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HOUSE BILL No. 1235

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Citations Affected: Numerous provisions throughout the Indiana Code.

Synopsis: Military and veteran matters. Expands the eligibility requirements for admission to the Indiana Veterans' Home. Adds a definition of an "eligible person" for purposes of administering grants for veteran services (GVS). Provides that a qualified entity may receive a GVS to provide certain services to support an eligible person. Makes changes to the qualifications to receive a veteran's burial allowance. Establishes the Medal of Honor license plate. Restores a provision of current law concerning certain disability ratings, as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and educational cost exemptions. Provides that the disability ratings and educational cost exemptions apply to an individual whose parent enlisted in the armed forces after June 30, 2017 (instead of June 30, 2011). Updates references throughout the Indiana Code relating to the armed forces of the United States or uniformed services to include the United States Space Force. Replaces references to an honorable discharge with references to a discharge under conditions other than dishonorable. Makes technical changes to various references relating to the components of the armed forces of the United States. Makes technical corrections.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning military and veterans.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 1-1-4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.114-2016,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 5. (a) The following definitions apply to the
4 construction of all Indiana statutes, unless the construction is plainly
5 repugnant to the intent of the general assembly or of the context of the
6 statute:
- 7 (1) "Adult", "of full age", and "person in his majority" mean a
8 person at least eighteen (18) years of age.
 - 9 (2) "Attorney" includes a counselor or other person authorized to
10 appear and represent a party in an action or special proceeding.
 - 11 (3) "Autism" means a neurological condition as described in the
12 most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of
13 Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association.
 - 14 (4) "Bond" does not necessarily imply a seal.
 - 15 (5) "Clerk" means the clerk of the court or a person authorized to
16 perform the clerk's duties.
 - 17 (6) "Health record", "hospital record", or "medical record" means

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- 1 written or printed information possessed by a provider (as defined
2 in IC 16-18-2-295) concerning any diagnosis, treatment, or
3 prognosis of the patient, unless otherwise defined. Except as
4 otherwise provided, the terms include mental health records and
5 drug and alcohol abuse records.
- 6 (7) "Highway" includes county bridges and state and county
7 roads, unless otherwise expressly provided.
- 8 (8) "Infant" or "minor" means a person less than eighteen (18)
9 years of age.
- 10 (9) "Inhabitant" may be construed to mean a resident in any place.
- 11 (10) "Judgment" means all final orders, decrees, and
12 determinations in an action and all orders upon which executions
13 may issue.
- 14 (11) "Land", "real estate", and "real property" include lands,
15 tenements, and hereditaments.
- 16 (12) "Mentally incompetent" means of unsound mind.
- 17 (13) "Money demands on contract", when used in reference to an
18 action, means an action arising out of contract when the relief
19 demanded is a recovery of money.
- 20 (14) "Month" means a calendar month, unless otherwise
21 expressed.
- 22 (15) "Noncode statute" means a statute that is not codified as part
23 of the Indiana Code.
- 24 (16) "Oath" includes "affirmation", and "to swear" includes to
25 "affirm".
- 26 (17) "Person" extends to bodies politic and corporate.
- 27 (18) "Personal property" includes goods, chattels, evidences of
28 debt, and things in action.
- 29 (19) "Population" has the meaning set forth in IC 1-1-3.5-3.
- 30 (20) "Preceding" and "following", referring to sections in statutes,
31 mean the sections next preceding or next following that in which
32 the words occur, unless some other section is designated.
- 33 (21) "Property" includes personal and real property.
- 34 (22) "Sheriff" means the sheriff of the county or another person
35 authorized to perform sheriff's duties.
- 36 (23) "State", applied to any one (1) of the United States, includes
37 the District of Columbia and the commonwealths, possessions,
38 states in free association with the United States, and the
39 territories. "United States" includes the District of Columbia and
40 the commonwealths, possessions, states in free association with
41 the United States, and the territories.
- 42 (24) "Under legal disabilities" includes persons less than eighteen



