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**House File 2065 – by Committee on Veterans Affairs (Bailey)**  
**MILITARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND REEMPLOYMENT BILL**

HF 2065 clarifies current law regarding Iowa's military reemployment law. The change replaces "similar position" with a "position of like seniority, status, and pay." This also requires the attorney general or county attorney to prosecute those that violate this section. HF 2065 also restates current law that says a person violating this section is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

The bill also amends the law to say state and local government employees are only required to take a leave of absence for one day for each workday the employee is required to take a leave of absence even if the employee's typical workday encompasses more than one calendar day.

**HOUSE PASSAGE:**

The House **PASSED** HF 2065 on January 24, 2008 by a vote of 97-0 with:

45 Republicans and 52 Democrats voting AYE  
0 Republicans and 0 Democrats voting NAY  
2 Republicans and 1 Democrats ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

House Journal Pages 113-114 January 24, 2008
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On the question "Shall the bill pass?" (H.F. 2065)

The ayes were, 97:

Abdul-Samad	Alons	Anderson	Arnold
Bailey	Baudler	Bell	Berry
Boal	Bukta	Chambers	Clute
Cohoon	Davitt	De Boef	Dolecheck
Drake	Foege	Ford	Forristall
Frevert	Gaskill	Gayman	Gipp
Granzow	Grassley	Greiner	Heaton
Heddens	Horbach	Hunter	Huseman
Huser	Jacobs	Jacoby	Jochum
Kaufmann	Kelley	Kressig	Kuhn
Lensing	Lukan	Lykam	Mascher
May	McCarthy	Mertz	Miller, H.
Miller, L.	Murphy, Spkr.	Oldson	Olson, D.
Olson, R.	Olson, S.	Olson, T.	Palmer
Paulsen	Petersen	Pettengill	Quirk
Raecker	Rants	Rasmussen	Rayhons
Reasoner	Reichert	Roberts	Sands
Schickel	Schueller	Shomshor	Smith
Soderberg	Staed	Struyk	Swaim
Taylor, D.	Taylor, T.	Thomas	Tjepkes
Tomenga	Tymeson	Upmeyer	Van Engelenhoven
Van Fossen	Watts	Wendt	Wenthe
Wessel-Kroeschell	Whitaker	Whitead	Wiencek
Winckler	Windschitl	Wise	Worthan
Zirkelbach, Presiding			

The nays were, none.

Absent or not voting, 3:

Dandekar	Deyoe	Hoffman
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The bill having received a constitutional majority was declared to have passed the House and the title was agreed to.

**SENATE ACTION:**

The Senate **PASSED** HF 2065 on February 7, 2008 by a vote of 49-0.

**FINAL ACTION:**

The Governor **SIGNED** HF 2065 on February 14, 2008.

**House File 2283 – by Committee on Veterans Affairs (Bailey/Zirkelbach)**  
**VIETNAM CONFLICT BONUS EXTENSION BILL**

HF 2283 extends the Vietnam Conflict veterans’ bonus for certain persons who were previously not eligible. The benefits of the bill are the same as those currently in place for others.

The eligibility requirements include:

- The person has not received a bonus or similar compensation from this state or another state.
- The person was on active duty service after July 1, 1958, and the person did not refuse on conscientious, political, religious, or other grounds, which are not subject to military discipline.
- The person made application for a bonus or compensation similar to that provided in this section from this state and was denied compensation because the person did not meet the applicable residency requirements.
- The person files an application for compensation under this section in a manner determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs by July 1, 2010.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is directed to develop rules in order to administer this program. The department may expend up to 1% of the moneys for administrative costs.

This section of the code is repealed June 30, 2011.

**FIRST HOUSE ACTION:**

**Amendments:**

**H-8040 by Bailey:** This amendment makes corrective changes and clarifies the makes the tax restrictions retroactive back to January 1, 2008 **ADOPTED** on a voice vote.

**HOUSE FIRST PASSAGE:**

The House **PASSED** HF 2283 on March 10,2008, by a vote of 97-0 with:

45 Republicans and 53 Democrats voting AYE  
 0 Republicans and 0 Democrats voting NAY  
 2 Republican and 0 Democrats ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

House Journal  
 Page 552  
 March 10, 2008

On the question "Shall the bill pass?" (H.F. 2283)

The ayes were, 98:

Abdul-Samad	Alons	Anderson	Arnold
Bailey	Baudler	Bell	Berry
Boal	Chambers	Clute	Cohoon
Dandekar	Davitt	De Boef	Deyoe
Dolecheck	Drake	Foege	Ford
Forristall	Frevert	Gaskill	Gayman
Gipp	Granzow	Grassley	Heaton
Heddens	Hoffman	Horbach	Hunter
Huseman	Huser	Jacobs	Jacoby
Jochum	Kaufmann	Kelley	Kressig
Kuhn	Lensing	Lukan	Lykam
Mascher	May	McCarthy	Mertz
Miller, H.	Miller, L.	Murphy, Spkr.	Oldson
Olson, D.	Olson, R.	Olson, S.	Olson, T.
Palmer	Paulsen	Petersen	Pettengill
Quirk	Raecker	Rants	Rasmussen
Rayhons	Reasoner	Reichert	Roberts
Sands	Schickel	Schueller	Shomshor
Smith	Staed	Struyk	Swaim
Taylor, D.	Taylor, T.	Thomas	Tjepkes

Tomenga	Tymeson	Upmeyer	Van Engelenhoven
Van Fossen	Watts	Wendt	Wenthe
Wessel-Kroeschell	Whitaker	Whitead	Wienczek
Winckler	Windschitl	Wise	Worthan
Zirkelbach	Bukta, Presiding		

The nays were, none.

