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HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to determinations of eligibility for benefits
2 available from the United States veterans administration.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 249A.3, Code Supplement 2001, is
2 amended by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 14. In determining the eligibility of an
4 individual for medical assistance, the department shall also
5 determine and document the individual's eligibility for
6 benefits from the United States veterans administration.

7 Sec. 2. Section 331.439, subsection 1, paragraph c,
8 subparagraph (2), subparagraph subdivision (a), Code 2001, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 (a) The enrollment and eligibility process, which shall
11 include but is not limited to determination and documentation
12 of each person's eligibility for benefits from the United
13 States veterans administration.

14 Sec. 3. Section 356.5, Code 2001, is amended by adding the
15 following new subsection:

16 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. Ensure that each prisoner's
17 eligibility for benefits from the United States veterans
18 administration is determined and is documented in the
19 prisoner's record.

20 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 904.517 ELIGIBILITY FOR VETERANS
21 BENEFITS.

22 Eligibility for benefits from the United States veterans
23 administration shall be determined for each person committed
24 to the custody of the director, and the eligibility status
25 shall be documented in the person's record under section
26 904.601.

27 **EXPLANATION**

28 This bill requires that eligibility determinations for
29 benefits available from the United States veterans
30 administration be made under the following circumstances:
31 under Code chapter 249A for medical assistance eligibility
32 determinations, for the eligibility process under county
33 mental health services management plans approved pursuant to
34 Code section 331.439, under Code chapter 356 for prisoners of
35 jails and municipal holding facilities, and under Code chapter

1 904 for inmates committed to the custody of the director of
2 the department of corrections in a correctional facility. In
3 many of the provisions, the entity performing the eligibility
4 determination must also document the determination.

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