- 1 (18) years of age, mentally incompetent, or out of the United
 2 States.
 3 (25) "Verified", when applied to pleadings, means supported by
 4 oath or affirmation in writing.
 5 (26) "Will" includes a testament and codicil.
 6 (27) "Without relief" in any judgment, contract, execution, or
 7 other instrument of writing or record, means without the benefit
 8 of valuation laws.
 9 (28) "Written" and "in writing" include printing, lithographing, or
 10 other mode of representing words and letters. If the written
 11 signature of a person is required, the terms mean the proper
 12 handwriting of the person or the person's mark.
 13 (29) "Year" means a calendar year, unless otherwise expressed.
 14 (30) The definitions in IC 35-31.5 apply to all statutes relating to
 15 penal offenses.
 16 (b) This subsection applies to the definitions of "Hoosier veteran"
 17 and "veteran" when used in reference to state programs for veterans.
 18 The term "veteran" includes "Hoosier veteran", and applies to the
 19 construction of all Indiana statutes, unless the construction is expressly
 20 excluded by the terms of the statute, is plainly repugnant to the intent
 21 of the general assembly or of the context of the statute, or is
 22 inconsistent with federal law. "Hoosier veteran" means an individual
 23 who meets the following criteria:
 24 (1) The individual is a resident of Indiana.
 25 (2) The individual served in ~~a~~ **an active or** reserve component of
 26 the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National
 27 Guard.
 28 (3) The individual completed any required military occupational
 29 specialty training and was not discharged or separated from the
 30 armed forces or the Indiana National Guard under dishonorable
 31 ~~or other than honorable~~ conditions.
 32 The definitions set forth in this subsection may not be construed to
 33 affect a Hoosier veteran's eligibility for any state program that is based
 34 upon a particular aspect of the Hoosier veteran's service such as a
 35 disability or a wartime service requirement.
 36 SECTION 2. IC 3-5-2-49.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.227-2023,
 37 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 38 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 49.3. "Uniformed services" means any of the
 39 following:
 40 (1) The **United States** Army.
 41 (2) The **United States** Navy.
 42 (3) The **United States** Air Force.



1 (4) The **United States** Marine Corps.

2 (5) The **United States** Coast Guard.

3 (6) The **United States** Space Force.

4 (7) The commissioned corps of the Public Health Service.

5 (8) The commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and
6 Atmospheric Administration.

7 SECTION 3. IC 4-13-16.5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2024,
8 SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
9 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. (a) The definitions in this section apply
10 throughout this chapter.

11 (b) "Commission" refers to the governor's commission on supplier
12 diversity established under section 2 of this chapter.

13 (c) "Commissioner" refers to the commissioner of the department.

14 (d) "Contract" means any contract awarded by a state agency or, as
15 set forth in section 2(g)(11) of this chapter, awarded by a recipient of
16 state grant funds, for construction projects or the procurement of goods
17 or services, including professional services. For purposes of this
18 subsection, "goods or services" may not include the following when
19 determining the total value of contracts for state agencies:

20 (1) Utilities.

21 (2) Health care services (as defined in IC 27-8-11-1(c)).

22 (3) Rent paid for real property or payments constituting the price
23 of an interest in real property as a result of a real estate
24 transaction.

25 (e) "Contractor" means a person or entity that:

26 (1) contracts with a state agency; or

27 (2) as set forth in section 2(g)(11) of this chapter:

28 (A) is a recipient of state grant funds; and

29 (B) enters into a contract:

30 (i) with a person or entity other than a state agency; and

31 (ii) that is paid for in whole or in part with the state grant
32 funds.

33 (f) "Department" refers to the Indiana department of administration
34 established by IC 4-13-1-2.

35 (g) "Deputy commissioner" refers to the deputy commissioner for
36 supplier diversity of the department.