Absent or not voting, 2:  
Greiner Soderberg

The bill having received a constitutional majority was declared to have passed the House and the title, as amended, was agreed to.

**SENATE ACTION:**

The Senate PASSED HF 2283 as amended on April 1, 2008 by a vote of 49-0.

**HOUSE FINAL ACTION:**

**Amendments:**

**H-8388 by Senate:** The Senate amendment clarifies that the money to pay for this bonus shall come from any money appropriated to the Vietnam Conflict veterans' bonuses rather than "that purpose." House **CONCURRED** with the Senate.

**HOUSE FINAL PASSAGE:**

The House **PASSED** HF 2283 on April 10, 2008, by a vote of 97-0 with:

45 Republicans and 52 Democrats voting AYE  
0 Republicans and 0 Democrats voting NAY  
2 Republicans and 1 Democrat ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

House Journal  
Page 1201-1202  
April 10, 2008

On the question "Shall the bill pass?" (H.F. 2283)

The ayes were, 97:

Alons	Anderson	Arnold	Bailey
Baudler	Bell	Berry	Boal
Bukta	Chambers	Clute	Cohoon
Dandekar	Davitt	De Boef	Deyoe
Dolecheck	Drake	Foege	Ford
Forristall	Frevert	Gaskill	Gayman
Gipp	Granzow	Grassley	Greiner
Heaton	Heddens	Horbach	Hunter
Huseman	Huser	Jacobs	Jacoby
Jochum	Kaufmann	Kelley	Kressig
Kuhn	Lensing	Lukan	Lykam
Mascher	May	McCarthy	Mertz
Miller, H.	Miller, L.	Murphy, Spkr.	Oldson
Olson, D.	Olson, R.	Olson, S.	Olson, T.
Palmer	Petersen	Pettengill	Quirk
Raecker	Rants	Rasmussen	Rayhons
Reasoner	Reichert	Roberts	Sands
Schickel	Schueller	Shomshor	Smith
Soderberg	Staed	Struyk	Swaim
Taylor, D.	Taylor, T.	Thomas	Tjepkes
Tomenga	Tymeson	Upmeyer	Van Engelenhoven
Van Fossen	Watts	Wendt	Wenthe
Wessel-Kroeschell	Whitaker	Whitead	Wienczek
Winckler	Windschitl	Worthan	Zirkelbach
Wise, Presiding			

The nays were, none.

Absent or not voting, 3:  
Abdul-Samad Hoffman Paulsen

The bill having received a constitutional majority was declared to have passed the House and the title was agreed to.

**FINAL ACTION:**

The Governor **SIGNED** HF 2283 on xxxx.

**House File 2287 – by Committee on Veterans Affairs (Tymeson)**  
**COURT-MARTIAL PENALTIES BILL**

HF 2287 increases the maximum court-martial possible fines:

General Courts-Martial - \$200 to \$5,000

Special Courts-Martial - \$100 to \$2,500

Summary Courts-Martial - \$50 to \$1,000

The bill also increases the maximum forfeiture of pay and allowances under a general or special courts-martial from \$1,000 to an amount equal to 20 days of pay and allowance.

**HOUSE PASSAGE:**

The House **PASSED** HF 2287 on March 10, 2008, by a vote of 97-0 with:

45 Republicans and 52 Democrats voting AYE  
 0 Republicans and 0 Democrats voting NAY  
 2 Republicans and 1 Democrat ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

House Journal Pages 553-554 March 10, 2008
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On the question "Shall the bill pass?" (H.F. 2287)

The ayes were, 97:

Abdul-Samad	Alons	Anderson	Arnold
Bailey	Baudler	Bell	Berry
Boal	Chambers	Clute	Cohoon
Dandekar	Davitt	De Boef	Deyoe
Dolecheck	Drake	Foege	Ford
Forristall	Frevert	Gaskill	Gayman
Gipp	Granzow	Grassley	Heaton
Heddens	Hoffman	Horbach	Hunter
Huseman	Huser	Jacobs	Jacoby
Jochum	Kaufmann	Kelley	Kressig
Kuhn	Lensing	Lukan	Lykam
Mascher	May	McCarthy	Mertz
Miller, H.	Miller, L.	Murphy, Spkr.	Oldson
Olson, D.	Olson, R.	Olson, S.	Olson, T.
Palmer	Paulsen	Petersen	Pettengill
Quirk	Raecker	Rants	Rasmussen
Rayhons	Reasoner	Reichert	Roberts
Sands	Schickel	Schueller	Smith
Staed	Struyk	Swaim	Taylor, D.
Taylor, T.	Thomas	Tjepkes	Tomenga
Tymeson	Upmeyer	Van Engelenhoven	Van Fossen
Watts	Wendt	Wenthe	Wessel-Kroeschell
Whitaker	Whitead	Wienczek	Winckler
Windschitl	Wise	Worthan	Zirkelbach
Bukta, Presiding			

The nays were, none.

