

House Study Bill 640 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON CHAMBERS)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring that a veteran be seriously injured or very
2 seriously injured in order to be eligible to receive a grant
3 under the injured veterans grant program.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 35A.14, subsection 4, Code Supplement
2 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 4. Moneys appropriated to or received by the department for
4 providing injured veterans grants under this section may be
5 expended for grants of up to ten thousand dollars to a veteran
6 who is seriously injured ~~veteran~~ or very seriously injured, as
7 defined in the most recently published United States department
8 of defense joint publication 1-02, to provide financial
9 assistance to the veteran so that family members of the veteran
10 may be with the veteran during the veteran's recovery from an
11 injury received in the line of duty in a combat zone or in a
12 zone where the veteran was receiving hazardous duty pay after
13 September 11, 2001.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill requires that a veteran be seriously injured
16 or very seriously injured in order to be eligible to receive
17 a grant under the injured veterans grant program. The bill
18 provides that the terms "seriously injured" and "very seriously
19 injured" shall be as defined in the most recently published
20 United States department of defense joint publication 1-02.

21 The United States department of defense joint publication
22 1-02, as published on January 15, 2012, defines "seriously
23 injured" as the casualty status of a person whose injury is
24 classified by medical authority to be of such severity that
25 there is cause for immediate concern, but there is not imminent
26 danger to life. The joint publication defines "very seriously
27 injured" as the casualty status of a person whose injury is
28 classified by medical authority to be of such severity that
29 life is imminently endangered.