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HOUSE FILE 2708  
BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS  
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 581)

Passed House, Date 3-20-06 Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes 96 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved May 8, 2006

A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning the veterans trust fund by providing for the  
2 minimum balance necessary in order to expend funds from the  
3 veterans trust fund and providing for an annual report  
4 concerning the fund.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. The minimum balance of the trust fund required prior to  
4 expenditure of moneys from the trust fund is fifty million  
5 dollars. However, for the fiscal period beginning July 1,  
6 2006, and ending June 30, 2009, the minimum balance of the  
7 trust fund required prior to expenditure of moneys from the  
8 trust fund is five million dollars. Once the minimum balance  
9 is reached, the interest and earnings on the fund and any  
10 moneys received under subsection 3, paragraph "a", are  
11 appropriated to the commission to be used to achieve the  
12 purposes of this section.

13 Sec. 2. Section 35A.13, Code 2005, is amended by adding  
14 the following new subsection:

15 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. The commission shall submit an annual  
16 report to the general assembly by January 15 of each year  
17 concerning the veterans trust fund created by this section.  
18 The annual report shall include financial information  
19 concerning the moneys in the trust fund and shall also include  
20 information on the number, amount, and type of expenditures,  
21 if any, from the fund during the prior calendar year for the  
22 purposes described in subsection 6.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill concerns the veterans trust fund.

25 The bill reduces the minimum balance required prior to  
26 expenditure of moneys from the veterans trust fund from \$50  
27 million to \$5 million for the period beginning July 1, 2006,  
28 and ending June 30, 2009. After June 30, 2009, the minimum  
29 balance returns to \$50 million.

30 The bill also requires the commission of veterans affairs  
31 to submit an annual report to the general assembly by January  
32 15 of each year concerning the veterans trust fund.

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HOUSE FILE 2708

H-8281

1 Amend House File 2708 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 22 the  
3 following:

4 "Sec. \_\_\_\_ . NEW SECTION. 422.12G INCOME TAX  
5 CHECKOFF FOR VETERANS TRUST FUND.

6 1. A person who files an individual or a joint  
7 income tax return with the department of revenue under  
8 section 422.13 may designate one dollar or more to be  
9 credited to the veterans trust fund created in section  
10 35A.13. If the refund due on the return or the  
11 payment remitted with the return is insufficient to  
12 pay the additional amount designated by the taxpayer  
13 to the veterans trust fund, the amount designated  
14 shall be reduced to the remaining amount of the refund  
15 or the remaining amount remitted with the return. The  
16 designation of a contribution to the veterans trust  
17 fund under this section is irrevocable.

18 2. The director of revenue shall draft the income  
19 tax form to allow the designation of contributions to  
20 the veterans trust fund on the tax return. The  
21 department of revenue, on or before January 31, shall  
22 transfer the total amount designated on the tax return  
23 forms due in the preceding calendar year to the  
24 veterans trust fund created in section 35A.13.  
25 However, before a checkoff pursuant to this section  
26 shall be permitted, all liabilities on the books of  
27 the department of revenue and accounts identified as  
28 owing under section 421.17 and the political  
29 contribution allowed under section 68A.601 shall be  
30 satisfied.

31 3. The department of revenue shall adopt rules to  
32 administer this section.

33 4. This section is subject to repeal under section  
34 422.12E.

35 Sec. \_\_\_\_ . IMPLEMENTATION. The checkoff created in  
36 this Act shall be eligible for placement on the  
37 individual income tax return form beginning for the  
38 tax year commencing January 1, 2006.

39 Sec. \_\_\_\_ . RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. The section  
40 of this Act enacting section 422.12G applies  
41 retroactively to the tax year commencing January 1,  
42 2006."

43 2. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the  
44 words "trust fund" the following: ", providing an  
45 individual income tax checkoff for the fund,".

46 3. Title page, line 4, by inserting after the  
47 word "fund" the follow: ", and including a  
48 retroactive applicability provision".

By FREEMAN of Buena Vista  
WHITEAD of Woodbury

H-8281 FILED MARCH 15, 2006

HOUSE FILE 2708  
BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS  
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 581)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 20, 2006)

Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed Senate, Date 3-28-06  
Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes 47 Nays 3  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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2 minimum balance necessary in order to expend funds from the  
3 veterans trust fund, providing an individual income tax  
4 checkoff for the fund, and providing for an annual report  
5 concerning the fund, and including a retroactive applicability  
6 provision.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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House Amendments \_\_\_\_\_

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21 if any, from the fund during the prior calendar year for the  
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15 422.12E.

16 Sec. 4. IMPLEMENTATION. The checkoff created in this Act  
17 shall be eligible for placement on the individual income tax  
18 return form beginning for the tax year commencing January 1,  
19 2006.

20 Sec. 5. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. The section of this  
21 Act enacting section 422.12G applies retroactively to the tax  
22 year commencing January 1, 2006.

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HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_ 02708  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON FREEMAN)

Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
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EXPLANATION

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11 expenditure of moneys from the veterans trust fund from \$50  
12 million to \$5 million.

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HOUSE FILE 2708

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE VETERANS TRUST FUND BY PROVIDING FOR THE MINIMUM BALANCE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO EXPEND FUNDS FROM THE VETERANS TRUST FUND, PROVIDING AN INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CHECKOFF FOR THE FUND, AND PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT CONCERNING THE FUND, AND INCLUDING A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY PROVISION.

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3. The department of revenue shall adopt rules to administer this section.

4. This section is subject to repeal under section 422.12E.

Sec. 4. IMPLEMENTATION. The checkoff created in this Act shall be eligible for placement on the individual income tax return form beginning for the tax year commencing January 1, 2006.

Sec. 5. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. The section of this Act enacting section 422.12G applies retroactively to the tax year commencing January 1, 2006.

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CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS  
Speaker of the House

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JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2708, Eighty-first General Assembly.

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MARGARET THOMSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

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THOMAS J. VILSACK  
Governor