Absent or not voting, 3:

Greiner	Shomshor	Soderberg
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The bill having received a constitutional majority was declared to have passed the House and the title was agreed to.

**SENATE PASSAGE:**

The Senate **PASSED** HF 2287 on March 17, 2008 by a vote of 49-0.

**FINAL ACTION:**

The Governor **SIGNED** HF 2287 on March 26, 2008.

**House File 2359 – by Committee on Veterans Affairs (Bailey)**  
**VETERANS TRUST FUND AND LOTTERY GAMES BILL**

HF 2359 makes permanent \$5 million minimum balance requirement before the Veterans Trust Fund interest may be spent. Under current law it was set to move to \$50 million minimum balance. It also requires the lottery to develop and conduct two additional instant scratch and two additional pull tab lottery games annually with the money to benefit the Veterans Trust Fund.

This bill states that any money above the \$50 million to be allocated for the Veterans Trust Fund shall go to county directors of Veterans Affairs rather than the department. The money is to be distributed in the following manner:

- 50% of the money shall be distributed equally to all 99 counties
- 50% of the money shall be distributed to counties based upon the population of veterans in that county.

**HOUSE ACTION:**

**Amendments:**

**H-8045 by Alons:** This amendment is a strike after amendment which appropriates \$5.0 million from the general to the Veterans Trust Fund. **LOST** on a record roll call vote.

45 Republicans and 51 Democrats voting AYE  
0 Republicans and 0 Democrats voting NAY  
2 Republicans and 2 Democrats ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

House Journal Pages 502 - 503 March 5, 2008
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On the question "Shall amendment [H-8045](#) be adopted?" ([H.F. 2359](#))

The ayes were, 45:

Alons	Anderson	Arnold	Baudler
Boal	Chambers	Clute	De Boef
Deyoe	Dolecheck	Drake	Gipp
Granzow	Grassley	Greiner	Heaton
Horbach	Huseman	Jacobs	Kaufmann
Lukan	May	Miller, L.	Olson, S.
Paulsen	Pettengill	Raecker	Rants
Rasmussen	Rayhons	Roberts	Sands
Schickel	Soderberg	Struyk	Tjepkes
Tomenga	Tymeson	Upmeyer	Van Engelenhoven
Van Fossen	Watts	Wienczek	Windschitl
Worthan			

The nays were, 51:

Abdul-Samad	Bailey	Bell	Berry
Bukta	Cohoon	Dandekar	Davitt
Foege	Ford	Gaskill	Gayman
Heddens	Hunter	Huser	Jacoby
Jochum	Kelley	Kressig	Kuhn
Lensing	Lykam	Mascher	McCarthy
Mertz	Miller, H.	Oldson	Olson, D.
Olson, R.	Olson, T.	Palmer	Quirk
Reasoner	Reichert	Schueller	Shomshor
Smith	Staed	Swaim	Taylor, D.
Taylor, T.	Thomas	Wendt	Wenthe
Wessel-Kroeschell	Whitaker	Whitead	Winckler
Wise	Zirkelbach	Mr. Speaker	Murphy

Absent or not voting, 4:

Forristall	Frevert	Hoffman	Petersen
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Amendment [H-8045](#) lost.

**H-8044 by Tymeson:** This amendment adds language which says it is the intent of the general assembly that the balance in the Veterans Trust Fund is \$50.0 million. This restates language that is currently in the code that is struck in section 1 of the bill. **ADOPTED** on a voice vote.

**H-8046 by Raecker:** This amendment adds two instant scratch and two additional pull tab lottery games for each of the following purposes:

- Breast Cancer Research
- Domestic Abuse Prevention
- Senior Living Trust Fund

Ruled **NOT-GERMANE** to the amendment. The motion to suspend the rules **LOST** on a 42-50 record roll call vote.

42 Republicans and 0 Democrats voting AYE  
1 Republicans and 49 Democrats voting NAY  
4 Republicans and 4 Democrat ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

House Journal Page 505 March 5, 2008
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On the question "Shall the rules be suspended to consider amendment [H-8046?](#)" ([H.F. 2359](#))

The ayes were, 42:

Alons	Arnold	Baudler	Boal
Chambers	Clute	De Boef	Deyoe
Dolecheck	Drake	Gipp	Granzow
Grassley	Greiner	Heaton	Huseman
Jacobs	Kaufmann	Lukan	May
Miller, L.	Olson, S.	Paulsen	Pettengill
Raecker	Rants	Rasmussen	Rayhons
Roberts	Sands	Schickel	Soderberg
Struyk	Tjepkes	Tymeson	Upmeyer
Van Engelenhoven	Van Fossen	Watts	Wiencek
Windschitl	Worthan		

