1917,-and-November
- 14 117-19187-both-dates-inclusive;-World-War-II-at-any-time
- 15 between-Becember-7,-1941,-and-Becember-31,-1946,-both-dates
- 16 inclusive; -the-Korean-Conflict-at-any-time-between-June-25;
- 17 19507-and-January-317-19557-both-dates-inclusive;-the-Vietnam
- 18 Conflict-at-any-time-between-Becember-227-19617-and-May-77
- 19 19757-both-dates-inclusive; -and-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-at
- 20 any-time-between-August-27-19907-and-the-date-the-president-or
- 21 the-Congress-of-the-United-States-declares-a-permanent
- 22 cessation-of-hostilities,-both-dates-inclusive;-and veteran,
- 23 as defined in section 35.1, who is buried within the limits of
- 24 the county,-to. The marker shall be placed at the
- 25 individual's grave to permanently mark and designate the grave
- 26 for memorial purposes. The expenses shall be paid from any
- 27 funds raised as provided in this chapter. #f-Congress-enacts
- 28 a-date-different-from-August-2,-1990,-as-the-beginning-of-the
- 29 Persian-Gulf-Conflict-for-purposes-of-determining-whether-a
- 30 veteran-is-entitled-to-receive-military-benefits-as-a-veteran
- 31 of-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflicty-that-date-shall-be-substituted
- 32 for-August-27-1990-
- 33 Sec. 11. Section 35C.3, Code 1999, is amended to read as
- 34 follows:
- 35 35C.3 DUTY TO INVESTIGATE AND APPOINT.

When any preferred person shall-apply applies for 1 2 appointment or employment under this chapter, the officer, 3 board, or person whose duty it is or may be to appoint or 4 employ some a person to fill such the position or place shall, 5 before appointing or employing anyone a person to fill such 6 the position or place, make an investigation as to the 7 qualifications of said the applicant for such the place or 8 position, and if the applicant is of good moral character and 9 can perform the duties of said the position so applied for, as 10 hereinbefore-provided, -said the officer, board, or person 11 shall appoint said the applicant to such the position, place, 12 or employment. Said The appointing officer, board, or person 13 shall set forth in writing and file for public inspection, the 14 specific grounds upon which it is-held-that-the-person 15 appointed is-entitled-to-said-appointment; or in-the-case-such 16 appointment-is-refused,-the-specific-grounds-for-the-refusal 17 thereof refused to appoint the person. Within ten days after 18 an appointment is refused, the appointing officer, board, or 19 person shall notify the unsuccessful applicant in writing of 20 the specific grounds for refusal. 35C.5A ARBITRATION. 21 Sec. 12. NEW SECTION. In addition to the remedies provided in sections 35C.4 and 23 35C.5, a person belonging to a class of persons qualifying for 24 a preference may submit any refusal to allow a preference, or 25 any reduction of the person's salary as described in section 26 35C.4, to arbitration within sixty days after written 27 notification of the refusal or reduction. Within ten days 28 after any submission, an arbitrator shall be selected by a 29 committee that includes one member chosen by the person 30 refused preference, one member chosen by the appointing 31 officer, board, or person, and one member who shall be a 32 disinterested party selected by the other two members of the 33 committee. A list of qualified arbitrators may be obtained 34 from the American arbitration association or other recognized 35 arbitration organization or association. The decision of the

- 1 arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties.
- 2 Sec. 13. Section 37.10, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1999,
- 3 is amended to read as follows:
- 4 Each commissioner shall be an-honorably-discharged-soldier,
- 5 sailor,-marine,-airman,-or-coast-guard-member a veteran, as
- 6 defined in section 35.1, and be a resident of the county in
- 7 which the memorial hall or monument is located.
- 8 Sec. 14. Section 282.6, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1999,
- 9 is amended to read as follows:
- Every school shall be free of tuition to all actual
- 11 residents between the ages of five and twenty-one years and to
- 12 resident honorably-discharged-soldiers,-sailors,-and-marines
- 13 veterans as defined in section 35.1, as many months after
- 14 becoming twenty-one years of age as they have spent in the
- 15 military-or-naval-service armed forces of the United States
- 16 before they became twenty-one, provided, however, fees may be
- 17 charged covering instructional costs for a summer school or
- 18 drivers education program. The board of education may, in a
- 19 hardship case, exempt a student from payment of the above
- 20 fees. Every person, however, who shall attend any school
- 21 after graduation from a four-year course in an approved high
- 22 school or its equivalent shall be charged a sufficient tuition
- 23 fee to cover the cost of the instruction received by such the
- 24 person.
- 25 Sec. 15. Section 331.608, subsection 8, Code 1999, is
- 26 amended to read as follows:
- 27 8. As used in this section, "veteran" means a man-or-woman
- 28 veteran as defined in section 35.1 who enlisted or was
- 29 inducted from the county, resided at any time in the county,
- 30 or is buried in the county and-who-served-as-a-member-of-a
- 31 branch-of-the-armed-forces-of-the-United-States-of-America;-as
- 32 a-member-of-the-merchant-marine-during-the-time-of-wary-during
- 33 the-Korean-Conflict-beginning-June-25,-1950,-and-ending
- 34 January-31,-1955,-both-dates-inclusive,-or-during-the-Vietnam
- 35 Conflict-beginning-August-57-19647-and-ending-June-307-19737

