

# House Study Bill 574

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF  
VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the process utilized in assessing residents of  
2 health care facilities for veterans program benefits.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 5409DP 81  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 135C.31A, Code Supplement 2005, is  
1 2 amended to read as follows:  
1 3 135C.31A ASSESSMENT OF RESIDENTS == PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY.  
1 4 ~~Beginning July 1, 2003, a~~ A health care facility receiving  
1 5 reimbursement through the medical assistance program under  
1 6 chapter 249A shall assist the Iowa department of veterans  
1 7 affairs in identifying, upon admission of a resident, the  
1 8 resident's eligibility for benefits through the ~~federal United~~  
1 9 ~~States~~ department of veterans affairs. ~~The health care~~  
1 10 ~~facility shall also assist the Iowa department of veterans~~  
1 11 ~~affairs in determining such eligibility for residents residing~~  
1 12 ~~in the facility on July 1, 2003.~~ The department of  
1 13 inspections and appeals, in cooperation with the department of  
1 14 human services, shall adopt rules to administer this section,  
1 15 including a provision that ensures that if a resident is  
1 16 eligible for benefits through the ~~federal United States~~  
1 17 department of veterans affairs or other third-party payor, the  
1 18 payor of last resort for reimbursement to the health care  
1 19 facility is the medical assistance program. The rules shall  
1 20 also require the health care facility to obtain information  
1 21 from a resident to determine if the resident is a veteran and  
1 22 to then report to the Iowa department of veterans affairs only  
1 23 the names of residents identified as veterans along with the  
1 24 names of their spouse and any dependents. Information  
1 25 reported by the health care facility shall be verified by the  
1 26 Iowa department of veterans affairs. This section shall not  
1 27 apply to the admission of an individual to a state mental  
1 28 health institute for acute psychiatric care or to the  
1 29 admission of an individual to the Iowa veterans home.

### EXPLANATION

1 31 This bill requires the rules of the department of  
1 32 inspections and appeals, regarding the identifying of  
1 33 residents of health care facilities who are veterans, to  
1 34 require the health care facilities to obtain information from  
1 35 residents to determine if the residents are veterans and then  
2 1 to report to the Iowa department of veterans affairs only the  
2 2 names of residents identified as veterans along with the names  
2 3 of their spouse and any dependents. Information reported by  
2 4 the health care facilities is to be verified by the Iowa  
2 5 department of veterans affairs.  
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