The nays were, 50:

Abdul-Samad	Bailey	Bell	Berry
Bukta	Cohoon	Dandekar	Davitt
Foege	Ford	Gaskill	Gayman
Heddens	Huser	Jacoby	Jochum
Kelley	Kressig	Kuhn	Lensing
Lykam	Mascher	McCarthy	Mertz
Miller, H.	Oldson	Olson, D.	Olson, T.
Palmer	Quirk	Reasoner	Reichert
Schueller	Shomshor	Smith	Staed
Swaim	Taylor, D.	Taylor, T.	Thomas
Tomenga	Wendt	Wenthe	Wessel-Kroeschell
Whitaker	Whitead	Winckler	Wise
Zirkelbach	Mr. Speaker Murphy		

Absent or not voting, 8:

Anderson	Forristall	Frevert	Hoffman
Horbach	Hunter	Olson, R.	Petersen

The motion to suspend the rules lost.

**H-8047 by Tymeson:** This amendment states that any money above the \$50 million to be allocated for the Veterans Trust Fund shall go to county directors of Veterans Affairs rather than the department.

The money is to be distributed in the following manner:

- 50% of the money shall be distributed equally to all 99 counties
- 50% of the money shall be distributed to counties based upon the population of veterans in that county.

This amendment also says that the money shall not supplant county dollars. **ADOPTED** as amended on a voice vote.

**H-8053 by Tymeson:** This amendment amends H-8047 to say that the moneys the county receives from this funding source shall not be used to supplant current county funding. **ADOPTED** on a voice vote.

**HOUSE PASSAGE:**

The House **PASSED** HF 2359 on March 5, 2008 by a vote of 75-21 with:

23 Republicans and 52 Democrats voting AYE  
21 Republicans and 0 Democrats voting NAY  
2 Republicans and 2 Democrats ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

House Journal Pages 506-507 March 5, 2008
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On the question "Shall the bill pass?" (H.F. 2359)

The ayes were, 75:

Abdul-Samad	Arnold	Bailey	Baudler
Bell	Berry	Boal	Bukta
Cohoon	Dandekar	Davitt	Deyoe
Foege	Ford	Gaskill	Gayman
Gipp	Grassley	Greiner	Heaton
Heddens	Horbach	Hunter	Huser
Jacoby	Jochum	Kaufmann	Kelley
Kressig	Kuhn	Lensing	Lukan
Lykam	Mascher	McCarthy	Mertz
Miller, H.	Oldson	Olson, D.	Olson, R.
Olson, S.	Olson, T.	Palmer	Quirk
Rasmussen	Rayhons	Reasoner	Reichert
Schickel	Schueller	Shomshor	Smith
Staed	Struyk	Swaim	Taylor, D.
Taylor, T.	Thomas	Tjepkes	Tomenga
Tymeson	Van Fossen	Watts	Wendt
Wenthe	Wessel-Kroeschell	Whitaker	Whitead
Wienczek	Winckler	Windschitl	Wise
Worthan	Zirkelbach	Mr. Speaker	Murphy

The nays were, 21:

Alons	Anderson	Chambers	Clute
De Boef	Dolecheck	Drake	Granzow
Huseman	Jacobs	May	Miller, L.
Paulsen	Pettengill	Raecker	Rants
Roberts	Sands	Soderberg	Upmeyer
Van Engelenhoven			

Absent or not voting, 4:

Forristall	Frevert	Hoffman	Petersen
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The bill having received a constitutional majority was declared to have passed the House and the title was agreed to.

**SENATE ACTION:**

The Senate **PASSED** HF 2359 on March 10, 2008 by a vote of 42-7.

**FINAL ACTION:**

The Governor **SIGNED** HF 2359 on March 11, 2008.

**House File 2559 – by Committee on Veterans Affairs (Zirkelbach)**  
**RESTRICTION ON THE PURCHASE OF FLAGS BILL**

HF 2559 prohibits the purchase of United States flags, Iowa flags, or flag representing or commemorating United State soldiers who are missing in action or POWs not made in the United States of America by a the state, a state agency, political subdivision, school district AEA, community college, Iowa, ISU, UNI, other public entity, or a state, county or municipal cemetery after July 1, 2008. The bill defines flag to mean a piece of woven cloth or other material designed to be flown for purposes of public display from a pole or mast.

**FIRST HOUSE ACTION:**  
**Amendments:**

**H-8304 by Zirkelbach:** This strike after amendment prohibits the purchase of United States flags, Iowa flags, or flag representing or commemorating United State soldiers who are missing in action or POWs not made in the United States of America by a the state, a state agency, political subdivision, school district AEA, community college, Iowa, ISU, UNI, other public entity, or a state, county or municipal cemetery after July 1, 2008. The bill defines flag to mean a piece of woven cloth or other material designed to be flown for purposes of public display from a pole or mast. A person violating this section shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor. Each sale made in violation of this section constitutes a separate offense. Previously the bill restricted the sale of those flags. **ADOPTED** on a voice vote.