2 country-allied-with-the-United-States-of-America-or-the-armed 3 forces-of-Towa-or-another-state-or-territory. Sec. 16. Section 400.10, Code 1999, is amended to read as 5 follows: 400.10 PREFERENCES. In all examinations and appointments under this chapter, 7 8 other than promotions and appointments of chief of the police 9 department and chief of the fire department, honorably 10 discharged veterans from-the-military-or-naval-forces-of-the 11 United-States-in-any-war-in-which-the-United-States-has-been 12 engaged,-including-the-Korean-Conflict-at-any-time-between 13 June-25,-1950,-and-January-31,-1955,-both-dates-inclusive,-the 14 Vietnam-Conflict-beginning-August-5,-1964,-and-ending-May-7, 15 1975,-both-dates-inclusive,-and-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict 16 beginning-August-27-19907-and-ending-on-the-date-specified-by 17 the-president-or-the-Congress-of-the-United-States-as-the-date 18 of-permanent-cessation-of-hostilities,-both-dates-inclusive, 19 and as defined in section 35.1, who are citizens and residents 20 of this state, shall have five points added to the veteran's 21 grade or score attained in qualifying examinations for 22 appointment to positions and five additional points added to 23 the grade or score if the veteran has a service-connected 24 disability or is receiving compensation, disability benefits 25 or pension under laws administered by the veterans 26 administration. Howevery-if-the-Congress-of-the-United-States 27 enacts-a-date-different-from-August-2,-1990,-as-the-beginning 28 of-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-to-determine-the-eligibility-of-a 29 veteran-for-military-benefits-as-a-veteran-of-the-Persian-Gulf 30 Conflict; the date enacted by the Congress of the United 31 States-shall-be-substituted-for-August-27-1990. An honorably 32 discharged veteran who has been awarded the Purple Heart for 33 disabilities incurred in action shall be considered to have a 34 service-connected disability. However, the points shall be 35 given only upon passing the exam and shall not be the

1 both-dates-inclusivez-or-as-a-member-of-the-armed-forces-of-a

1 determining factor in passing. For-the-purposes-of-this-section-World-War-II-shall-be-from 3 Becember-77-19417-to-December-317-19467-both-dates-inclusive. Sec. 17. Section 427.3, subsections 1, 2, and 3, Code 5 1999, are amended to read as follows: 1. The property, not to exceed two thousand seven hundred 7 seventy-eight dollars in taxable value of any honorably 8 discharged-soldier; -sailor; -marine; -or-nurse veteran, as 9 defined in section 35.1, of the first World War. The property, not to exceed one thousand eight hundred 10 11 fifty-two dollars in taxable value of an honorably separated, 12 retired, furloughed to a reserve, placed on inactive status, 13 or discharged soldier,-sailor,-marine,-or-nurse-of-the-second 14 World-War-from-December-7,-1941,-to-December-31,-1946,-army-of 15 occupation-in-Germany-from-November-12,-1918,-to-July-11, 16 19237-American-expeditionary-forces-in-Siberia-from-November 17 127-19187-to-April-307-19207-second-Nicaraguan-campaign-with 18 the-navy-or-marines-in-Nicaragua-or-on-combatant-ships-1926-19 19337-second-Haitian-suppression-of-insurrections-1919-19207 20 navy-and-marine-operations-in-China-1937-1939-and-Yangtze 21 service-with-navy-and-marines-in-Shanghai-or-in-the-Yangtze 22 Valley-1926-1927-and-1930-1932-or-of-the-Korean-Conflict-at 23 any-time-between-June-257-19507-and-January-317-19557-both 24 dates-inclusive;-or-those-who-served-on-active-duty-during-the 25 Vietnam-Conflict-beginning-December-227-19617-and-ending-May 26 77-19757-both-dates-inclusive7-or-those-who-served-on-active 27 duty-during-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-at-any-time-between 28 August-27-19907-and-the-date-the-president-or-the-Congress-of 29 the-United-States-declares-a-permanent-cessation-of 30 hostilities,-both-dates-inclusive veteran, as defined in 31 section 35.1. However, -if-Congress-enacts-a-date-different 32 from-August-27-19907-as-the-beginning-of-the-Persian-Gulf 33 Conflict-for-purposes-of-determining-whether-a-veteran-is

34 entitled-to-receive-military-benefits-as-a-veteran-of-the 35 Persian-Gulf-Conflicty-that-date-shall-be-substituted-for

- 1 August-27-1990:--For-the-purposes-of-this-section;-"active
- 2 duty"-means-full-time-duty-in-the-armed-forces-of-the-United
- 3 States, -excluding-active-duty-for-training-purposes-only-and
- 4 excluding-any-period-a-person-was-assigned-by-the-armed-forces
- 5 to-a-civilian-institution-for-a-course-of-education-or
- 6 training-which-was-substantially-the-same-as-established
- 7 courses-offered-to-civilians,-or-as-a-cadet-or-midshipman,
- 8 however-enrolled; -at-one-of-the-service-academies;
- 9 3. Where the word "soldier veteran" appears in this
- 10 chapter, it includes, without limitation, the members of the
- 11 United States air force and the United States merchant marine.
- 12 Sec. 18. Section 427.4, Code 1999, is amended to read as
- 13 follows:
- 14 427.4 EXEMPTIONS TO RELATIVES.
- 15 In case any person in the foregoing classifications does
- 16 not claim any-such the exemption from taxation, it shall be
- 17 allowed in the name of such the person to the same extent on
- 18 the property of any one of the following persons in the order
- 19 named:
- 20 l. The spouse, or surviving spouse remaining unmarried, of
- 21 any-such-soldier,-sailor,-marine,-or-nurse a veteran, as
- 22 defined in section 35.1, where they are living together or
- 23 were living together at the time of the death of such-person
- 24 the veteran.
- 25 2. The parent whose spouse is deceased and who remains
- 26 unmarried, of any-such-soldier,-sailor,-marine,-or-nurse a
- 27 veteran, as defined in section 35.1, whether living or
- 28 deceased, where such the parent is, or was at the time of
- 29 death of the soldier, sailor, marine, or nurse veteran,
- 30 dependent on such-person the veteran for support.
- 31 3. The minor child, or children owning property as tenants
- 32 in common, of any-such a deceased soldier,-sailor,-marine,-or
- 33 nurse veteran, as defined in section 35.1.
  - 4 No more than one tax exemption shall be allowed under this
- 35 section or section 427.3 in the name of any-honorably

