

**Senate Study Bill 1123 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON BEALL)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the duties of the commission of veterans  
2 affairs.

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

1 Section 1. Section 35A.3, subsection 2, Code 2011, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. Review and approve, prior to adoption, all proposed  
4 rules submitted by the department concerning the management  
5 and operation of the department and programs administered by  
6 the department. ~~Unless the commission votes to disapprove a~~  
7 ~~proposed rule on a two-thirds vote at the earlier of the next~~  
8 ~~regularly scheduled meeting of the commission or a special~~  
9 ~~meeting of the commission called by the commission within~~  
10 ~~thirty days of the date the proposed rule is submitted, the~~  
11 ~~department may proceed to adopt the rule.~~

12 Sec. 2. Section 35A.3, Code 2011, is amended by adding the  
13 following new subsections:

14 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. Provide guidance and make  
15 recommendations to the department during an annual review of  
16 the department's proposed budget and provide guidance and make  
17 recommendations for budget changes that occur during the fiscal  
18 year.

19 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. Consult with the department  
20 regarding certification training for executive directors  
21 and administrators of county commissions of veteran affairs  
22 pursuant to section 35B.6.

23 Sec. 3. Section 35A.5, subsection 12, Code 2011, is amended  
24 to read as follows:

25 12. Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A and establish policy  
26 for the management and operation of the department. Prior to  
27 adopting rules, the department shall submit proposed rules  
28 to the commission for review and approval pursuant to the  
29 requirements of section 35A.3.

30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill relates to the duties of the commission of veterans  
32 affairs.

33 The bill requires that rules proposed by the department of  
34 veterans affairs be approved by the commission of veterans  
35 affairs prior to adoption. The bill strikes the requirement

1 that the commission disapprove a proposed rule by a 2/3 vote  
2 of the commission.

3 The bill requires that the commission provide guidance and  
4 recommendations to the department on the annual budget and  
5 on changes to the budget during the fiscal year. The bill  
6 requires that the commission consult with the department on  
7 the training of executive directors and administrators of the  
8 county commissions of veteran affairs.