

CHAPTER 1056

COMMISSION OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

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AN ACT relating to the soldiers relief commission.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section two hundred fifty point two (250.2), Code
2 1971, is amended as follows:

3 **250.2 Control of fund.** Said fund shall be expended for the pur-
4 poses aforesaid by the joint action and control of the board of super-
5 visors and the relief commission of *veteran affairs* hereinafter pro-
6 vided for.

1 SEC. 2. Section two hundred fifty point three (250.3), Code 1971,
2 is amended as follows:

3 **250.3 Relief commission.** The ~~soldiers relief~~ commission of *vet-*
4 *eran affairs* shall consist of three persons, all of whom shall be honor-
5 ably discharged men or women of the United States who served in the
6 military or naval forces of the United States in any war, including the
7 Korean Conflict at any time between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1953,
8 both dates inclusive, and including the Vietnam Conflict at any time
9 between August 5, 1964 and ending on the date the armed forces of
10 the United States are directed by formal order of the government of
11 the United States to cease hostilities, both dates inclusive. Said mem-
12 bership shall at all times, as near as possible, be equally divided among
13 the men and women who served in the Spanish American War, World
14 War I and World War II.

1 SEC. 3. Section two hundred fifty point eight (250.8), Code 1971,
2 is amended as follows:

3 **250.8 Accounting system.** The state auditor shall prepare sample
4 copies of a system of accounting and case records for the use of all
5 county ~~soldiers relief~~ commissions of *veteran affairs*, and this uniform
6 system of accounting and case records shall be used by the several
7 counties.

1 SEC. 4. Section two hundred fifty point ten (250.10), unnumbered
2 paragraph one (1), Code 1971, is amended as follows:

3 On the first Monday in each month, all claims certified shall be
4 reviewed by the board of supervisors and the county auditor shall
5 issue his warrants in payment of same drawn upon the soldiers relief
6 fund. All applications, investigation reports and case records shall be
7 privileged communications and held confidential, subject to use and
8 inspection only by persons authorized by law in connection with their
9 official duties relating to financial audits and the administration of the
10 provisions of this chapter. Provided, however, that the county ~~soldiers~~
11 ~~relief~~ commission of *veteran affairs* shall prepare and file in the office
12 of the county auditor on or before the thirtieth day of each January,
13 April, July and October a report showing the names and addresses of
14 all recipients receiving assistance under this chapter, together with
15 the amount paid to each during the preceding quarter. Each report
16 so filed shall be securely fixed in a record book to be used only for
17 such reports made under this chapter.

1 SEC. 5. Section two hundred fifty point eleven (250.11), Code
2 1971, is amended as follows:

3 **250.11 Data furnished bonus board.** The ~~soldiers relief~~ commis-
4 sion of *veteran affairs* of each county shall obtain for and transmit to
5 the state bonus board, created by chapter 35, at such time and in such
6 manner as the board shall specify, such information as said board may
7 request concerning any person having or claiming to have any right
8 to award from the additional bonus and disability fund created by
9 said chapter.

1 SEC. 6. Section two hundred fifty point twelve (250.12), Code
2 1971, is amended as follows:

3 **250.12 Relief information confidential.** It shall be unlawful for the
4 board of supervisors of any county or the ~~soldiers relief~~ commission
5 of *veteran affairs* of any county to place the administration of the
6 duties of the ~~soldiers relief~~ commission of *veteran affairs* under any
7 other relief agency of any county, or to publish the names of the
8 veterans or their families who receive relief under the provisions of
9 this chapter.

1 SEC. 7. Section two hundred fifty point sixteen (250.16), Code
2 1971, is amended as follows:

3 **250.16 Markers for graves.** The ~~soldiers relief~~ commission of
4 *veteran affairs* in any county shall, upon the petition of five reputable
5 freeholders of any township or municipality in their county, procure
6 for and furnish to said petitioners some suitable and appropriate
7 metal marker, at a cost not exceeding three and one-half dollars each,
8 for the grave of each honorably discharged man or woman of the
9 United States, who served in the military or naval forces of the United
10 States during any war, including the Korean Conflict at any time
11 between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1953, both dates inclusive, and
12 including the Vietnam Conflict at any time between August 5, 1964,
13 and ending on the date the armed forces of the United States are
14 directed by formal order of the government of the United States to
15 cease hostilities, both dates inclusive, who is buried within the limits
16 of said township or municipality, to be placed at his grave to perma-
17 nently mark and designate said grave for memorial purposes. The
18 expenses thereof shall be paid from any funds raised as provided in
19 this chapter.

1 SEC. 8. Section two hundred fifty point nineteen (250.19), Code
2 1971, is amended as follows:

3 **250.19 Burial records.** The ~~soldiers relief~~ commission of *veteran*
4 *affairs* of each county shall be charged with securing the information
5 requested by the adjutant general's office of every person having a
6 service record buried in that county. Such information shall be
7 secured from the undertaker in charge of the burial and shall be
8 transmitted by him to the ~~soldiers relief~~ commission of *veteran affairs*
9 of the county where burial is made and shall be recorded alphabetically
10 and by description of location in the cemetery where buried, in a book
11 as prescribed by the adjutant general and kept for that purpose in the
12 office of the commission.

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