

and their indigent spouses, surviving spouses, and minor children not over eighteen years of age, having a legal residence in the county.

2. The appropriation shall be expended by the joint action and control of the board of supervisors and the county commission of veteran affairs.

Sec. 8. Section 321.34, subsection 24, Code Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:

24. GOLD STAR PLATES. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who is the surviving spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a deceased member of the United States armed forces who died while serving on active duty during a time of military conflict or who died as a result of such service may order special registration plates bearing a gold star emblem upon written application to the department accompanied by satisfactory supporting documentation as determined by the department. The gold star emblem shall be designed by the department in cooperation with the commission of veterans affairs. The special plate fees collected by the director under subsection 12, paragraph "a", from the issuance and annual validation of letter-number designated and personalized gold star plates shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and credited to the road use tax fund. Notwithstanding section 423.43, and prior to the crediting of revenues to the road use tax fund under section 423.43, subsection 1, paragraph "b", the treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from those revenues to the veterans license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the amount of the special fees collected in the previous month for gold star plates.

Sec. 9. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall be moneys appropriated in this Act and shall be deemed to meet all the state funding-related requirements of section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no specific state funding shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and enforcement of this Act against all affected political subdivisions.

Sec. 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on July 1, 2009, except for section 8 of this Act, amending section 321.34, which shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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## CHAPTER 1131

### VIETNAM CONFLICT VETERANS BONUS

H.F. 2283

**AN ACT** concerning eligibility for receiving a Vietnam Conflict veterans bonus for a certain period of active duty military service, providing a penalty, and including an effective date and retroactive applicability provision.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 35A.8A VIETNAM CONFLICT VETERANS BONUS — LIMITED RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT — APPROPRIATION.

1. a. A person who served on active duty for not less than one hundred twenty days in the armed forces of the United States at any time between July 1, 1958, and May 31, 1975, both dates inclusive, and who was inducted into active duty service from the state of Iowa and was honorably discharged or separated from active duty service, or is still in active service in an

honorable status, or has been retired, or has been furloughed to a reserve, or has been placed on inactive status is entitled to receive from moneys appropriated for that purpose the sum of seventeen dollars and fifty cents for each month that the person was on active duty service in the Vietnam service area, within the dates specified in this paragraph, if the veteran earned either a Vietnam service medal or an armed forces expeditionary medal-Vietnam or can otherwise establish service in the Vietnam service area during that period. Compensation under this paragraph shall not exceed a total sum of five hundred dollars. Compensation for a fraction of a month shall not be considered unless the fraction is sixteen days or more, in which case the fraction shall be computed as a full month.

b. A person otherwise qualified under paragraph "a" except that the person did not earn either a Vietnam service medal or an armed forces expeditionary medal-Vietnam and did not serve in the Vietnam service area during the period between July 1, 1958, and May 31, 1975, both dates inclusive, is entitled to receive from moneys appropriated for that purpose the sum of twelve dollars and fifty cents for each month that the person was on active duty service, within the dates specified in paragraph "a". Compensation under this paragraph shall not exceed a total sum of three hundred dollars. Compensation for a fraction of a month shall not be considered unless the fraction is sixteen days or more, in which case the fraction shall be computed as a full month.

2. A person otherwise eligible to receive compensation pursuant to subsection 1 shall be entitled to compensation pursuant to this section if all of the following requirements are met:

a. The person has not received a bonus or compensation similar to that provided in this section from this state or another state.

b. The person was on active duty service after July 1, 1958, and the person did not refuse on conscientious, political, religious, or other grounds, to be subject to military discipline.

c. The person made application for a bonus or compensation similar to that provided in this section from this state and was denied compensation because the person did not meet applicable residency requirements.

d. The person files an application for compensation under this section in a manner determined by the department of veterans affairs by July 1, 2010.

3. The surviving unremarried widow or widower, child or children, mother, father, or person standing in loco parentis, in the order named and none other, of any deceased person shall be paid the compensation that the deceased person would be entitled to pursuant to this section, if living. However, if any person has died or shall die, or is disabled, from service-connected causes incurred during the period and in the area from which the person is entitled to receive compensation pursuant to this section, the person or the first survivor as designated by this subsection, and in the order named, shall be paid five hundred dollars or three hundred dollars, whichever maximum amount would have applied pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph "a" or "b", regardless of the length of service.

4. A person who knowingly makes a false statement relating to a material fact in supporting an application under this section is guilty of a serious misdemeanor. A person convicted pursuant to this section shall forfeit all benefits to which the person may have been entitled under this section.

5. All payments and allowances made under this section shall be exempt from taxation, levy, and sale on execution.

6. The bonus compensation authorized under this section shall be paid from moneys appropriated for Vietnam Conflict veterans' bonuses.

7. The executive director of the department of veterans affairs shall provide for the administration of the bonus authorized in this section. The department shall adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 17A, as necessary to administer this section including but not limited to application procedures, investigation, approval or disapproval, and payment of claims. The department may expend up to one percent of the moneys appropriated for the bonus compensation authorized under this section for administrative costs associated with the requirements of this section.

8. This section is repealed June 30, 2011.

Sec. 2. Section 422.7, subsection 51, Code Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
51. Subtract, to the extent included, the amount of any Vietnam Conflict veterans bonus provided pursuant to section 35A.8, subsection 5, and section 35A.8A.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

Sec. 4. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. The section of this Act amending section 422.7, is retroactively applicable to January 1, 2008, and is applicable for tax years beginning on and after that date.

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## CHAPTER 1132

### STUDENT LOANS, LENDERS, AND FUNDING

*H.F. 2690*

**AN ACT** relating to student loans, including the protection of students and parents from certain lenders and institutions of higher education with conflicts of interest, establishing a student lending education fund, establishing penalties, and providing for properly related matters, and including an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 7C.12, subsection 2, Code 2007, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. c. Shall report quarterly any reallocation of the amount of the state ceiling by the governor's designee in accordance with this chapter to the legislative government oversight committee and the auditor of state. The report shall contain, at a minimum, the amount of each reallocation, the date of each reallocation, the name of the political subdivision and a description of all bonds issued pursuant to a reallocation, a brief explanation of the reason for the reallocation, and such other information as may be required by the committee.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 7C.13 QUALIFIED STUDENT LOAN BOND ISSUER — OPEN RECORDS AND MEETINGS — OVERSIGHT.

1. CONDITION OF ALLOCATION. As a condition of receiving the allocation of the state ceiling as provided in section 7C.4A, subsection 3, the qualified student loan bond issuer shall comply with the provisions of this section.

2. ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDIT. The qualified student loan bond issuer shall submit an annual report to the governor, general assembly, and the auditor of state by January 15 setting forth its operations and activities conducted and newly implemented in the previous fiscal year related to use of the allocation of the state ceiling in accordance with this chapter and the outlook for the future. The report shall describe how the operations and activities serve students and parents. The annual audit of the qualified student loan bond issuer shall be filed with the office of auditor.

3. OPEN MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION OF TAX-EXEMPT ISSUANCE. The deliberations or meetings of the board of directors of the qualified student loan bond issuer that relate to the issuance of bonds in accordance with this chapter shall be conducted in accordance with chapter 21.