

CHAPTER 197

VETERANS; REWARDS, PRIVILEGES

197.05 Fund, how expended.

197.75 Educational assistance, war orphans
and veterans.**197.05 FUND, HOW EXPENDED.**

The state soldiers' assistance fund shall be administered by the commissioner of veterans affairs and shall be used to locate and investigate the facts as to any citizen of Minnesota or resident alien residing in Minnesota who served in the military or naval forces of the United States and who is indigent or suffering from any disability whether acquired in the service or not; to assist the person and the person's dependents as hereinafter provided in establishing and proving any just claim the person may have against the United States government, or any other government or state for compensation, insurance, relief, or other benefits; to provide emergency hospitalization, treatment, maintenance, and relief for any person suffering from disability who was a bona fide resident of the state at the time the need arose and the person's dependents, as hereinafter provided; and to cooperate with other state, municipal, and county officials and civic or civilian agencies or organizations in carrying out the provisions of sections 197.01 to 197.07. The commissioner shall limit financial assistance to veterans and dependents to six months, unless recipients have been certified as ineligible for other benefit programs.

The fund is appropriated to be used in the manner determined by the commissioner of veterans affairs for these purposes.

History: 1995 c 254 art 1 s 72

197.75 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE, WAR ORPHANS AND VETERANS.

Subdivision 1. **Benefits; eligibility.** The commissioner of veterans affairs shall spend a biennial appropriation for tuition of veterans, and for tuition, fees, board, room, books and supplies of the children of veterans who have died as a result of their service in the armed forces of the United States as determined by the United States Veterans Administration or other instrumentality of the United States, in the University of Minnesota, a state university, a community college, a technical college, or any other university of higher learning within the state accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, a law college approved by the supreme court, a nursing school approved by the state board of nursing, or in a trade, business, or vocational school in the state approved by the state department of children, families, and learning, or in a theological seminary, for any course which such veteran or child may elect. Not more than \$350 shall be expended for the benefit of any individual veteran, and not more than \$350 in any fiscal year shall be expended for the benefit of any child under this section, and the need for the benefit shall be established and determined by the commissioner of veterans affairs. No child of any veteran shall make application for the benefits provided in this section unless the child resided in Minnesota for at least two years immediately prior to the date of the application. Children of veterans eligible for benefits according to this section shall be admitted to state institutions of university grade free of tuition until they receive a bachelors or equivalent degree. Payments of benefits shall be made directly to the institution in which the course of instruction is given or to the individual on forms prescribed by the commissioner.

[For text of subds 2 to 6, see M.S.1994]

History: 1Sp1995 c 3 art 16 s 13