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1 discharged-soldier,-sailor,-marine,-or-nurse a veteran, as
2 defined in section 35.1.
     Sec. 19. Section 483A.24, subsection 13, Code 1999, is
 4 amended to read as follows:
      13. Upon payment of the fee of thirty dollars for a
6 lifetime hunting and fishing combined license, the department
 7 shall issue a hunting and fishing combined license to a
 8 resident of Iowa who is a veteran, as defined in section 35.1,
 9 who was disabled during-the-period-of-a-veteran's-service
10 listed-in-this-subsection or who was a prisoner of war during
11 that veteran's military service. The department shall prepare
12 an application to be used by a person requesting a hunting and
13 fishing combined license under this subsection.
14 commission of veterans affairs shall assist the department in
15 verifying the status or claims of applicants under this
16 subsection. As used in this subsection, "veteran"-means-a
17 person-who-is-a-resident-of-Yowa-and-who-served-in-the-armed
18 forces-of-the-United-States-of-America-at-any-time-during
19 World-War-I-between-the-dates-of-April-67-1917,-and-July-27
20 19217-World-War-II-between-the-dates-of-December-77-19417-and
21 December-317-19467-the-Korean-Conflict-between-the-dates-of
22 June-27,-1950,-and-January-31,-1955,-the-Vietnam-Conflict
23 between-August-57-19647-and-May-77-19757-or-the-Persian-Gulf
24 Conflict-between-August-27-19907-and-the-date-the-president-or
25 the-Congress-of-the-United-States-declares-a-permanent
26 cessation-of-hostilities,-all-dates-inclusive,-and "disabled"
27 means entitled to compensation under the United States Code,
28 Title 38, chapter 11.
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      Sec. 20. Section 35.7, Code 1999, is repealed.
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                             DIVISION II
31
         MILITARY SERVICE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT AND EXEMPTION
32
      Sec. 21. Section 25B.7, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code
33 1999, is amended to read as follows:
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Military service property tax credit and exemption

35 pursuant to chapter 426A and sections 427.3 through 427.7, to

1 the extent of six dollars and seventy-five ninety-two cents 2 per thousand dollars of assessed value of the exempt property. Sec. 22. Section 426A.2, Code 1999, is amended to read as 4 follows: 426A.2 MILITARY SERVICE TAX CREDIT. The moneys shall be apportioned each year so as to replace 7 all or a portion of the tax which would be due on property 8 eligible for military service tax exemption in the state, if 9 the property were subject to taxation, the amount of the 10 credit to be not more than six dollars and seventy-five 11 ninety-two cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of 12 property which would be subject to the tax, except for the 13 military service tax exemption. Sec. 23. The increase in state reimbursement resulting 15 from the amendment to section 426A.2 in this Act is subject to 16 the limitation on its use by local governments as provided in 17 section 25B.7, subsection 3. 18 Sec. 24. Division II of this Act applies to the military 19 service property tax exemption claims allowed on or after 20 January 1, 2000. 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32

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## SENATE FILE 462

H-1790

- Amend Senate File 462, as amended, passed, and
- 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
- 1. Page 16, by striking lines 14 through 17.

By MYERS of Johnson

HOUSER of Pottawattamie

H-1790 FILED APRIL 22, 1999 adapted (P. 1734) 4.27-99 (P. 1734)

# SENATE FILE 462

### H-1815

- Amend Senate File 462, as amended, passed, and
- 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
- 1. Page 3, by inserting after line 9 the

4 following:

- "( ) A person who served in the armed forces of
- 6 the United States, is a former member of reserved
- 7 forces of the United States and served for at least
- 8 six years, is a former member of the Iowa national
- 9 guard, and is discharged under honorable conditions."
- 2. By renumbering as necessary.

By WEIGEL of Chickasaw

H-1815 FILED APRIL 26, 1999

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(P. 1734)

## SENATE FILE 462

# H-1818

- Amend Senate File 462, as amended, passed, and
- 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
- 1. Page 3, by inserting after line 9 the

4 following:

- "( \_\_) A person who served for a total of six
- 6 years in the armed forces of the United States, the
- 7 reserved forces of the United States and the Iowa
- 8 national guard, and is discharged under honorable
- 9 conditions."
- By renumbering as necessary.

By WEIGEL of Chickasaw

H-1818 FILED APRIL 26, 1999

Lost 4/27/99 (P1735)

# SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE AMENDMENT TO S. F. 462

- Amend the House amendment, S-3494, to Senate File 2 462, as amended, passed, and reprinted by the Senate, 3 as follows:
- 1. Page 1, by striking lines 3 through 5.
- Page 1, by striking lines 39 and 40.
  - 3. Page 1, by striking lines 42 and 43.

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H-1884 FILED APRIL 28, 1999 House Concurred 4-29-99 (P. 1874)

## SENATE FILE 462

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H-1730
      Amend Senate File 462, as amended, passed, and
 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:

    Page 1, by striking lines 3 through 12.

         By striking page 10, line 21, through page 11,
 5 line 1.
         Page 11, by inserting after line 24 the
 7 following:
      "Sec.
               . Section 321.34, Code 1999, is amended
 9 by adding the following new subsection:
      NEW SUBSECTION. 15. LEGION OF MERIT SPECIAL
           The owner of a motor vehicle subject to
11 PLATES.
12 registration under section 321.109, subsection 1,
13 light delivery truck, panel delivery truck, or pickup
14 who has been awarded the legion of merit may, upon
15 written application to the department and presentation
16 of satisfactory proof of the award of the legion of
17 merit as established by the Congress of the United
18 States, order special registration plates with a
19 legion of merit processed emblem. The emblem shall be
20 designed by the department in cooperation with the
21 adjutant general and shall signify that the owner was
22 awarded the legion of merit.
                                The application is
23 subject to approval by the department, in consultation
24 with the adjutant general. The special plates shall
25 be issued at no charge and are subject to an annual
26 registration fee of fifteen dollars. The county
27 treasurer shall validate the special plates in the
28 same manner as regular registration plates are
29 validated under this section.
      The surviving spouse of a person who was issued
31 special plates under this subsection may continue to
32 use or apply for and use the special plates subject to
33 registration of the special plates in the surviving
34 spouse's name and upon payment of the annual
35 registration fee. If the surviving spouse remarries,
36 the surviving spouse shall return the special plates
37 to the department and the department shall issue
38 regular registration plates to the surviving spouse."
     4.
         By striking page 12, line 4, through page 13,
40 line 3.
         Title page, line 1, by striking the words
42 "veterans preference,".
         Title page, line 2, by inserting after the
44 word "claims," the following: "special veterans'
45 motor vehicle registration plates,".
                              By COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
                                 VAN FOSSEN of Scott, Chairperson
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H-1730 FILED APRIL 21, 1999

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# HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE FILE 462

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Amend Senate File 462, as amended, passed, and 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:

Page 1, by striking lines 3 through 12.

