

State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **3101**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans Affairs Division
- 03/23/2016 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register
Read Second Time
- 04/04/2016 Calendar for the Day
Read Third Time
Passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate

1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to military veterans; removing obsolete language related to the repealed
 1.3 commissioner of veterans affairs guardianship program; amending Minnesota
 1.4 Statutes 2014, section 196.05, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 196.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **General duties.** The commissioner shall:

1.8 (1) act as the agent of a resident of the state having a claim against the United States
 1.9 for benefits arising out of or by reason of service in the armed forces and prosecute the
 1.10 claim without charge;

1.11 (2) act as custodian of veterans' bonus records;

1.12 (3) administer the laws relating to the providing of bronze flag holders at veterans'
 1.13 graves for memorial purposes;

1.14 (4) administer the laws relating to recreational or rest camps for veterans so far
 1.15 as applicable to state agencies;

1.16 (5) administer the state soldiers' assistance fund and veterans' relief fund and other
 1.17 funds appropriated for the payment of bonuses or other benefits to veterans or for the
 1.18 rehabilitation of veterans;

1.19 (6) cooperate with national, state, county, municipal, and private social agencies in
 1.20 securing to veterans and their dependents the benefits provided by national, state, and
 1.21 county laws, municipal ordinances, or public and private social agencies;

1.22 (7) provide necessary assistance where other adequate aid is not available to the
 1.23 dependent family of a veteran while the veteran is hospitalized and after the veteran is
 1.24 released for as long a period as is necessary as determined by the commissioner;

2.1 ~~(8) act as the guardian, conservator, or representative payee of the estate for a minor~~
2.2 ~~or an incompetent person receiving money from the United States government when~~
2.3 ~~requested to do so by an agency of the United States of America provided sufficient~~
2.4 ~~personnel are available;~~

2.5 ~~(9)~~ (8) cooperate with United States governmental agencies providing compensation,
2.6 pensions, insurance, or other benefits provided by federal law, by supplementing the
2.7 benefits prescribed therein, when conditions in an individual case make it necessary;

2.8 ~~(10)~~ (9) assist dependent family members of military personnel who are called from
2.9 reserve status to extended federal active duty during a time of war or national emergency
2.10 through the state soldiers' assistance fund provided by section 197.03;

2.11 ~~(11)~~ (10) exercise other powers as may be authorized and necessary to carry out the
2.12 provisions of this chapter and chapter 197, consistent with that chapter; and

2.13 ~~(12)~~ (11) provide information, referral, and counseling services to those veterans
2.14 who may have suffered adverse health conditions as a result of possible exposure to
2.15 chemical agents.