**HOUSE FIRST PASSAGE:**

The House **PASSED** HF 2559 on March 26, 2008, by a vote of 99-0 with:

46 Republicans and 53 Democrats voting AYE  
0 Republicans and 0 Democrats voting NAY  
1 Republican and 0 Democrats ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

House Journal Page 927-928 March 26, 2008
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On the question "Shall the bill pass?" (H.F. 2559)

The ayes were, 99:

Abdul-Samad	Alons	Anderson	Arnold
Bailey	Baudler	Bell	Berry
Boal	Bukta	Chambers	Clute
Cohoon	Dandekar	Davitt	De Boef
Deyoe	Dolecheck	Drake	Foege
Ford	Forristall	Frevert	Gaskill
Gayman	Gipp	Granzow	Grassley
Greiner	Heaton	Heddens	Hoffman
Horbach	Hunter	Huseman	Huser
Jacobs	Jacoby	Jochum	Kaufmann
Kelley	Kressig	Kuhn	Lensing
Lukan	Lykam	Mascher	May
McCarthy	Mertz	Miller, H.	Miller, L.
Oldson	Olson, D.	Olson, R.	Olson, S.
Olson, T.	Palmer	Paulsen	Petersen
Pettengill	Quirk	Rants	Rasmussen
Rayhons	Reasoner	Reichert	Roberts
Sands	Schickel	Schueller	Shomshor
Smith	Soderberg	Staed	Struyk
Swaim	Taylor, D.	Taylor, T.	Thomas
Tjepkes	Tomenga	Tymeson	Upmeyer
Van Engelenhoven	Van Fossen	Watts	Wendt
Wenthe	Wessel-Kroeschell	Whitaker	Whitead
Wienczek	Winckler	Windschitl	Wise
Worthan	Zirkelbach	Mr. Speaker Murphy	

The nays were, none.

Absent or not voting, 1:  
Raecker

The bill having received a constitutional majority was declared to have passed the House and the title, as amended, was agreed to.

**SENATE ACTION:**

REFERRED to State Government Committee.

**Senate File 2124 – by Committee on Veterans Affairs (Staed)**  
**EXPENDITURES FROM THE VETERANS TRUST FUND AND THE CHECK-OFF BILL**

SF 2124 amends current language related to how Veterans Trust Fund appropriations may be spent to include the following:

- Travel Expenses for the spouse and not just the veteran
- The purchase of durable medical equipment or services to allow veterans to remain in their homes
- Expenses related to hearing care, dental care, vision care, or prescription drugs
- Expenses related to ambulance and emergency room services for veterans who are trauma patients
- Emergency expenses related to vehicle repair, housing repair, or temporary housing assistance
- Proving a child is in fact the child of a deceased veteran
- Provides matching funds for Veteran Service Organizations (VSO). However the money provided shall not exceed the less of \$150,000 or 20% of the trust fund interest.

This bill also keeps in place the Veterans Trust Fund income tax check-off but combines it with the fire fighters income tax check-off. It also creates the child abuse prevention income tax check-off.

**SENATE FIRST PASSAGE:**

The Senate PASSED SF 2124 on February 12, 2008 by a vote of 47-0.

**HOUSE ACTION:**

**Amendments:**

**H-8064 by Committee on Veterans Affairs:** The amendment adds the following uses for trust fund dollars:

- Proving a child is in fact the child of a deceased veteran
- Provides matching funds for Veteran Service Organizations (VSO). However the money provided shall not exceed the less of \$150,000 or 20% of the trust fund interest.

The amendment also makes the bill effective upon enactment. **ADOPTED** on a voice vote.

**H-8130 by Wiencek and Rasmussen:** This amendment keeps in place the Veterans Trust Fund income tax check-off. **ADOPTED** as amended on a voice vote.

**H-8411 by Huser:** This amendment amends H-8130 by including the firefighters check-off and the child abuse prevention check-off. **ADOPTED** on a voice vote.

**HOUSE PASSAGE:**

The House **PASSED** as amended SF 2124 as amended on April 3, 2008, by a vote of 96-0 with:

43 Republicans and 53 Democrats voting AYE  
0 Republicans and 0 Democrats voting NAY  
41 Republican and 0 Democrat ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

House Journal Pages 1043 April 3, 2008
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On the question "Shall the bill pass?" (S.F. 2124)

The ayes were, 96:

Abdul-Samad	Alons	Anderson	Arnold
Bailey	Baudler	Bell	Berry
Boal	Bukta	Chambers	Clute

Cohoon	Dandekar	Davitt	De Boef
Deyoe	Drake	Foege	Ford
Forristall	Frevert	Gaskill	Gayman
Gipp	Granzow	Grassley	Greiner
Heaton	Heddens	Horbach	Hunter
Huseman	Huser	Jacoby	Jochum
Kaufmann	Kelley	Kressig	Kuhn
Lensing	Lukan	Lykam	Mascher
May	McCarthy	Mertz	Miller, H.
Miller, L.	Murphy, Spkr.	Oldson	Olson, D.
Olson, R.	Olson, S.	Olson, T.	Palmer
Paulsen	Petersen	Quirk	Raecker
Rants	Rasmussen	Rayhons	Reasoner
Reichert	Roberts	Sands	Schickel
Schueller	Shomshor	Smith	Soderberg
Staed	Struyk	Swaim	Taylor, D.
Taylor, T.	Thomas	Tjepkes	Tomenga
Tymeson	Upmeyer	Van Engelenhoven	Van Fossen
Watts	Wenthe	Wessel-Kroeschell	Whitaker
Whitead	Wienczek	Winckler	Windschitl
Wise	Worthan	Zirkelbach	Wendt, Presiding

The nays were, none.