By striking page 10, line 21, through page 11, 5 line 1.

Page 11, by inserting after line 24 the 6 3. 7 following:

Section 321.34, Code 1999, is amended 8 "Sec.

9 by adding the following new subsection:

10 NEW SUBSECTION. 15. LEGION OF MERIT SPECIAL 11 PLATES. The owner of a motor vehicle subject to 12 registration under section 321.109, subsection 1, 13 light delivery truck, panel delivery truck, or pickup 14 who has been awarded the legion of merit may, upon 15 written application to the department and presentation 16 of satisfactory proof of the award of the legion of 17 merit as established by the Congress of the United 18 States, order special registration plates with a 19 legion of merit processed emblem. The emblem shall be 20 designed by the department in cooperation with the 21 adjutant general and shall signify that the owner was 22 awarded the legion of merit. The application is 23 subject to approval by the department, in consultation with the adjutant general. The special plates shall be issued at no charge and are subject to an annual 5 registration fee of fifteen dollars. The county 27 treasurer shall validate the special plates in the

The surviving spouse of a person who was issued 31 special plates under this subsection may continue to 32 use or apply for and use the special plates subject to 33 registration of the special plates in the surviving 34 spouse's name and upon payment of the annual 35 registration fee. If the surviving spouse remarries, 36 the surviving spouse shall return the special plates 37 to the department and the department shall issue 38 regular registration plates to the surviving spouse."

28 same manner as regular registration plates are

39 4. By striking page 12, line 4, through page 13, 40 line 3.

> 5. Page 16, by striking lines 14 through 17.

Title page, line 1, by striking the words 43 "veterans preference,".

Title page, line 2, by inserting after the 45 word "claims," the following: "special veterans' 46 motor vehicle registration plates,".

By renumbering, relettering, or redesignating 48 and correcting internal references as necessary. RECEIVED FROM THE HOUSE

3-3494 FILED APRIL 27, 1999

29 validated under this section.

Sente Conunce 4-28-99 (P.1357)

# SENATE FILE 462

# S-3522

- 1 Amend the House amendment, S-3494, to Senate File
- 2 462, as amended, passed, and reprinted by the Senate,
- 3 as follows:
  - Page 1, by striking lines 3 through 5.
- 5 2. Page 1, by striking lines 39 and 40.
- 3. Page 1, by striking lines 42 and 43.

By RICHARD F. DRAKE JOHN P. KIBBIE

S-3522 FILED APRIL 28, 1999 ADOPTED (6.1357)

#### AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS' BENEFITS, VETERANS PREFERENCE,
VETERANS' CLAIMS, SPECIAL VETERANS' MOTOR VEHICLE
REGISTRATION PLATES, REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILITARY
SERVICE TAX EXEMPTION, AND PROVIDING A PENALTY AND
APPLICABILITY DATE.

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

#### DIVISION I

#### VETERANS BENEFITS

Section 1. Section 19A.9, subsection 21, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

For veterans preference through a provision that honorably separated veterans who-served-on-active-duty-in-the-armed forces-of-the-United-States-in-any-war7-campaign-or-expedition for-which-a-campaign-badge-or-service-medal-has-been authorized-by-the-government-of-the-United-States as defined in section 35.1 shall have five points added to the grade or score attained in qualifying examinations for appointment to jobs.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 35.1 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter and chapters 35A through 35D:

- "Commission" means the commission of veterans affairs created in section 35A.2.
- 2. a. "Veteran" means a resident of this state who served in the armed forces of the United States at any time during the following dates and who was discharged under honorable conditions:
- (1) World War I from April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918.

- (2) Occupation of Germany from November 12, 1918, through July 11, 1923.
- (3) American expeditionary forces in Siberia from November 12, 1918, through April 30, 1920.
- (4) Second Haitian suppression of insurrections from 1919 through 1920.
- (5) Second Nicaragua campaign with marines or navy in Nicaragua or on combatant ships from 1926 through 1933.
- (6) Yangtze service with navy and marines in Shanghai or in the Yangtze valley from 1926 through 1927 and 1930 through 1932.
- (7) China service with navy and marines from 1937 through 1939.
- (8) World War II from December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946.
- (9) Korean conflict from June 25, 1950, through January 31, 1955.
- (10) Vietnam conflict from February 28, 1961, through May 7, 1975.
- (11) Lebanon or Grenada service from August 24, 1982, through July 31, 1984.
- (12) Panama service from December 20, 1989, through January 31, 1990.
- (13) Persian Gulf conflict from August 2, 1990, through the date the president or the Congress of the United States declares a cessation of hostilities. However, if the United States Congress enacts a date different from August 2, 1990, as the beginning of the Persian Gulf conflict for purposes of determining whether a veteran is entitled to receive military benefits as a veteran of the Persian Gulf conflict, that date shall be substituted for August 2, 1990.
  - b. "Veteran" includes the following persons:
- (1) Former members of the reserve forces of the United States who served at least twenty years in the reserve forces after January 28, 1973, and who were discharged under honorable conditions. However, a member of the reserve forces

of the United States who completed a minimum aggregate of ninety days of active federal service, other than training, and was discharged under honorable conditions, or was retired under Title X of the United States Code shall be included as a veteran.