37 (h) "Minority business enterprise" or "minority business" means an
38 individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or joint
39 venture of any kind that is owned and controlled by one (1) or more
40 persons who are:

41 (1) United States citizens; and

42 (2) members of a minority group or a qualified minority nonprofit



- 1 corporation.
- 2 (i) "NGB-22" means the National Guard Report of Separation form
3 or its predecessor or successor form.
- 4 (j) "Qualified minority or women's nonprofit corporation" means a
5 corporation that:
- 6 (1) is exempt from federal income taxation under Section
7 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- 8 (2) is headquartered in Indiana;
- 9 (3) has been in continuous existence for at least five (5) years;
- 10 (4) has a board of directors that has been in compliance with all
11 other requirements of this chapter for at least five (5) years;
- 12 (5) is chartered for the benefit of the minority community or
13 women; and
- 14 (6) provides a service that will not impede competition among
15 minority business enterprises or women's business enterprises at
16 the time a nonprofit applies for certification as a minority
17 business enterprise or a women's business enterprise.
- 18 (k) "Owned and controlled" means:
- 19 (1) if the business is a qualified minority nonprofit corporation, a
20 majority of the board of directors are minority;
- 21 (2) if the business is a qualified women's nonprofit corporation,
22 a majority of the members of the board of directors are women; or
- 23 (3) if the business is a business other than a qualified minority or
24 women's nonprofit corporation, having:
- 25 (A) ownership of at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the
26 enterprise, including corporate stock of a corporation;
- 27 (B) control over the management and active in the day-to-day
28 operations of the business; and
- 29 (C) an interest in the capital, assets, and profits and losses of
30 the business proportionate to the percentage of ownership.
- 31 (l) "Minority group" means:
- 32 (1) African Americans;
- 33 (2) Native Americans;
- 34 (3) Hispanic Americans; and
- 35 (4) Asian Americans.
- 36 (m) "Separate body corporate and politic" refers to an entity
37 established by the general assembly as a body corporate and politic.
- 38 (n) "State agency" refers to any authority, board, branch,
39 commission, committee, department, division, or other instrumentality
40 of the executive, including the administrative, department of state
41 government.
- 42 (o) "Veteran" means an individual who:



- 1 (1) has previously:
- 2 (A) served on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of
- 3 the United States or their reserves, in the national guard, or in
- 4 the Indiana National Guard; and
- 5 (B) received ~~an honorable~~ a discharge from service **under**
- 6 **conditions other than dishonorable**; or
- 7 (2) is currently serving in:
- 8 (A) any branch of the armed forces of the United States or
- 9 their reserves;
- 10 (B) the national guard; or
- 11 (C) the Indiana National Guard.
- 12 (p) "Veteran owned small business" refers to a small business that:
- 13 (1) is independently owned and operated;
- 14 (2) is not dominant in its field of operation; and
- 15 (3) satisfies the criteria to be a veteran owned small business
- 16 concern as specified in section 1.5 of this chapter.
- 17 (q) "Women's business enterprise" means a business that is one (1)
- 18 of the following:
- 19 (1) A sole proprietorship owned and controlled by a woman.
- 20 (2) A partnership or joint venture owned and controlled by
- 21 women in which:
- 22 (A) at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the ownership is held by
- 23 women; and
- 24 (B) the management and daily business operations are
- 25 controlled by at least one (1) of the women who owns the
- 26 business.
- 27 (3) A corporation or other entity:
- 28 (A) whose management and daily business operations are
- 29 controlled by at least one (1) of the women who owns the
- 30 business; and
- 31 (B) that is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned by women,
- 32 or if stock is issued, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the
- 33 stock is owned by at least one (1) of the women.
- 34 (4) A qualified women's nonprofit corporation.
- 35 SECTION 4. IC 4-15-2.2-32, AS ADDED BY P.L.229-2011,
- 36 SECTION 56, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 37 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 32. (a) Former members of the armed forces of the
- 38 United States who meet both of the following requirements shall
- 39 receive a preference for appointment or reemployment in the state
- 40 classified service:
- 41 (1) The veteran served on active duty in any branch of the armed
- 42 forces.



