

House File 288 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 65)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to military and veterans benefits.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 35A.14, subsection 4, Code 2019, is
2 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 or very seriously injured, as defined
7 in the most recently published United States department of
8 defense joint publication 1-02, to provide financial assistance
9 to the veteran so that family members of the veteran may be
10 with the veteran during the veteran's recovery from an injury
11 received in the line of duty ~~in a combat zone or in a zone where~~
12 ~~the veteran was receiving hazardous duty pay~~ after September
13 11, 2001.

14 Sec. 2. Section 35A.14, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code
15 2019, is amended to read as follows:

16 b. Proof of continued medical care or rehabilitation
17 services may include any reasonably reliable documentation
18 showing that the veteran is receiving continued medical or
19 rehabilitative care as a result of qualifying injuries. Proof
20 that the injury occurred in the line of duty shall be made
21 based upon the circumstances of the injury known at the time of
22 evacuation from the ~~combat zone or zone in which the veteran~~
23 ~~was receiving hazardous duty pay~~ place where the veteran was
24 injured.

25 Sec. 3. Section 35A.14, Code 2019, is amended by adding the
26 following new subsection:

27 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. The department, the commission, and
28 the national guard shall collaborate on a report regarding the
29 sustainability of future funding for the injured veterans grant
30 program and shall submit their findings and recommendations in
31 a written report to the governor and the general assembly by
32 December 31, 2019.

33 Sec. 4. Section 272C.4, Code 2019, is amended by adding the
34 following new subsection:

35 NEW SUBSECTION. 12A. a. Establish procedures by January

1 national guard are to collaborate on a report regarding the
2 sustainability of future funding for the injured veterans grant
3 program with a written report due to the governor and general
4 assembly by December 31, 2019.

5 The bill also establishes an expedited licensing process for
6 spouses of active duty members of the United States military
7 who are stationed in Iowa pursuant to military orders. Code
8 section 272C.4 is amended to provide that licensing boards
9 establish procedures by January 1, 2020, to expedite the
10 licensing of an individual who is licensed in a similar
11 profession or occupation in another state and who is the spouse
12 of an active duty member of the military forces of the United
13 States. Provisional licensing procedures are also required to
14 be established.