Absent or not voting, 4:

Dolecheck	Hoffman	Jacobs	Pettengill
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The bill having received a constitutional majority was declared to have passed the House and the title was agreed to.

**FINAL SENATE ACTION:**

The Senate CONCURRED with the House amendment and PASSED SF 2124 on April 9, 2008 by a vote of 48-0.

**FINAL ACTION:**

The Governor **SIGNED** SF 2124 on xxxx.

**Senate File 2134 – by Committee on Veterans Affairs (Bailey)**

**COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATE BILL**

SF 2134 requires counties to hire an executive director or an administrator (non veteran) to provide benefits to the veterans in their county. The executive director or administrator would be tasked with informing members of the armed forces, veterans and their dependents of all federal, state and local benefits. Their duties also include assisting all residents of the state who served in the armed forces and their relatives, beneficiaries and dependents in receiving federal or state benefits for which they are entitled.

The bill requires executive directors and administrators to go through National Association of County Veteran Service officer training and general computer proficiency training. If an executive director or administrator does not obtain certification within one year of being employed the individual shall be fired. Also, failure of an executive director or administrator to maintain certification shall be cause for removal from office.

The bill requires county offices to be open a certain number of hours based on county population.

- Population of 30,000 or less – 20 hours per week
- Population of 30,000 – 60,000 – 30 hours per week
- Population of 60,000 or more – 40 hours per week

Finally, the bill creates a County Commission of Veterans Affairs Fund. Beginning in FY10 there is \$1.0 million appropriated to the fund from the general fund to this new fund. The department shall annually allocate \$10,000 to each county commission of veterans affairs or to each county sharing the services of an executive director that pursuant to a 28E agreement is assisting multiple counties.

This bill also changed who is eligible to receive a gold star license plate to include families of deceased veterans that died as a result of service to the military.

**SENATE FIRST PASSAGE:**

The Senate PASSED SF 2134 on March 24, 2008 by a vote of 49-0.

**HOUSE ACTION:**

**Amendments:**

**H-8370 by Zirkelbach:** This amendment amends the strike after amendment to require to appropriate money for training an executive director, or administrator, the food clothing, shelter, utilities, medical benefits and funeral expenses of indigent veterans and their indigent spouses, surviving spouses, and minor children having a legal residence in the county. **WITHDRAWN.**

**H-8408 by Zirkelbach:** This amendment amends the strike after amendment to require to appropriate money for training an executive director, or administrator. **WITHDRAWN.**

**H-8354 by Committee on Veterans Affairs:** The strike after amendment makes changes to the training requirements of the county officers, establishes a County Commission of Veterans Affairs Fund, and requires the offices to be open a certain number of hours based on the population of the county. Motion to reconsidered was **ADOPTED** on a voice vote.

**Rule 32 Invoked.** SF 2134 was referred to the Appropriations committee.

**Reconsideration of H-8354 by Committee on Veterans Affairs:** The strike after amendment makes changes to the training requirements of the county officers, establishes a County Commission of Veterans Affairs Fund, and requires the offices to be open a certain number of hours based on the population of the county. **ADOPTED** on a voice vote.

**H-8354 by Committee on Veterans Affairs:** The strike after amendment makes changes to the training requirements of the county officers, establishes a County Commission of Veterans Affairs Fund, and requires the offices to be open a certain number of hours based on the population of the county. It also expands who is eligible for a gold star license plate. **ADOPTED** as amended on a voice vote.

**H-8460 by Bailey and Windschitl:** This amendment expands who is eligible for the gold star license plate to include family members of a deceased member of the military who died as a result of his or her service. **ADOPTED** on a voice vote.

### HOUSE PASSAGE

The House **PASSED** SF 2134 as amended on April 10, 2008, by a vote of 97-0 with:

45 Republicans and 52 Democrats voting AYE  
0 Republicans and 0 Democrats voting NAY  
2 Republicans and 1 Democrat ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

House Journal Pages 1200 April 10, 2008
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On the question "Shall the bill pass?" (S.F. 2134)

The ayes were, 97:

