

**Senate File 177 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS  
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1012)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act concerning lottery games and revenue for support of  
2 veterans.

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

1 Section 1. Section 35A.13, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code  
2 2015, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. The minimum balance of the trust fund required prior  
4 to expenditure of moneys from the trust fund is five million  
5 dollars. Once the minimum balance is reached, the interest  
6 and earnings on the fund and the first three hundred thousand  
7 dollars transferred each fiscal year pursuant to section ~~99G.9A~~  
8 99G.39 from the lottery fund to the trust fund are appropriated  
9 to the commission to be used to achieve the purposes of  
10 subsection 6 of this section. Moneys appropriated to the  
11 commission that remain unobligated or unexpended at the end of  
12 each fiscal year shall revert to the trust fund. It is the  
13 intent of the general assembly that the balance in the trust  
14 fund reach fifty million dollars.

15 Sec. 2. Section 99G.39, Code 2015, is amended by adding the  
16 following new subsection:

17 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. Two million five hundred thousand  
18 dollars in lottery revenues shall be transferred each fiscal  
19 year to the veterans trust fund established pursuant to section  
20 35A.13 prior to deposit of the lottery revenues in the general  
21 fund pursuant to section 99G.40. However, if the balance of  
22 the veterans trust fund is fifty million dollars or more, the  
23 moneys shall be appropriated to the department of revenue for  
24 distribution to county directors of veteran affairs, with fifty  
25 percent of the moneys to be distributed equally to each county  
26 and fifty percent of the moneys to be distributed to each  
27 county based upon the population of veterans in the county,  
28 so long as the moneys distributed to a county do not supplant  
29 moneys appropriated by that county for the county director of  
30 veteran affairs.

31 Sec. 3. Section 99G.39, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code  
32 2015, is amended to read as follows:

33 a. Notwithstanding subsection 1, if gaming revenues under  
34 sections 99D.17 and 99F.11 are insufficient in a fiscal year to  
35 meet the total amount of such revenues directed to be deposited

1 in the vision Iowa fund ~~and the school infrastructure fund~~  
2 during the fiscal year pursuant to section 8.57, subsection  
3 5, paragraph "e", the difference shall be paid from lottery  
4 revenues prior to deposit of the lottery revenues in the  
5 general fund and transfer of lottery revenues to the veterans  
6 trust fund as provided in subsection 2A. If lottery revenues  
7 are insufficient during the fiscal year to pay the difference,  
8 the remaining difference shall be paid from lottery revenues  
9 prior to deposit of lottery revenues in the general fund and  
10 the transfer of lottery revenues to the veterans trust fund as  
11 provided in subsection 2A in subsequent fiscal years as such  
12 revenues become available.

13 Sec. 4. REPEAL. Section 99G.9A, Code 2015, is repealed.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill repeals Code section 99G.9A, which requires the  
18 lottery to conduct a limited series of lottery games with  
19 the revenues from the games to be used to provide aid for  
20 veterans through deposit in the veterans trust fund or, if the  
21 balance in the veterans trust fund exceeds \$50 million, for  
22 distribution to county directors of veteran affairs.

23 Instead, the bill amends Code section 99G.39 to provide  
24 that \$2.5 million in lottery revenues shall be transferred  
25 each fiscal year for distribution to provide aid to veterans  
26 in the same manner as provided by current Code section 99G.9A.  
27 The bill also provides that the \$2.5 million appropriation is  
28 subject to the requirement that lottery revenues be used for  
29 deposit in the vision Iowa fund if gaming revenues under Code  
30 sections 99D.17 and 99F.11 that would otherwise be deposited in  
31 these funds are insufficient in a fiscal year.