

## CHAPTER 9

### INJURED VETERANS GRANTS AND EXPEDITED PROFESSIONAL OR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING FOR SPOUSES OF MILITARY FORCES MEMBERS

H.F. 288

**AN ACT** relating to military and veterans benefits.

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

Section 1. [Section 35A.14, subsection 4](#), Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

4. Moneys appropriated to or received by the department for providing injured veterans grants under [this section](#) may be expended for grants of up to ten thousand dollars to a veteran who is seriously injured or very seriously injured, as defined in the most recently published United States department of defense joint publication 1-02, to provide financial assistance to the veteran so that family members of the veteran may be with the veteran during the veteran's recovery from an injury received in the line of duty ~~in a combat zone or in a zone where the veteran was receiving hazardous duty pay~~ after September 11, 2001.

Sec. 2. [Section 35A.14, subsection 5](#), paragraph b, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

b. Proof of continued medical care or rehabilitation services may include any reasonably reliable documentation showing that the veteran is receiving continued medical or rehabilitative care as a result of qualifying injuries. Proof that the injury occurred in the line of duty shall be made based upon the circumstances of the injury known at the time of evacuation from the ~~combat zone or zone in which the veteran was receiving hazardous duty pay~~ place where the veteran was injured.

Sec. 3. [Section 35A.14](#), Code 2019, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 7. The department, the commission, and the national guard shall collaborate on a report regarding the sustainability of future funding for the injured veterans grant program and shall submit their findings and recommendations in a written report to the governor and the general assembly by December 31, 2019.

Sec. 4. [Section 272C.4](#), Code 2019, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 12A. a. Establish procedures by January 1, 2020, to expedite the licensing of an individual who is licensed in a similar profession or occupation in another state and who is the spouse of an active duty member of the military forces of the United States.

b. If the board determines that the professional or occupational licensing requirements of the state where the spouse is licensed are substantially equivalent to the licensing requirements of this state, the procedures shall require the expedited licensing of the spouse in this state.

c. If the board determines that the professional or occupational licensing requirements of the state where the spouse is licensed are not substantially equivalent to the professional or occupational licensing requirements of this state, the procedures shall allow the provisional licensing of the spouse for a period of time deemed necessary by the board to obtain a substantial equivalent to the licensing requirements of this state. The board shall advise the spouse of required education or training necessary to obtain a substantial equivalent to the professional or occupational licensing requirements of this state, and the procedures shall provide for licensing of an individual who has, pursuant to this paragraph, obtained a substantial equivalent to the licensing requirements of this state.

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