

**197.603 DUTIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Veterans benefits and assistance.** It shall be the duty of the county veterans service officer to aid all residents of the governmental subdivision by which the officer is employed in securing benefits provided by law on account of the service of any person in the armed forces of the United States, from which the person has a discharge other than dishonorable. The county veterans service officer shall aid all veterans who are residents of the governmental subdivision by which the officer is employed, regardless of the nature of discharge, in securing counseling or treatment concerning substance use disorder and substance abuse.

Subd. 2. **Records; data privacy.** Pursuant to chapter 13 the county veterans service officer is the responsible authority with respect to all records in the officer's custody. The data on clients' applications for assistance is private data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12. The county veterans service officer may disclose to the county or local assessor private data necessary to determine a client's eligibility for the veteran with a disability homestead market value exclusion under section 273.13, subdivision 34.

**History:** 1945 c 96 s 4; 1973 c 572 s 9; 1978 c 635 s 1; 1981 c 311 s 39; 1Sp1981 c 4 art 1 s 13; 1982 c 545 s 24; 1986 c 444; 2011 c 76 art 1 s 78; 1Sp2019 c 6 art 4 s 4; 1Sp2019 c 10 art 6 s 5; 2022 c 98 art 4 s 51