- (2) Former members of the Iowa national guard who served at least twenty years in the Iowa national guard after January 28, 1973, and who were discharged under honorable conditions. However, a member of the Iowa national guard who was activated for federal duty, other than training, for a minimum aggregate of ninety days, and was discharged under honorable conditions or was retired under Title X of the United States Code shall be included as a veteran.
- (3) Former members of the active, oceangoing merchant marines who served during World War II at any time between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, both dates inclusive, who were discharged under honorable conditions.
- (4) Former members of the women's air force service pilots and other persons who have been conferred veterans status based on their civilian duties during World War II in accordance with federal Pub. L. No. 95-202, 38 U.S.C. § 106.
- Sec. 3. Section 35.8, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:
  - 35.8 MONEY COMPRISING FUND.

A war orphans educational aid fund is created as a separate fund in the state treasury under the control of the commission of veterans affairs. Any money hereafter appropriated for the purpose of aiding in the education of orphaned children of honorably-discharged-persons-who-served-in-the-military-or naval-forces-of-the-United-States-in-World-War-I-or-World-War IF veterans, as provided-by-this-chapter defined in section 35.1, shall be known-as deposited in the war orphans educational aid fund.

Sec. 4. Section 35.9, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

The commission of veterans affairs may expend not more than six hundred dollars per year for any one child who has lived in the state of Iowa for two years preceding application for aid, and who is the child of a person who died during-World War-I-between-the-dates-of-April-67-19177-and-Sune-27-19217-or during-World-War-fi-between-the-dates-of-September-167-19407 and-December-317-19467-both-dates-inclusive7-or-the-Horean Conflict-between-June-25;-1950;-and-January-31;-1955;-both dates-inclusivey-or-the-Vietnam-Conflict-between-August-57 19647-and-May-77-19757-both-dates-inclusive7-or-the-Persian Gulf-Conflict-at-any-time-between-August-27-19907-and-the-date the-president-or-the-Congress-of-the-United-States-declares-a permanent-cessation-of-hostilities,-both-dates-inclusive, white-serving-in-the during active federal military or-mavat forces service while serving in the armed forces or during active federal military service in the Iowa national quard or other military component of the United States, to-include members-of-the-reserve-components-performing-service-or-duties required-or-authorized-under-chapter-39,-United-States-Code and-Title-32;-United-States-Code;-sections-502-through-505; and-active-state-service-required-or-authorized-under-chapter 29A7-or-as-a-result-of-such-service; to defray the expenses of tuition, matriculation, laboratory and similar fees, books and supplies, board, lodging, and any other reasonably necessary expense for such the child or children incident to attendance in this state at an educational or training institution of college grade, or in a business or vocational training school with standards approved by the commission of veterans affairs. Howevery-if-Congress-enacts-a-date-different-from-August-27 19967-as-the-beginning-of-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-for purposes-of-determining-whether-a-veteran-is-entitled-to receive-military-benefits-as-a-veteran-of-the-Persian-Bulf Conflicty-that-date-shall-be-substituted-for-August-27-1990+

Sec. 5. Section 35A.8, Code 1999, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 4. a. The executive director shall provide for the administration of the bonus authorized in this subsection. The commission shall adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 17A, as necessary to administer this subsection including, but not limited to, application procedures, investigation, approval or disapproval, and payment of claims.

- b. (1) Each person who served on active duty in the active, oceangoing merchant marine service of the United States, at any time between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, both dates inclusive, and who served for a period of not less than one hundred twenty days on or before December 31, 1946, and who at the time of entering into the merchant marine service was a legal resident of the state of Iowa, and who had maintained the person's residence in this state for a period of at least six months immediately before entering the merchant marine service, and was honorably discharged or separated from the merchant marine service, is entitled to receive from moneys appropriated for that purpose the sum of twelve dollars and fifty cents for each month that the person was on active duty in the merchant marine service, all before December 31, 1946, not to exceed a total sum of five hundred dollars. Compensation for a fraction of a month shall not be considered unless the fraction is sixteen days or more, in which case the fraction shall be computed as a full month.
- (2) A person is not entitled to compensation pursuant to this subsection if the person received a bonus or compensation similar to that provided in this subsection from another state.
- (3) A person is not entitled to compensation pursuant to this subsection if the person was on active duty in the merchant marine service after December 7, 1941, and the person refused on conscientious, political, religious, or other grounds, to be subject to military discipline.
- (4) The surviving unremarried widow or widower, child or children, mother, father, or person standing in loco parentis, in the order named and none other, of any deceased person,

shall be paid the compensation that the deceased person would be entitled to pursuant to this subsection, if living, but if any person has died or shall die, or is disabled, from service-connected causes incurred during the period and in the area from which the person is entitled to receive compensation pursuant to this subsection, the person or the first survivor as designated by this subsection and in the order named, shall be paid five hundred dollars, regardless of the length of service.

- c. A person who knowingly makes a false statement relating to a material fact in supporting an application under this subsection is guilty of a serious misdemeanor. A person convicted pursuant to this subsection shall forfeit all benefits to which the person may have been entitled under this subsection.
- d. All payments and allowances made under this subsection shall be exempt from taxation and from levy and sale on execution.
- e. The bonus compensation authorized under this subsection shall be paid from moneys appropriated for that purpose.
- Sec. 6. Section 35B.3, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

35B.3 COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERAN AFFAIRS.