1 (2) The veteran was not discharged or separated from the armed
 2 forces **with a dishonorable discharge. under other than**
 3 **honorable conditions; unless the veteran presents appropriate**
 4 **records from:**

5 (A) the United States Department of Defense; or

6 (B) the appropriate branch of the armed forces;

7 **showing a correction of a separation or discharge to "honorable".**

8 (b) When:

9 (1) preemployment interviews of external candidates are
 10 conducted; and

11 (2) the qualified applicant pool includes veterans;
 12 veterans must be included in the group offered interviews.

13 (c) In computing seniority for purposes of a personnel reduction in
 14 state civil service, the computation must include the length of time the
 15 employee spent on active duty in the armed forces of the United States.

16 SECTION 5. IC 5-9-3-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. Persons **honorably** discharged
 18 from the military or naval service of the United States **under**
 19 **conditions other than dishonorable**, by reason of disability resulting
 20 from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty, shall be preferred
 21 for appointment to civil offices, provided they are found to possess the
 22 capacity necessary for the proper discharge of such offices.

23 SECTION 6. IC 5-9-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.3-2008,
 24 SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 25 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2. (a) Political subdivisions of the state of Indiana
 26 shall allow preference points to eligible armed forces veterans who are
 27 being examined for full time employment. Preference points awarded
 28 to such veterans on each such examination shall be ten percent (10%)
 29 of the total number of points which may be obtained thereon.

30 (b) To be eligible to receive preference points, under this chapter,
 31 a person must have:

32 (1) served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States
 33 for at least one hundred eighty-one (181) days; and

34 (2) received **an honorable a discharge under conditions other**
 35 **than dishonorable.**

36 (c) The provisions of this chapter are in lieu of any policy of a
 37 political subdivision allowing employment preference for veterans in
 38 effect before July 1, 1975.

39 SECTION 7. IC 5-9-4-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 40 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "armed
 41 forces of the United States" means the active or reserve components of
 42 **the:**



- 1 (1) ~~the~~ **United States** Army;
 2 (2) ~~the~~ **United States** Navy;
 3 (3) ~~the~~ **United States** Air Force;
 4 (4) ~~the~~ **United States** Coast Guard;
 5 (5) ~~the~~ **United States** Marine Corps; ~~or~~
 6 **(6) United States Space Force; or**
 7 ~~(6) (7) the~~ Merchant Marine.
- 8 SECTION 8. IC 5-10.3-7-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.8-2015,
 9 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 10 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 5. (a) A member who:
 11 (1) enters the United States armed services;
 12 (2) leaves the member's contributions in the fund;
 13 (3) except as provided in subsection (c), resumes service with the
 14 member's employer within one hundred twenty (120) days after
 15 the member's unconditional discharge; and
 16 (4) would be entitled to service credit for military service under
 17 the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights
 18 Act (38 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.) if the member had resumed service
 19 with the member's employer within ninety (90) days after
 20 discharge;
 21 is entitled to service credit for the armed service.
- 22 (b) A state employee who left employment before January 1, 1946,
 23 or an employee of a political subdivision who left employment before
 24 the participation date, to enter the United States armed services is
 25 entitled to service credit for the armed service if the member:
 26 (1) except as provided in subsection (c), resumes service with the
 27 employer within one hundred twenty (120) days after the
 28 member's unconditional discharge; and
 29 (2) would be entitled to service credit for military service under
 30 the applicable requirements of federal law in effect at the time of
 31 reemployment if the employee had resumed service with the
 32 employee's employer within ninety (90) days after discharge.
- 33 (c) The board shall extend the one hundred twenty (120) day
 34 reemployment requirement contained in subsection (a)(3) or (b)(1) if
 35 the board determines that an illness, an injury, or a disability related to
 36 the member's military service prevented the member from resuming
 37 employment within one hundred twenty (120) days after the member's
 38 discharge from military service. However, the board may not extend the
 39 deadline beyond thirty (30) months after the member's discharge.
- 40 (d) If a member retires and the board subsequently determines that
 41 the member is entitled to additional service credit due to the extension
 42 of a deadline under subsection (c), the board shall recompute the



1 member's benefit. However, the additional service credit may be used
 2 only in the computation of benefits to be paid after the date of the
 3 board's determination, and the member is not entitled to a
 4 recomputation of benefits received before the date of the board's
 5 determination.

