

House File 2407 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to housing assistance for homeless veterans
2 concerning expenditures from the veterans trust fund and by
3 authorizing lottery games to provide housing assistance to
4 homeless veterans.

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

1 Section 1. Section 35A.13, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code
2 2022, 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 five hundred thousand
7 dollars transferred each fiscal year pursuant to ~~section~~
8 sections 99G.9B and 99G.39 from the lottery fund to the
9 trust fund are appropriated to the commission to be used to
10 achieve the purposes of **subsection 6 of this section**. Moneys
11 appropriated to the commission that remain unobligated or
12 unexpended at the end of each fiscal year shall revert to the
13 trust fund. It is the intent of the general assembly that the
14 balance in the trust fund reach fifty million dollars.

15 Sec. 2. Section 35A.13, subsection 6, paragraph n, Code
16 2022, is amended to read as follows:

17 n. ~~Rental housing~~ Housing assistance for veterans who meet
18 the definition of homeless, as set out in 42 U.S.C. §11302,
19 ~~for~~ to include payment of rental application fees needed for
20 obtaining rental housing.

21 Sec. 3. **NEW SECTION. 99G.9B Limited series of lottery games**
22 **providing aid for homeless veterans.**

23 The chief executive officer, in consultation with the board,
24 shall develop and conduct one instant scratch and one pull-tab
25 lottery game annually to provide moneys for the benefit of
26 homeless veterans needing housing assistance. The moneys
27 received from the sale of tickets for each of the lottery games
28 shall be deposited in a special account in the lottery fund.
29 Notwithstanding section 99G.39, after payment of the prizes,
30 the remaining moneys shall be transferred to the veterans trust
31 fund established pursuant to section 35A.13 for the purpose of
32 providing housing assistance for homeless veterans.

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EXPLANATION

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

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1 This bill provides that the chief executive officer of the
2 lottery authority shall develop and conduct one instant scratch
3 and one pull-tab lottery game annually for the benefit of
4 homeless veterans needing housing assistance. Moneys received
5 from the games, less prizes, shall be transferred to the
6 veterans trust fund established in Code section 35A.13.

7 Code section 35A.13 is amended to provide for the receipt
8 of moneys from the lottery for the games authorized by the
9 bill and to allow expenditures from the veterans trust fund
10 for housing assistance for homeless veterans and not just for
11 rental housing assistance.