The county commission of veteran affairs shall consist of either three or five persons, as determined by the board of supervisors, all of whom shall be honorably-discharged-persons who-served-in-the-military-or-naval-forces-of-the-United States-in-any-wary-including-World-War-f-at-any-time-between April-67-19177-and-November-117-19187-both-dates-inclusive; World-War-II-at-any-time-between-Becember-77-19417-and Becember-317-19467-both-dates-inclusive;-the-Korean-Gonflict at-any-time-between-June-257-19507-and-January-317-19557-both dates-inclusive;-the-Vietnam-Gonflict-at-any-time-between Becember-227-19617-and-May-77-19757-both-dates-inclusive;-and the-Persian-Gulf-Gonflict-at-any-time-between-August-27-19907 and-the-date-the-president-or-the-Gongress-of-the-United

States-declares-a-permanent-cessation-of-hostilities;—both dates-inclusive;—However;—if-Congress-enacts-a-date-different from-August-2;—1996;—as-the-beginning-of-the-Persian-Gulf Conflict-for-purposes-of-determining-whether-a-veteran-is entitled-to-receive-military-benefits-as-a-veteran-of-the Persian-Gulf-Conflict;—that-date-shall-be-substituted-for August-2;—1996 veterans as defined in section 35.1. If possible, each member of the commission shall be a veteran of a different war-or-conflict;—so-as-to-divide-membership-among the-persons-who-served-in-World-War-I;—World-War-II;—the Korean-Gonflict;—the-Vietnam-Conflict;—and-the-Persian-Gulf Conflict;—however; military action. However, this qualification does not preclude membership to a veteran who served in more than one of the wars-or-conflicts military actions.

Sec. 7. Section 35B.10, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

All claims certified by the commission shall be reviewed by the board of supervisors and the county auditor shall issue warrants in payment of the claims. All applications, investigation reports and case records are privileged communications and shall be held confidential, subject to use and inspection only by persons authorized by law in connection with their official duties relating to financial audits and the administration of this chapter. However, the county commission of veteran affairs shall prepare and file in the office of the county auditor on or before the thirtieth day of each January, April, July and October a report showing the names-and-addresses case numbers of all recipients receiving assistance under this chapter, together with the amount paid to each during the preceding quarter. Each report so filed shall be securely fixed in a record book to be used only for such reports made under this chapter.

Sec. 8. Section 35B.13, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

35B.13 BURIAL -- EXPENSES.

The commission is responsible for the interment in a suitable cemetery of the body of any honorably-discharged person-who-served-in-the-military-or-naval-forces-of-the United-States-during-any-wary-including-World-War-I-at-any time-between-April-67-1917;-and-November-117-1918;-both-dates inclusive;-World-War-II-at-any-time-between-Becember-7;-1941; and-December-31,-1946,-both-dates-inclusive;-the-Korean Conflict-at-any-time-between-June-25;-1950;-and-January-31; 1955,-both-dates-inclusive;-the-Vietnam-Conflict-at-any-time between-Becember-227-19617-and-May-77-19757-both-dates inclusive;-and-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-at-any-time-between August-27-19907-and-the-date-the-president-or-the-Congress-of the-United-States-declares-a-permanent-cessation-of hostilities,-both-dates-inclusive; veteran, as defined in section 35.1, or the spouse, surviving spouse, or child of the person, if the person has died without leaving sufficient means to defray the funeral expenses. Howevery-if-Congress enacts-a-date-different-from-August-27-19907-as-the-beginning of-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-for-purposes-of-determining whether-a-veteran-is-entitled-to-receive-military-benefits-as a-veteran-of-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflicty-that-date-shall-be substituted-for-August-27-1998. The commission may pay the expenses in a sum not exceeding an amount established by the board of supervisors.

Sec. 9. Section 35B.14, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

The board of supervisors of each county may appropriate moneys for the food, clothing, shelter, utilities, medical benefits, and funeral expenses of honorably-discharged; indigent persons-who-served-in-the-military-or-naval-forces-of the-United-States-in-any-war-including-World-War-I-at-any-time between-April-6;-1917;-and-November-11;-1918;-both-dates inclusive;-World-War-II-at-any-time-between-December-7;-1941; and-December-31;-1946;-both-dates-inclusive;-the-Korean Conflict-at-any-time-between-June-25;-1950;-and-January-31; 1955;-both-dates-inclusive;-the-Vietnam-Conflict-at-any-time

between-Becember-227-19617-and-May-77-19757-both-dates inclusive;-and-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-at-any-time-between August-27-19967-and-the-date-the-president-or-the-Congress-of the-United-States-declares-a-permanent-cessation-of hostilities;-both-dates-inclusive; veterans, as defined in section 35.1, and their indigent spouses, surviving spouses, and minor children not over eighteen years of age, having a legal residence in the county. However,-if-Congress-enacts-a date-different-from-August-27-19907-as-the-beginning-of-the Persian-Gulf-Conflict-for-purposes-of-determining-whether-a veteran-is-entitled-to-receive-military-benefits-as-a-veteran of-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict;-that-date-shall-be-substituted for-August-27-1990;

Sec. 10. Section 35B.16, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

35B.16 MARKERS FOR GRAVES.

The county commission of veteran affairs may furnish a suitable and appropriate metal marker for the grave of each honorably-discharged-person;-who-served-in-the-military-or naval-forces-of-the-United-States-during-any-wary-including World-War-I-at-any-time-between-April-6,-1917,-and-November 117-19187-both-dates-inclusive;-World-War-II-at-any-time between-December-7,-1941,-and-December-31,-1946,-both-dates inclusive; -the-Rorean-Conflict-at-any-time-between-June-25; 1950; -and-January-31; -1955; -both-dates-inclusive; -the-Vietnam Conflict-at-any-time-between-Becember-227-19617-and-May-77 1975; -both-dates-inclusive; -and-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-at any-time-between-August-2,-1990,-and-the-date-the-president-or the-Congress-of-the-United-States-declares-a-permanent cessation-of-hostilities;-both-dates-inclusive;-and veteran, as defined in section 35.1, who is buried within the limits of the countyy-to. The marker shall be placed at the individual's grave to permanently mark and designate the grave for memorial purposes. The expenses shall be paid from any funds raised as provided in this chapter. If-Congress-enacts a-date-different-from-August-2,-1998,-as-the-beginning-of-the

Persian-Gulf-Conflict-for-purposes-of-determining-whether-a veteran-is-entitled-to-receive-military-benefits-as-a-veteran of-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflicty-that-date-shall-be-substituted for-August-2y-1990;

Sec. 11. Section 35C.3, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

35C.3 DUTY TO INVESTIGATE AND APPOINT.