6 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a member is
 7 entitled to service credit and benefits in the amount and to the extent
 8 required by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment
 9 Rights Act (38 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.).

10 (f) Subject to the provisions of this section, an active member may
 11 purchase and claim not more than two (2) years of service credit for the
 12 member's service on active duty in the armed services if the member
 13 meets the following conditions:

14 (1) The member has at least one (1) year of credited service in the
 15 fund.

16 (2) The member serves on active duty in the armed services of the
 17 United States for at least six (6) months.

18 (3) The member receives ~~an honorable~~ a discharge from the
 19 armed services **under conditions other than dishonorable**.

20 (4) Before the member retires, the member makes contributions
 21 to the fund as follows:

22 (A) Contributions that are equal to the product of the
 23 following:

24 (i) The member's salary at the time the member actually
 25 makes a contribution for the service credit.

26 (ii) A rate, determined by the actuary of the fund, that is
 27 based on the age of the member at the time the member
 28 actually makes a contribution for service credit and
 29 computed to result in a contribution amount that
 30 approximates the actuarial present value of the benefit
 31 attributable to the service credit purchased.

32 (iii) The number of years of service credit the member
 33 intends to purchase.

34 (B) Contributions for any accrued interest, at a rate determined
 35 by the actuary of the fund, for the period from the member's
 36 initial membership in the fund to the date payment is made by
 37 the member.

38 However, a member is entitled to purchase service credit under this
 39 subsection only to the extent that service credit is not granted for that
 40 time under another provision of this section. At least ten (10) years of
 41 service in Indiana is required before a member may receive a benefit
 42 based on service credits purchased under this section. A member who



1 terminates employment before satisfying the eligibility requirements
 2 necessary to receive a monthly allowance or receives a monthly
 3 allowance for the same service from another tax supported public
 4 employee retirement plan other than under the federal Social Security
 5 Act may withdraw the purchase amount plus accumulated interest after
 6 submitting a properly completed application for a refund to the fund.

7 (g) The following apply to the purchase of service credit under
 8 subsection (f):

9 (1) The board may allow a member to make periodic payments of
 10 the contributions required for the purchase of the service credit.
 11 The board shall determine the length of the period during which
 12 the payments must be made.

13 (2) The board may deny an application for the purchase of service
 14 credit if the purchase would exceed the limitations under Section
 15 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

16 (3) A member may not claim the service credit for purposes of
 17 determining eligibility or computing benefits unless the member
 18 has made all payments required for the purchase of the service
 19 credit.

20 SECTION 9. IC 5-10.4-4-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.8-2015,
 21 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 22 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 8. (a) This subsection applies to a member who
 23 retires before July 1, 1980. A member who had completed four (4)
 24 years of approved college teacher education before voluntary or
 25 involuntary induction into the military services is entitled to credit for
 26 that service as if the member had begun teaching before the induction.
 27 A member who serves in military service is considered a teacher and
 28 is entitled to the benefits of the fund if before or during the leave of
 29 absence the member pays into the fund the member's contributions.
 30 Time served by a member in military service for the duration of the
 31 hostilities or for the length of active service in the hostilities and the
 32 necessary demobilization time after the hostilities is not subject to the
 33 one-seventh rule set forth in section 7 of this chapter.

34 (b) This subsection applies to a member who retires after June 30,
 35 1980. A member who completed four (4) years of approved college
 36 teacher education before voluntary or involuntary induction into
 37 military service is entitled to credit for the member's active military
 38 service as if the member had begun teaching before the induction. A
 39 member who serves in military service is considered a teacher and is
 40 entitled to the benefits of the fund if the following conditions are met:

41 (1) The member has ~~an honorable~~ a discharge **from military**
 42 **service under conditions other than dishonorable.**



1 (2) Except as provided in subsection (g), the member returns to
2 active teaching service not later than twenty-four (24) months
3 after the completion of active military service.

4 (3) The member has at least ten (10) years of in-state service
5 credit.

