

A bill for an act
relating to veterans; providing for a current listing of deceased Minnesota military
personnel; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 197.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[197.225] LIST OF DECEASED MILITARY PERSONNEL.**

The commissioner of veterans affairs shall compile and maintain an ongoing list
of Minnesota residents who, as members of the United States armed forces, have died
of service-connected causes while serving in the United States armed forces. The list
must be comprehensive and inclusive, and may be made available at the discretion of
the commissioner for ceremonial and honorary purposes, broadly conceived, but is not
indicative of any person's status with regard to qualification for veterans benefits or other
benefits.

For each deceased service member listed, the commissioner shall note to the extent
feasible the following information about the person at approximate time of death: the
person's full name, military rank, branch of service and assigned military unit, military
occupational specialty (MOS), age, and Minnesota hometown, as well as the general cause
of death, including "combat," "training accident," "disease," and any other information the
commissioner considers necessary.

The list may include the names of deceased service members who are the immediate
family members of Minnesota residents, but who themselves were not Minnesota residents
at the time of death, provided the service member's home state at time of death is noted.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day after final enactment.