

Governor Signs Veterans Bills into Law

Working together with the Legislature, Governor Culver signed three pieces of legislation this week to help service members, veterans, and their families.

Military Spouses

House File 2110 provides unemployment insurance benefits for the spouses of military personnel forced to leave their job due to a military reassignment or a spouse called to active duty. The benefits will be paid out of interest on the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund and will not be paid for by employers.

Currently, at least 35 other states provide unemployment insurance benefits to spouses of military personnel who left employment, due to no fault of their own, and relocated because of a military assignment in another area.

Injured Veterans Grant

House File 755 expands the qualifications for the Injured Veterans Grant Program to include a veteran who has suffered an injury in the line of duty requiring at least 30 consecutive days of hospitalization at a military hospital. The veteran does not have to be evacuated from the operational theater in which the veteran was injured to a military hospital.

Disabled Veteran Businesses

House File 2499 expands the duties of the Iowa Department of Economic Development to encourage and assist small businesses owned and operated by disabled veterans to obtain contracts and subcontracts with the State of Iowa.

These bills, along with others, are priorities of the Legislature to assist our Iowa military families.