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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs

February 28, 2008

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended

Read Second Time

March 6, 2008

By motion, re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice

A bill for an act

relating to veterans; providing for a current listing of deceased Minnesota military personnel; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 197.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[197.225] LIST OF DECEASED MILITARY PERSONNEL.**

The commissioner of veterans affairs shall compile and maintain an ongoing list of Minnesota residents who, as members of the United States armed forces, have died of service-connected causes while serving in the United States armed forces. The list must be comprehensive and inclusive, and may be made available at the discretion of the commissioner for ceremonial and honorary purposes, broadly conceived, but is not indicative of any person's status with regard to qualification for veterans benefits or other benefits.

For each deceased service member listed, the commissioner shall note to the extent feasible the following information about the person at approximate time of death: the person's full name, military rank, branch of service and assigned military unit, military occupational specialty (MOS), age, and Minnesota hometown, as well as the general cause of death, including "combat," "training accident," "disease," and any other information the commissioner considers necessary.

The list may include the names of deceased service members who are the immediate family members of Minnesota residents, but who themselves were not Minnesota residents at the time of death, provided the service member's home state at time of death is noted.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day after final enactment.