

CHAPTER 155

RECORDING DOCUMENTS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL

S. F. 141

AN ACT to amend section five thousand one hundred seventy three (5173), code, 1939, as amended, and providing for the free recording of certain documents issued to members of the armed forces.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. In order to provide an historical record of all Iowa men
2 and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States,
3 the several states and territories, and in the armed forces of countries
4 allied with the United States, and in order to meet the requirements
5 of section six thousand nine hundred forty-six (6946), Code, 1939;
6 Section five thousand one hundred seventy three (5173) Code, 1939,
7 as amended, is hereby amended by striking therefrom the wording
8 of said section and substituting therefor the following:

9 The County Recorder of each County in this State shall maintain
10 in his office a special book or books of uniform type, kind and form
11 approved by the Adjutant General of the State of Iowa in which he
12 shall, upon request, record without charge the discharge or discharges
13 of any man or woman who

14 (a) Enlisted or was inducted from said County;

15 (b) Resided at any time in said County, or

16 (c) Is buried in said County.

17 This section shall apply to any man or woman entitled thereto who
18 served at any time in any of the armed branches of the United States
19 of America, including members of the Merchant Marine in time of
20 war, members of the armed forces of any country allied with the
21 United States of America, and of the armed forces of Iowa, the various
22 States and Territories.

1 SEC. 2. Where no official discharge was issued, or where such per-
2 son was killed in action or died in service, the recorder shall record an
3 official certificate, General or Special Order, letter or telegram from
4 competent authority, including letters from the Pension Bureau,
5 Veterans Administration, or other Governmental Office which shows
6 the termination of such veteran's service.

1 SEC. 3. Said recorder shall also record without charge for the
2 classes indicated in Section one (1) the Commissions and warrants of
3 officers and non-commissioned officers, and all orders citing said vet-
4 eran for bravery and meritorious action, and all citations and be-
5 stowals of medals from the State, Federal and Foreign governments.

1 SEC. 4. In the event of the death of any veteran entitled to have
2 his discharge or other records recorded, the same may be presented
3 by any veterans organization for record with the same force as though
4 tendered by the veteran himself during his or her lifetime.

1 SEC. 5. The county recorder may from time to time by published
2 notice, request the filing of such documents as are referred to herein
3 for the purpose of recording. Any expense incident to such notice
4 shall be paid as an expense of the county recorder's office upon bills
5 filed with the Board of Supervisors.

Approved April 6, 1945.