Alons	Anderson	Arnold	Bailey
Baudler	Bell	Berry	Boal
Bukta	Chambers	Clute	Cohoon
Dandekar	Davitt	De Boef	Deyoe
Dolecheck	Drake	Foege	Ford
Forristall	Frevert	Gaskill	Gayman
Gipp	Granzow	Grassley	Greiner
Heaton	Heddens	Horbach	Hunter
Huseman	Huser	Jacobs	Jacoby
Jochum	Kaufmann	Kelley	Kressig
Kuhn	Lensing	Lukan	Lykam
Mascher	May	McCarthy	Mertz
Miller, H.	Miller, L.	Murphy, Spkr.	Oldson
Olson, D.	Olson, R.	Olson, S.	Olson, T.
Palmer	Petersen	Pettengill	Quirk
Raecker	Rants	Rasmussen	Rayhons
Reasoner	Reichert	Roberts	Sands
Schickel	Schueller	Shomshor	Smith
Soderberg	Staed	Struyk	Swaim
Taylor, D.	Taylor, T.	Thomas	Tjepkes
Tomenga	Tymeson	Upmeyer	Van Engelenhoven
Van Fossen	Watts	Wendt	Wenthe
Wessel-Kroeschell	Whitaker	Whitead	Wienczek
Winckler	Windschitl	Worthan	Zirkelbach
Wise, Presiding			

The nays were, none.

Absent or not voting, 3:

Abdul-Samad	Hoffman	Paulsen
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The bill having received a constitutional majority was declared to have passed the House and the title was agreed to.

**FINAL SENATE ACTION:**

The Senate CONCURRED with the House amendment and PASSED SF 2134 on April 16, 2008 by a vote of 50-0.

The Senate RECONSIDERRED their vote on SF 2134.

The Senate CONCURRED with the House amendment and PASSED SF 2134 on April 21, 2008 by a vote of 49-0.

**FINAL ACTION:**

The Governor **SIGNED** SF 2134 on xxx.

**Senate File 2289 – by Committee on Veterans Affairs(Stead)**  
**EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN OF DECEASED VETERANS**  
**BILL**

SF 2289 increases the benefits to the war orphans education assistance program to meet with today's needs and provide clean-up changes recommended by the Department. The bill also places limitations on to whom and when the bill applies.

**SENATE FIRST PASSAGE:**

The Senate PASSED SF 2289 on March 11, 2008 by a vote of 48-0.

**HOUSE ACTION:**

**Amendments:**

**H-8191 by Committee on Veterans Affairs:** This benefit is limited to an child who is less than 31 years of age and meets the academic progress standards of the postsecondary school. **ADOPTED** on a voice vote.

**HOUSE PASSAGE:**

The House PASSED SF 2289 as amended on April 1, 2008, by a vote of 99-0 with:

47 Republicans and 52 Democrats voting AYE  
0 Republicans and 0 Democrats voting NAY  
0 Republican and 1 Democrat ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

House Journal Pages 974 April 1, 2008
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On the question "Shall the bill pass?" (S.F. 2289)

The ayes were, 99:

Abdul-Samad	Alons	Anderson	Arnold
Bailey	Baudler	Bell	Berry
Boal	Bukta	Chambers	Clute
Cohoon	Dandekar	Davitt	De Boef
Deyoe	Dolecheck	Drake	Foege
Ford	Forristall	Frevert	Gaskill
Gayman	Gipp	Granzow	Grassley
Greiner	Heaton	Heddens	Hoffman
Horbach	Hunter	Huseman	Huser
Jacobs	Jacoby	Jochum	Kaufmann
Kelley	Kressig	Kuhn	Lensing
Lukan	Lykam	Mascher	May
McCarthy	Mertz	Miller, H.	Miller, L.
Oldson	Olson, D.	Olson, R.	Olson, S.
Olson, T.	Palmer	Paulsen	Pettengill
Quirk	Raecker	Rants	Rasmussen
Rayhons	Reasoner	Reichert	Roberts
Sands	Schickel	Schueller	Shomshor
Smith	Soderberg	Staed	Struyk
Swaim	Taylor, D.	Taylor, T.	Thomas
Tjepkes	Tomenga	Tymeson	Upmeyer
Van Engelenhoven	Van Fossen	Watts	Wendt
Wenthe	Wessel-Kroeschell	Whitaker	Whitead
Wienczek	Winckler	Windschitl	Wise
Worthan	Zirkelbach	Mr. Speaker Murphy	

The nays were, none.

Absent or not voting, 1:  
Petersen

The bill having received a constitutional majority was declared to have passed the House and the title was agreed to.

**FINAL SENATE ACTION:**

The Senate **CONCURRED** with the House amendment and **PASSED** SF 2289 on April 2, 2008 by a vote of 49-0.

**FINAL ACTION:**

The Governor **SIGNED** SF 2289 on April 11, 2008.

**Senate File 2333 – by Committee on Veterans Affairs(Chambers)**  
**VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE PROPRETY BILL**

SF 2333 strikes the definition of cemetery from the section dealing with Veteran Commemorative Property and amends the definition of Veterans commemorative property by striking the requirement that it has been placed in a cemetery and is over 75 years old. This results in an expanded prohibition on the sale of veterans commemorative property to all owners or controllers of property where veterans commemorative property regardless of age is placed. The department regulates any of these transactions.

**SENATE PASSAGE:**

The Senate PASSED SF 2333 on March 12 2008 by a vote of 45-0.