When any preferred person shall-apply applies for appointment or employment under this chapter, the officer, board, or person whose duty it is or may be to appoint or employ some a person to fill such the position or place shall, before appointing or employing anyone a person to fill such the position or place, make an investigation as to the qualifications of said the applicant for such the place or . position, and if the applicant is of good moral character and can perform the duties of said the position so applied for, as hereinbefore-providedy-said the officer, board, or person shall appoint said the applicant to such the position, place, or employment. Said The appointing officer, board, or person shall set forth in writing and file for public inspection, the specific grounds upon which it is-held-that-the-person appointed is-entitled-to-said-appointment; or in-the-case-such appointment-is-refused,-the-specific-grounds-for-the-refusal thereof refused to appoint the person. Within ten days after an appointment is refused, the appointing officer, board, or person shall notify the unsuccessful applicant in writing of the specific grounds for refusal.

Sec. 12. NEW SECTION. 35C.5A ARBITRATION.

In addition to the remedies provided in sections 35C.4 and 35C.5, a person belonging to a class of persons qualifying for a preference may submit any refusal to allow a preference, or any reduction of the person's salary as described in section 35C.4, to arbitration within sixty days after written notification of the refusal or reduction. Within ten days after any submission, an arbitrator shall be selected by a committee that includes one member chosen by the person

refused preference, one member chosen by the appointing officer, board, or person, and one member who shall be a disinterested party selected by the other two members of the committee. A list of qualified arbitrators may be obtained from the American arbitration association or other recognized arbitration organization or association. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties.

Sec. 13. Section 37.10, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

Each commissioner shall be an-honorably-discharged-soldier, sattor, marine, airman, or coast-guard-member a veteran, as defined in section 35.1, and be a resident of the county in which the memorial hall or monument is located.

Sec. 14. Section 282.6, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

Every school shall be free of tuition to all actual residents between the ages of five and twenty-one years and to resident honorably-discharged-soldiers; sailors; and marines veterans as defined in section 35.1, as many months after becoming twenty-one years of age as they have spent in the military-or-naval-service armed forces of the United States before they became twenty-one, provided, however, fees may be charged covering instructional costs for a summer school or drivers education program. The board of education may, in a hardship case, exempt a student from payment of the above fees. Every person, however, who shall attend any school after graduation from a four-year course in an approved high school or its equivalent shall be charged a sufficient tuition fee to cover the cost of the instruction received by such the person.

Sec. 15. Section 321.34, Code 1999, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 15. LEGION OF MERIT SPECIAL PLATES. The owner of a motor vehicle subject to registration under section 321.109, subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery truck, or pickup who has been awarded the legion of merit may,

upon written application to the department and presentation of satisfactory proof of the award of the legion of merit as established by the Congress of the United States, order special registration plates with a legion of merit processed emblem. The emblem shall be designed by the department in cooperation with the adjutant general and shall signify that the owner was awarded the legion of merit. The application is subject to approval by the department, in consultation with the adjutant general. The special plates shall be issued at no charge and are subject to an annual registration fee of fifteen dollars. The county treasurer shall validate the special plates in the same manner as regular registration plates are validated under this section.

The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special plates under this subsection may continue to use or apply for and use the special plates subject to registration of the special plates in the surviving spouse's name and upon payment of the annual registration fee. If the surviving spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the special plates to the department and the department shall issue regular registration plates to the surviving spouse.

Sec. 16. Section 331.608, subsection 8, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

8. As used in this section, "veteran" means a man-or-woman veteran as defined in section 35.1 who enlisted or was inducted from the county, resided at any time in the county, or is buried in the county and-who-served-as-a-member-of-a branch-of-the-armed-forces-of-the-United-States-of-America; as a-member-of-the-merchant-marine-during-the-time-of-war; during the-Korean-Conflict-beginning-dune-25; 1950; and-ending danuary-31; 1955; both-dates-inclusive; or-during-the-Victnam Conflict-beginning-August-5; 1964; and-ending-dune-30; 1973; both-dates-inclusive; or-as-a-member-of-the-armed-forces-of-a country-allied-with-the-United-States-of-America-or-the-armed forces-of-Towa-or-another-state-or-territory.

Sec. 17. Section 400.10, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

400.10 PREFERENCES.

In all examinations and appointments under this chapter, other than promotions and appointments of chief of the police department and chief of the fire department, honorably discharged veterans from the military or naval forces of the United-States-in-any-war-in-which-the-United-States-has-been engaged; -including-the-Korean-Conflict-at-any-time-between June-25,-1950,-and-January-31,-1955,-both-dates-inclusive,-the Vietnam-Conflict-beginning-August-5,-1964,-and-ending-May-7, 1975; -both-dates-inclusive; -and-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict beginning-August-2;-1990;-and-ending-on-the-date-specified-by the-president-or-the-Congress-of-the-United-States-as-the-date of-permanent-cessation-of-hostilities,-both-dates-inclusive, and as defined in section 35.1, who are citizens and residents of this state, shall have five points added to the veteran's grade or score attained in qualifying examinations for appointment to positions and five additional points added to the grade or score if the veteran has a service-connected disability or is receiving compensation, disability benefits or pension under laws administered by the veterans administration. Howevery-if-the-Congress-of-the-United-States enacts-a-date-different-from-August-27-19907-as-the-beginning of-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-to-determine-the-eligibility-of-a veteran-for-military-benefits-as-a-veteran-of-the-Persian-Guif Conflicty-the-date-enacted-by-the-Congress-of-the-United States-shall-be-substituted-for-August-27-1990: An honorably discharged veteran who has been awarded the Purple Heart for disabilities incurred in action shall be considered to have a service-connected disability. However, the points shall be given only upon passing the exam and shall not be the determining factor in passing.

