

Senate Study Bill 3178 - Introduced

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

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the home ownership assistance program for
2 military members.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 16.54, subsection 1, Code 2014, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. For the purposes of this section, *“eligible member of*
4 *the armed forces of the United States”* means a person who is or
5 was a member of the national guard, or a reserve, or regular
6 component of the armed forces of the United States, who has
7 served at least ninety days of active duty service beginning
8 on or after September 11, 2001, or during the period of the
9 Persian Gulf Conflict, beginning August 2, 1990, and ending
10 April 6, 1991. *“Eligible member of the armed forces of the*
11 *United States”* also means a former member of the national guard,
12 or a reserve, or regular component of the armed forces of the
13 United States, who was honorably discharged due to injuries
14 incurred while on federal active duty beginning on or after
15 September 11, 2001, or during the period of the Persian Gulf
16 Conflict, beginning August 2, 1990, and ending April 6, 1991,
17 that precluded completion of a minimum aggregate of ninety days
18 of federal active duty.

19 Sec. 2. Section 16.54, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code 2014,
20 is amended to read as follows:

21 *b. (1)* For financed home purchases that close on or
22 after July 1, 2008, the eligible person shall participate,
23 if eligible to participate, in one of the authority’s other
24 applicable programs for homebuyers. ~~However~~

25 (2) Notwithstanding subparagraph (1), a person eligible for
26 one of the authority’s other applicable programs for homebuyers
27 may use a lender that does not participate in the authority’s
28 programs for homebuyers if such lender is approved by the
29 authority under subsection 5. For financed home purchases that
30 close on or after July 1, 2014, an eligible person may accept
31 financing other than that available under the authority’s
32 applicable programs for homebuyers if the financing is offered
33 by a lender that participates in an authority program for
34 homebuyers or by a lender approved pursuant to subsection 5,
35 and if the authority determines that the offered financing

1 would be economically feasible and financially advantageous for
2 the eligible person.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

6 This bill relates to the home ownership assistance program
7 for military members.

8 Current law limits eligibility to persons who are or
9 were members of the national guard, or a reserve or regular
10 component of the armed forces of the United States, who have
11 served at least 90 days of active duty service beginning on
12 or after September 11, 2001, and to certain members who were
13 precluded from completing the minimum aggregate of 90 days
14 of active duty service due to injury. The bill modifies the
15 military service criteria to include members of the national
16 guard, or a reserve or regular component of the armed forces of
17 the United States, who served during the period of the Persian
18 Gulf Conflict, beginning August 2, 1990, and ending April 6,
19 1991.

20 The bill also allows an eligible person to utilize
21 financing other than that available under the IFA's current
22 homebuyer programs if the offered financing is by a lender
23 who participates in IFA's homebuyer programs or is a lender
24 approved by IFA, and if the authority determines that
25 the offered financing would be economically feasible and
26 financially advantageous for the eligible person. This
27 provision applies to financed home purchases that close on or
28 after July 1, 2014.