**HOUSE PASSAGE:**

The House PASSED SF 2333 on April 2, 2008, by a vote of 100-0 with:

47 Republicans and 53 Democrats voting AYE  
 0 Republicans and 0 Democrats voting NAY  
 0 Republican and 0 Democrat ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

House Journal Pages 1009 April 2, 2008
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On the question "Shall the bill pass?" (S.F. 2333)

The ayes were, 100:

Abdul-Samad	Alons	Anderson	Arnold
Bailey	Baudler	Bell	Berry
Boal	Bukta	Chambers	Clute
Cohoon	Dandekar	Davitt	De Boef
Deyoe	Dolecheck	Drake	Foege
Ford	Forristall	Frevert	Gaskill
Gayman	Gipp	Granzow	Grassley
Greiner	Heaton	Heddens	Hoffman
Horbach	Hunter	Huseman	Huser
Jacobs	Jacoby	Jochum	Kaufmann
Kelley	Kressig	Kuhn	Lensing
Lukan	Lykam	Mascher	May
McCarthy	Mertz	Miller, H.	Miller, L.
Murphy, Spkr.	Oldson	Olson, D.	Olson, R.
Olson, S.	Olson, T.	Palmer	Paulsen
Petersen	Pettengill	Quirk	Raecker
Rants	Rasmussen	Rayhons	Reasoner
Reichert	Roberts	Sands	Schickel
Schueller	Shomshor	Smith	Soderberg
Staed	Struyk	Swaim	Taylor, D.
Taylor, T.	Thomas	Tjepkes	Tomenga
Tymeson	Upmeyer	Van Engelenhoven	Van Fossen
Watts	Wendt	Wenthe	Wessel-Kroeschell
Whitaker	Whitead	Wienczek	Winckler
Windschitl	Worthan	Zirkelbach	Wise, Presiding

The nays were, none.

Absent or not voting, none.

The bill having received a constitutional majority was declared to have passed the House and the title was agreed to.

**FINAL ACTION:**

The Governor SIGNED SF 2333 on April 11, 2008.

**Senate File 2354– by Committee on Veterans Affairs(Windschitl)**  
**CODIFICATION OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BILL**

SF 2354 codifies the Home Ownership Assistance Program in the IFA Code Chapter with the following changes:

- It does not include the Home Ownership Assistance Program end date of June 30, 2008.
- Eligible member is also expanded to include former members of the military who did not serve a minimum aggregate of 90 days of service after September 11, 2001 but were honorably discharged due to injuries incurred while on active federal service.
- Individuals participating in this program may participate in other loan and grant programs IFA provides.
- In order to be eligible for the program the following qualifications must be met:
  - The person uses a lender that participates in IFA’s applicable programs for first-time homebuyers.
  - If the person is eligible for the first-time homebuyers program, he eligible person shall participate in one of those programs.
  - The title guaranty certificate shall be issued for the property being purchased.
- IFA shall adopt rules. The rules may be limited to how long the award is reserved for an individual. The program is limited to available funding.

**SENATE FIRST PASSAGE:**

The Senate PASSED SF 2354 on March 10, 2008 by a vote of 46-0.

**HOUSE ACTION:**

**Amendments:**

**H-8366 by Zirkelbach:** This bill limits the additional eligibility to those individuals who served less than 90 days of active duty service after September 11, 2001 but were honorably discharged due to the injuries incurred while on active federal service.

**HOUSE PASSAGE:**

The House PASSED SF 2354 as amended on April 2, 2008, by a vote of 99-0 with:

47 Republicans and 52 Democrats voting AYE  
0 Republicans and 0 Democrats voting NAY  
0 Republican and 1 Democrat ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

House Journal Pages 1010 April 2, 2008
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On the question "Shall the bill pass?" (S.F. 2354)

The ayes were, 99:

Abdul-Samad	Alons	Anderson	Arnold
Bailey	Baudler	Bell	Berry
Boal	Bukta	Chambers	Clute
Cohoon	Dandekar	Davitt	De Boef
Deyoe	Dolecheck	Drake	Foege
Ford	Forristall	Frevert	Gaskill
Gayman	Gipp	Granzow	Grassley
Greiner	Heaton	Heddens	Hoffman
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McCarthy	Mertz	Miller, H.	Miller, L.
Murphy, Spkr.	Oldson	Olson, D.	Olson, R.

Olson, S.	Olson, T.	Palmer	Paulsen
Petersen	Pettengill	Quirk	Raecker
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Struyk	Swaim	Taylor, D.	Taylor, T.
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Wendt	Wenthe	Wessel-Kroeschell	Whitaker
Whitead	Wienczek	Winckler	Windschitl
Worthan	Zirkelbach	Wise, Presiding	

The nays were, none.

Absent or not voting, 1:  
Reichert

The bill having received a constitutional majority was declared to have passed the House and the title was agreed to.

**FINAL SENATE ACTION:**

The Senate **CONCURRED** with the House amendment and **PASSED** SF 2354 on April 8, 2008 by a vote of 49-0.

**FINAL ACTION:**

The Governor **SIGNED** SF 2354 on April 24, 2008.