6 The time served by a member in military service for the duration of the
7 hostilities or for the length of active service in the hostilities and the
8 necessary demobilization time after the hostilities is not subject to the
9 one-seventh rule set forth in section 7 of this chapter. However, not
10 more than six (6) years of military service credit may be granted under
11 this subsection.

12 (c) This subsection applies to a member who retires after May 1,
13 1989. A member who had begun but had not completed four (4) years
14 of approved college teacher education before voluntary or involuntary
15 induction into the military services is entitled to service credit in an
16 amount equal to the duration of the member's active military service if
17 the following conditions are met:

18 (1) The member has ~~an honorable~~ a discharge **from military**
19 **service under conditions other than dishonorable.**

20 (2) Except as provided in subsection (g), the member returns to a
21 four (4) year approved college teacher training program not later
22 than twenty-four (24) months after the completion of active
23 military service and subsequently completes that program.

24 (3) The member has at least ten (10) years of in-state service
25 credit.

26 The time served by a member in active military service for the length
27 of active service in the hostilities and the necessary demobilization is
28 not subject to the one-seventh rule set forth in section 7 of this chapter.
29 However, not more than six (6) years of military service credit may be
30 granted under this subsection.

31 (d) This subsection applies to a member who retires after May 1,
32 1991, and who is employed at a state educational institution. A member
33 who had begun but had not completed baccalaureate or
34 post-baccalaureate education before voluntary or involuntary induction
35 into military service is entitled to the member's active military service
36 credit for the member's active military service in an amount equal to
37 the duration of the member's military service if the following
38 conditions are met:

39 (1) The member received ~~an honorable~~ a discharge **from military**
40 **service under conditions other than dishonorable.**

41 (2) Except as provided in subsection (g), the member returns to
42 baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate education not later than



- 1 twenty-four (24) months after completion of active military
2 service and subsequently completes that education.
- 3 (3) The member has at least ten (10) years of in-state service
4 credit.
- 5 The time served by a member in active military service for the length
6 of active service in the hostilities and the necessary demobilization is
7 not subject to the one-seventh rule set forth in section 7 of this chapter.
8 However, not more than six (6) years of military service credit may be
9 granted under this subsection.
- 10 (e) For purposes of this section, a member returns to active teaching
11 service on the earlier of:
- 12 (1) the date on which the member signs a teacher's contract; or
13 (2) the date on which the member is first employed in a position
14 covered by this article.
- 15 (f) For purposes of this section, a member returns to:
- 16 (1) a teacher training program; or
17 (2) baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate education;
18 on the date the member registers for or enrolls in classes that the
19 member attends.
- 20 (g) The board shall extend the twenty-four (24) month deadline
21 contained in subsection (b)(2), (c)(2), or (d)(2) if the board determines
22 that an illness, an injury, or a disability related to the member's military
23 service prevented the member from returning to active teaching service
24 or to a teacher education program not later than twenty-four (24)
25 months after the member's discharge from military service. However,
26 the board may not extend the deadline beyond forty-eight (48) months
27 after the member's discharge.
- 28 (h) If a member retires and the board subsequently determines that
29 the member is entitled to additional service credit due to the extension
30 of a deadline under subsection (g), the board shall recompute the
31 member's benefit. However, the additional service credit may be used
32 only in the computation of benefits to be paid after the date of the
33 board's determination, and the member is not entitled to a
34 recomputation of benefits received before the date of the board's
35 determination.
- 36 (i) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a member is
37 entitled to military service credit and benefits in the amount and to the
38 extent required by the federal Uniformed Services Employment and
39 Reemployment Rights Act (38 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.), including all later
40 amendments.
- 41 (j) Subject to this section, an active member may purchase and
42 claim not more than two (2) years of service credit for the member's



1 service on active duty in the armed services if the member meets the
2 following conditions:

3 (1) The member has at least one (1) year of credited service in the
4 fund.

5 (2) The member serves on active duty in the armed services of the
6 United States for at least six (6) months.

7 (3) The member receives ~~an honorable a~~ discharge from the
8 armed services **under conditions other than dishonorable**.

