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HOUSE FILE 2363
BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 574)

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Approved May 8, 2006

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the process utilized in assessing residents of
2 health care facilities for veterans program benefits.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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2 amended to read as follows:

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7 affairs in identifying, upon admission of a resident, the
8 resident's eligibility for benefits through the ~~federal~~ United
9 States department of veterans affairs. ~~The-health-care~~
10 ~~facility-shall-also-assist-the-Iowa-department-of-veterans~~
11 ~~affairs-in-determining-such-eligibility-for-residents-residing~~
12 ~~in-the-facility-on-July-17-2003-~~ The department of
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14 human services, shall adopt rules to administer this section,
15 including a provision that ensures that if a resident is
16 eligible for benefits through the ~~federal~~ United States
17 department of veterans affairs or other third-party payor, the
18 payor of last resort for reimbursement to the health care
19 facility is the medical assistance program. The rules shall
20 also require the health care facility to request information
21 from a resident or resident's personal representative
22 regarding the resident's veteran status and to report to the
23 Iowa department of veterans affairs only the names of
24 residents identified as potential veterans along with the
25 names of their spouses and any dependents. Information
26 reported by the health care facility shall be verified by the
27 Iowa department of veterans affairs. This section shall not
28 apply to the admission of an individual to a state mental
29 health institute for acute psychiatric care or to the
30 admission of an individual to the Iowa veterans home.

31 EXPLANATION

32 This bill requires the rules of the department of
33 inspections and appeals, regarding the identifying of
34 residents of health care facilities who are veterans, to
35 require the health care facilities to request information from

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CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House

JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2363, Eighty-first General Assembly.

MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved _____, 2006

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor