

Sec. 14. This Act takes effect January 1 following enactment.

Approved May 24, 1983

CHAPTER 140
COUNTY ASSESSOR'S ANNUAL ABSTRACT OF PROPERTY
H.F. 621

AN ACT removing the aggregate taxable values of real estate in a school district from a county assessor's annual abstract of real and personal property.

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

Section 1. Section 441.45, subsection 2, Code 1983, is amended to read as follows:

2. The aggregate taxable values of real estate by class in each ~~school district~~, township and city in the county, returned as corrected by the board of review.

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CHAPTER 141
REPORTING OF EXPOSURE TO CHEMICAL AGENTS
H.F. 617

AN ACT relating to reporting and investigation of exposure to chemical defoliants, herbicides, or other causative agents, including but not limited to agent orange and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 139A.1 As used in this chapter unless the context otherwise provides:

1. "Agent orange" means the herbicide composed primarily of trichlorophenoxyacetic acid and dichlorophenoxyacetic acid.

2. "Veteran" means a person who was a resident of this state at the time of the person's induction into the armed forces of the United States or who is a resident of this state July 1, 1983 and served in Vietnam, Cambodia, or Laos during the Vietnam Conflict.

3. "Chemicals" means chemical defoliants, herbicides, or other causative agents, including but not limited to agent orange.

4. "Department" means the state department of health.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 139A.2 CHEMICAL REPORT TO DEPARTMENT. A licensed physician pursuant to section 135.1, subsection 5, who treats a veteran the physician believes may have been exposed to chemicals while serving in the armed forces of the United States shall submit a report indicating that information to the department at the request of the veteran pursuant to section 139A.3.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 139A.3 DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT. The department shall:

1. Provide the forms for the reports required in section 139A.2. The report shall require the doctor to provide all of the following:

- a. Symptoms of the veteran which may be related to exposure to chemicals.
- b. Diagnosis of the veteran.
- c. Methods of treatment prescribed.

2. Annually compile and evaluate the information submitted in the reports pursuant to subsection 1, in consultation and cooperation with a certified medical toxicologist selected by the department. The department shall submit the report to the governor, general assembly, United States veterans' administration, and the state department of veterans affairs. The report shall include current research data on the effects of exposure to chemicals, statistical information received from individual physicians' reports, and statistical information from the epidemiological investigations pursuant to subsection 3.

3. Conduct epidemiological investigations of veterans who have cancer or other medical problems or who have children born with birth defects associated with exposure to chemicals, in consultation and cooperation with a certified medical toxicologist selected by the department. The department shall obtain consent from a veteran before conducting the investigations.

The department shall cooperate with local and state agencies during the course of an investigation.

Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 139A.4 CONFIDENTIALITY—LIABILITY PROVISIONS. The department shall not identify a veteran consenting to the epidemiological investigations pursuant to section 139A.3, subsection 3, unless the veteran consents to the release of identity. The statistical information compiled by the department pursuant to section 139A.3 is a public record.

A licensed physician complying with this chapter is not civilly or criminally liable for release of the required information.

Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 139A.5 ATTORNEY GENERAL POWERS. The attorney general may represent veterans who may have been injured because of contact with chemicals, in an action for release of information relating to exposure to such causative agents during military service and release of the veterans' medical records.

Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 139A.6 MEDICAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM. The department and appropriate medical facilities at the state university of Iowa under the control of the state board of regents shall institute a cooperative program to:

1. Refer veterans to appropriate state and federal agencies to file claims to remedy medical and financial problems caused by the veterans' exposure to chemicals.
2. Provide veterans with fat tissue biopsies, genetic counseling, and genetic screening upon request of the licensed physician pursuant to section 139A.2, to determine if the veterans have suffered physical damage as a result of substantial exposure to chemicals.

Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 139A.7 FEDERAL PROGRAM. If the commissioner of public

health or the general assembly determines that an agency of the federal government or the state of Iowa is providing the referral and genetic services pursuant to section 139A.6, the commissioner or the general assembly by specific action may discontinue all or part of the services or requirements provided in this chapter.

Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. 139A.8 RULES. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to implement this chapter.

Sec. 9. NEW SECTION. 139A.9 APPROPRIATIONS. This chapter shall be implemented by the department each fiscal year that appropriations are made to the department for implementation of this chapter.

Sec. 10. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1983 and ending June 30, 1984, to the state department of health the sum of forty thousand (40,000) dollars, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the implementation of chapter 139A.

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CHAPTER 142

FISCAL IMPACT OF LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

S.F. 527

AN ACT relating to the impact of state legislative and administrative actions by requiring fiscal notes on bills, joint resolutions, and administrative rules, by providing for the payment of interest on unpaid claims against the state treasury, by requiring notice of proposed rules.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 25B.1 TITLE. This chapter may be cited as the "State Mandates Act".

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 25B.2 FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

1. The general assembly finds that preceding actions of state government in specifying the manner, standards, and conditions under which public services are rendered to citizens by the political subdivisions of this state in some cases have not resulted in equitable relationships between the state government and its political subdivisions. Some state actions have dealt in detail with the internal management of the political subdivisions; some have specified the establishment of new services and facilities without providing new revenue sources or financial participation by the state to meet the additional costs; and other actions have specified the adoption of higher service standards without a complete assessment of the impact on the expenditures and tax rates of the political subdivisions.

2. It is the purpose of this chapter to enunciate policies, criteria, and procedures to govern future state-initiated specification of local government services, standards, employment conditions, and retirement benefits that necessitates increased expenditures by political subdivisions or agencies and entities which contract with a political subdivision to provide services.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 25B.3 DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Political subdivision" means a city, county, township, or school district.