9 (4) Before the member retires, the member makes contributions
10 to the fund as follows:

11 (A) Contributions that are equal to the product of:

12 (i) the member's salary at the time the member actually
13 makes a contribution for the service credit;

14 (ii) a rate, determined by the actuary of the fund, that is
15 based on the age of the member at the time the member
16 actually makes a contribution for service credit and
17 computed to result in a contribution amount that
18 approximates the actuarial present value of the benefit
19 attributable to the service credit purchased; and

20 (iii) the number of years of service credit the member
21 intends to purchase.

22 (B) Contributions for any accrued interest, at a rate determined
23 by the actuary of the fund, for the period from the member's
24 initial membership in the fund to the date payment is made by
25 the member.

26 However, a member is entitled to purchase service credit under this
27 subsection only to the extent that service credit is not granted for that
28 time under another provision of this section. At least ten (10) years of
29 service in Indiana is required before a member may receive a benefit
30 based on service credits purchased under this section. A member who
31 terminates employment before satisfying the eligibility requirements
32 necessary to receive a monthly allowance or receives a monthly
33 allowance for the same service from another tax supported public
34 employee retirement plan other than under the federal Social Security
35 Act may withdraw the purchase amount plus accumulated interest after
36 submitting a properly completed application for a refund to the fund.

37 (k) The following apply to the purchase of service credit under
38 subsection (j):

39 (1) The board may allow a member to make periodic payments of
40 the contributions required for the purchase of the service credit.

41 The board shall determine the length of the period during which
42 the payments must be made.



1 (2) The board may deny an application for the purchase of service
2 credit if the purchase would exceed the limitations under Section
3 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

4 (3) A member may not claim the service credit for purposes of
5 determining eligibility or computing benefits unless the member
6 has made all payments required for the purchase of the service
7 credit.

8 (1) This subsection applies to a member who retires after June 30,
9 2006. A member may not receive credit under this section for service
10 for which the member receives service credit under the terms of a
11 military or another governmental retirement plan.

12 SECTION 10. IC 6-1.1-12-13, AS AMENDED BY
13 P.L.293-2013(ts), SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 13. (a) Except as
15 provided in section 40.5 of this chapter, an individual may have
16 twenty-four thousand nine hundred sixty dollars (\$24,960) deducted
17 from the assessed value of the taxable tangible property that the
18 individual owns, or real property, a mobile home not assessed as real
19 property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real property that the
20 individual is buying under a contract that provides that the individual
21 is to pay property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or
22 manufactured home, if the contract or a memorandum of the contract
23 is recorded in the county recorder's office and if:

24 (1) the individual served in the military or naval forces of the
25 United States during any of its wars;

26 (2) the individual received ~~an honorable~~ a discharge **under**
27 **conditions other than dishonorable;**

28 (3) the individual has a disability with a service connected
29 disability of ten percent (10%) or more;

30 (4) the individual's disability is evidenced by:

31 (A) a pension certificate, an award of compensation, or a
32 disability compensation check issued by the United States
33 Department of Veterans Affairs; or

34 (B) a certificate of eligibility issued to the individual by the
35 Indiana department of veterans' affairs after the Indiana
36 department of veterans' affairs has determined that the
37 individual's disability qualifies the individual to receive a
38 deduction under this section; and

39 (5) the individual:

