

**Senate File 124 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the notification of a county commission of  
2 veteran affairs of the incarceration of a veteran at a jail  
3 or municipal holding facility.

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

1 Section 1. Section 356.6A, subsection 1, Code 2019, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The personnel of a jail or municipal holding facility  
4 shall inquire whether the prisoner is a veteran, and if  
5 so, shall inform the prisoner, within twenty-four hours  
6 of incarceration, that the prisoner may be entitled to a  
7 visit from a veteran service officer to determine if veteran  
8 services are required or available. The personnel of a jail or  
9 municipal holding facility shall inform the county commission  
10 of veteran affairs of the county where the jail or facility is  
11 located of the incarceration of a veteran within twenty-four  
12 hours of the veteran's incarceration. Within seventy-two  
13 hours of ~~determining a prisoner is a veteran~~ incarceration,  
14 the personnel of a jail or municipal holding facility shall  
15 provide the prisoner with the contact information for the  
16 county commission of veteran affairs of the county where the  
17 jail or facility is located, and the prisoner shall be allowed  
18 to contact the county commission of veteran affairs to request  
19 a visit from a veteran service officer.

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EXPLANATION

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

23 This bill provides that a county commission be notified of  
24 the incarceration of a veteran at a jail or municipal holding  
25 facility.

26 Code section 356.6A(1) currently provides that the personnel  
27 of a jail or municipal holding facility shall inquire whether a  
28 prisoner is a veteran and, if so, shall inform the prisoner,  
29 within 24 hours of the veteran's incarceration, that the  
30 prisoner may be entitled to a visit from a veteran service  
31 officer to determine if veteran services are required or  
32 available. The personnel of a jail or municipal holding  
33 facility must also provide the prisoner, within 72 hours of the  
34 veteran's incarceration, with the contact information for the  
35 county commission of veteran affairs of the county where the

1 jail or facility is located, and the prisoner shall be allowed  
2 to contact the county commission of veteran affairs to request  
3 a visit from a veteran service officer.

4 The bill provides that, within 24 hours of the veteran's  
5 incarceration, personnel of the jail or municipal holding  
6 facility shall inform the county commission of veteran affairs  
7 of the county where the jail or facility is located of the  
8 incarceration of a veteran. A veteran is defined as a person  
9 who was a member of the regular component of the armed forces  
10 of the United States, national guard, or reserves.