

**Senate File 2213 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 2213  
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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act concerning and affecting veterans and military members,  
2 related to employment benefits, professional licensing,  
3 and interest rate limit enforcement, and making penalties  
4 applicable.

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

DIVISION I

EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR MILITARY MEMBERS

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3 Section 1. Section 8A.402, subsection 2, paragraph f, Code  
4 Supplement 2009, is amended to read as follows:

5 f. (1) Develop, in consultation with the department of  
6 veterans affairs, programs to inform state employees who are  
7 members of the national guard or organized reserves of the  
8 armed forces of the United States, and their families, of their  
9 rights and benefits while the member is deployed in active  
10 federal service.

11 (2) Develop, in consultation with the department of  
12 veterans affairs, programs to inform members of the national  
13 guard or organized reserves of the armed forces of the United  
14 States returning to Iowa following active federal service about  
15 job opportunities in state government.

16 Sec. 2. Section 97A.10, Code 2009, is amended by striking  
17 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

18 **97A.10 Purchase of service credit for military service.**

19 1. An active member of the system who has been a member of  
20 the retirement system five or more years may elect to purchase  
21 up to five years of service credit for military service, other  
22 than military service required to be recognized under Internal  
23 Revenue Code § 414(u) or under the federal Uniformed Services  
24 Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, that will be recognized  
25 by the retirement system for purposes of calculating a member's  
26 benefit, pursuant to Internal Revenue Code § 415(n) and the  
27 requirements of this section.

28 2. a. A member seeking to purchase service credit pursuant  
29 to this section shall file a written application with the  
30 system requesting an actuarial determination of the cost of a  
31 purchase of service credit. Upon receipt of the cost estimate  
32 for the purchase of service from the system, the member may  
33 make contributions to the system in an amount equal to the  
34 actuarial cost of the service credit purchase.

35 b. For purposes of this subsection, the actuarial cost of

1 the service credit purchase is an amount determined by the  
2 system in accordance with actuarial tables, as reported to the  
3 system by the system's actuary, which reflects the actuarial  
4 cost necessary to fund an increased retirement allowance  
5 resulting from the purchase of service credit.

6 3. The system shall ensure that the member, in exercising an  
7 option provided in this section, does not exceed the amount of  
8 annual additions to a member's account permitted pursuant to §  
9 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

10 4. The board of trustees shall adopt rules providing for the  
11 implementation and administration of this section.

12 DIVISION II

13 LICENSING AND PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

14 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 29A.103A Professional liability  
15 insurance.

16 An obligation or liability of a service member to pay a  
17 premium for professional liability insurance coverage shall be  
18 stayed for the service member during military service and the  
19 service member shall be allowed to continue coverage and resume  
20 payment upon completion of military service, without penalty.

21 Sec. 4. MILITARY SERVICE LICENSING WORKGROUP. The  
22 department of workforce development and the department of  
23 veterans affairs shall establish a workgroup to identify  
24 licensing requirements for workforce shortage areas and to  
25 study, in conjunction with the relevant licensing entities,  
26 whether comparable military training could substitute for  
27 current licensing requirements. The workgroup shall submit any  
28 findings, including any recommendations for legislative action  
29 to allow flexible licensing requirements for veterans, to the  
30 general assembly by January 1, 2011.

31 DIVISION III

32 CONSUMER CREDIT TERMS — ENFORCEMENT

33 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 524.213A Consumer credit terms for  
34 service members — enforcement.

35 The superintendent shall have the authority to enforce the

1 consumer protection provisions of 10 U.S.C. § 987 concerning  
2 limitations on terms of consumer credit extended to service  
3 members and their dependents.

4 EXPLANATION

5 This bill makes changes concerning and affecting veterans  
6 and military members.

7 Division I concerns employment benefits for military  
8 members.

9 Code section 8A.402, concerning the duties of the department  
10 of administrative services relative to human resource  
11 management, is amended to provide that the department establish  
12 programs to inform state employees who are military members,  
13 and their families, of their rights and benefits while the  
14 service member is deployed.

15 Code section 97A.10 is rewritten to allow an active member  
16 of the peace officers' retirement system to purchase service  
17 credit for military service that is not otherwise required to  
18 be recognized by federal law upon payment of the actuarial cost  
19 of the service purchase.

20 Division II concerns professional liability insurance and  
21 licensing.

22 New Code section 29A.103A adds a provision to the Iowa  
23 National Guard Civil Relief Act to provide that a service  
24 member's obligation or liability to pay a premium for  
25 professional liability insurance coverage shall be stayed  
26 during military service and that the service member shall be  
27 allowed to continue coverage and resume payment upon completion  
28 of military service without penalty.

29 The division also establishes a department of workforce  
30 development and department of veterans affairs workgroup to  
31 identify licensing requirements for workforce shortage areas  
32 and to study, in conjunction with the relevant licensing  
33 entities, whether comparable military training could substitute  
34 for current licensing requirements. This portion of the  
35 division directs the workgroup to report any need for

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1 legislative action to the general assembly by January 1, 2011.  
2 Division III of the bill provides that the superintendent of  
3 banking shall have the authority to enforce the percentage rate  
4 limitation imposed as a restriction or safeguard for military  
5 personnel under 10 U.S.C. § 987.