For-the-purposes-of-this-section-World-War-II-shall-be-from December-77-19417-to-December-317-19467-both-dates-inclusiveSec. 18. Section 427.3, subsections 1, 2, and 3, Code 1999, are amended to read as follows:

- 1. The property, not to exceed two thousand seven hundred seventy-eight dollars in taxable value of any honorably discharged-soldier, sailor, marine, or nurse veteran, as defined in section 35.1, of the first World War.
- 2. The property, not to exceed one thousand eight hundred fifty-two dollars in taxable value of an honorably separated, retired, furloughed to a reserve, placed on inactive status, or discharged soldier; -sailor; -marine; -or-nurse-of-the-second World-War-from-December-77-19417-to-December-317-19467-army-of occupation-in-Germany-from-November-127-19167-to-July-117 19237-American-expeditionary-forces-in-Siberia-from-November 127-19187-to-April-307-19207-second-Nicaraguan-campaign-with the-navy-or-marines-in-Nicaragua-or-on-combatant-ships-1926-1933; -second-Haitian-suppression-of-insurrections-1919-1920; navy-and-marine-operations-in-China-1937-1939-and-Yangtze service-with-navy-and-marines-in-Shanghai-or-in-the-Yangtze Valley-1926-1927-and-1930-1932-or-of-the-Korean-Conflict-at any-time-between-June-25,-1950,-and-January-31,-1955,-both dates-inclusive,-or-those-who-served-on-active-duty-during-the Vietnam-Conflict-beginning-December- 227-19617-and-ending-May 77-19757-both-dates-inclusivey-or-those-who-served-on-active duty-during-the-Persian-Gulf-Conflict-at-any-time-between August-2;-1990;-and-the-date-the-president-or-the-Congress-of the-United-States-declares-a-permanent-cessation-of hostilities,-both-dates-inclusive veteran, as defined in section 35.1. Howevery-if-Congress-enacts-a-date different from-August-27-19907-as-the-beginning-of-the-Persian-Gulf Conflict-for-purposes-of-determining-whether-a-veteran-is entitled-to-receive-military-benefits-as-a-veteran-of-the Persian-Gulf-Conflicty-that-date-shall-be-substituted-for August-27-19907--Por-the-purposes-of-this-sectiony-"active duty"-means-full-time-duty-in-the-armed-forces-of-the-United States, -excluding-active-duty-for-training-purposes-only-and excluding-any-period-a-person-was-assigned-by-the-armed-forces

to-a-civilian-institution-for-a-course-of-education-or training-which-was-substantially-the-same-as-established coursec-offered-to-civilians-or-as-a-cadet-or-midshipman, however-enrolled-at-one-of-the-service-academies.

- 3. Where the word "soldier veteran" appears in this chapter, it includes, without limitation, the members of the United States air force and the United States merchant marine.
- Sec. 19. Section 427.4, Code 1999, is amended to read as  $f_\odot\text{llows:}$ 
  - 427.4 EXEMPTIONS TO RELATIVES.

In case any person in the foregoing classifications does not claim any-such the exemption from taxation, it shall be allowed in the name of such the person to the same extent on the property of any one of the following persons in the order named:

- 1. The spouse, or surviving spouse remaining unmarried, of any such soldier; sailor; marine; or nurse a veteran, as defined in section 35.1, where they are living together or were living together at the time of the death of such person the veteran.
- 2. The parent whose spouse is deceased and who remains unmarried, of any-such-soldier; sailor; marine; or nurse a vateran, as defined in section 35.1, whether living or deceased, where such the parent is, or was at the time of death of the soldier; sailor; marine; or nurse veteran, dependent on such-person the veteran for support.
- 3. The minor child, or children owning property as tenants in common, of any-such a deceased soldier, sailor, marine, or nurse veteran, as defined in section 35.1.

No more than one tax exemption shall be allowed under this section or section 427.3 in the name of any-honorably discharged-soldiery-satioty-mariney-or-hurse a veteran, as defined in section 35.1.

Sec. 20. Section 483A.24, subsection 13, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

- 13. Upon payment of the fee of thirty dollars for a lifetime hunting and fishing combined license, the department shall issue a hunting and fishing combined license to a resident of Iowa who is a veteran, as defined in section 35.1, who was disabled during-the-period-of-a-veteran's-service listed-in-this-subsection or who was a prisoner of war during that veteran's military service. The department shall prepare an application to be used by a person requesting a hunting and fishing combined license under this subsection. The commission of veterans affairs shall assist the department in verifying the status or claims of applicants under this subsection. As used in this subsection, "veteran"-means-a pergon-who-is-a-resident-of-Towa-and-who-served-in-the-armed forces-of-the-United-States-of-America-at-any-time-during World-War-F-between-the-dates-of-April-6;-1917;-and-July-2; 1921,-World-War-FI-between-the-dates-of-December-7,-1941,-and Becember-31,-1946,-the-Korean-Conflict-between-the-dates-of June-27,-1950,-and-January-31,-1955,-the-Vietnam-Conflict between-August-5,-1964,-and-May-7,-1975,-or-the-Persian-Gulf Conflict-between-August-27-19907-and-the-date-the-president-or the-Congress-of-the-United-States-declares-a-permanent wessation-of-hostilities;-all-dates-inclusive;-and "disabled" means entitled to compensation under the United States Code, Title 38, chapter 11.
  - Sec. 21. Section 35.7, Code 1999, is repealed.
    DIVISION II

MILITARY SERVICE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT AND EXEMPTION Sec. 22. Section 258.7, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

- c. Military service property tax credit and exemption pursuant to chapter 426A and sections 427.3 through 427.7, to the extent of six dollars and seventy-five ninety-two cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of the exempt property.
- Sec. 23. Section 426A.2, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

426A.2 MILITARY SERVICE TAX CREDIT.

The moneys shall be apportioned each year so as to replace all or a portion of the tax which would be due on property eligible for military service tax exemption in the state, if the property were subject to taxation, the amount of the credit to be not more than six dollars and seventy-five ninety-two cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of property which would be subject to the tax, except for the military service tax exemption.

Sec. 24. Division II of this Act applies to the military service property tax exemption claims allowed on or after January 1, 2000.

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President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 462, Seventy-eighth General Assembly.

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