40 (A) owns the real property, mobile home, or manufactured
41 home; or

42 (B) is buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured



- 1 home under contract;
 2 on the date the statement required by section 15 of this chapter is
 3 filed.
- 4 (b) The surviving spouse of an individual may receive the deduction
 5 provided by this section if the individual satisfied the requirements of
 6 subsection (a)(1) through (a)(4) at the time of death and the surviving
 7 spouse satisfies the requirement of subsection (a)(5) at the time the
 8 deduction statement is filed. The surviving spouse is entitled to the
 9 deduction regardless of whether the property for which the deduction
 10 is claimed was owned by the deceased veteran or the surviving spouse
 11 before the deceased veteran's death.
- 12 (c) One who receives the deduction provided by this section may not
 13 receive the deduction provided by section 16 of this chapter. However,
 14 the individual may receive any other property tax deduction which the
 15 individual is entitled to by law.
- 16 (d) An individual who has sold real property, a mobile home not
 17 assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real
 18 property to another person under a contract that provides that the
 19 contract buyer is to pay the property taxes on the real property, mobile
 20 home, or manufactured home may not claim the deduction provided
 21 under this section against that real property, mobile home, or
 22 manufactured home.
- 23 SECTION 11. IC 6-1.1-12-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.136-2024,
 24 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 25 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 14. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) and
 26 except as provided in section 40.5 of this chapter, an individual may
 27 have the sum of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) deducted from the
 28 assessed value of the real property, mobile home not assessed as real
 29 property, or manufactured home not assessed as real property that the
 30 individual owns (or the real property, mobile home not assessed as real
 31 property, or manufactured home not assessed as real property that the
 32 individual is buying under a contract that provides that the individual
 33 is to pay property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or
 34 manufactured home if the contract or a memorandum of the contract is
 35 recorded in the county recorder's office) if:
- 36 (1) the individual served in the military or naval forces of the
 37 United States for at least ninety (90) days;
- 38 (2) the individual received ~~an honorable~~ a discharge **under**
 39 **conditions other than dishonorable;**
- 40 (3) the individual either:
- 41 (A) has a total disability; or
- 42 (B) is at least sixty-two (62) years old and has a disability of at



- 1 least ten percent (10%);
- 2 (4) the individual's disability is evidenced by:
- 3 (A) a pension certificate or an award of compensation issued
- 4 by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or
- 5 (B) a certificate of eligibility issued to the individual by the
- 6 Indiana department of veterans' affairs after the Indiana
- 7 department of veterans' affairs has determined that the
- 8 individual's disability qualifies the individual to receive a
- 9 deduction under this section; and
- 10 (5) the individual:
- 11 (A) owns the real property, mobile home, or manufactured
- 12 home; or
- 13 (B) is buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured
- 14 home under contract;
- 15 on the date the statement required by section 15 of this chapter is
- 16 filed.
- 17 (b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d), the surviving
- 18 spouse of an individual may receive the deduction provided by this
- 19 section if:
- 20 (1) the individual satisfied the requirements of subsection (a)(1)
- 21 through (a)(4) at the time of death; or
- 22 (2) the individual:
- 23 (A) was killed in action;
- 24 (B) died while serving on active duty in the military or naval
- 25 forces of the United States; or
- 26 (C) died while performing inactive duty training in the military
- 27 or naval forces of the United States; and
- 28 the surviving spouse satisfies the requirement of subsection (a)(5) at
- 29 the time the deduction statement is filed. The surviving spouse is
- 30 entitled to the deduction regardless of whether the property for which
- 31 the deduction is claimed was owned by the deceased veteran or the
- 32 surviving spouse before the deceased veteran's death.
- 33 (c) Except as provided in subsection (f), no one is entitled to the
- 34 deduction provided by this section if the assessed value of the
- 35 individual's Indiana real property, Indiana mobile home not assessed as
- 36 real property, and Indiana manufactured home not assessed as real
- 37 property, as shown by the tax duplicate, exceeds the assessed value
- 38 limit specified in subsection (d).
- 39 (d) Except as provided in subsection (f), for the:
- 40 (1) January 1, 2017, January 1, 2018, and January 1, 2019,
- 41 assessment dates, the assessed value limit for purposes of
- 42 subsection (c) is one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars



- 1 (\$175,000);
 2 (2) January 1, 2020, January 1, 2021, January 1, 2022, and
 3 January 1, 2023, assessment dates, the assessed value limit for
 4 purposes of subsection (c) is two hundred thousand dollars
 5 (\$200,000); and
 6 (3) January 1, 2024, assessment date and for each assessment date
 7 thereafter, the assessed value limit for purposes of subsection (c)
 8 is two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$240,000).
 9 (e) An individual who has sold real property, a mobile home not
 10 assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real
 11 property to another person under a contract that provides that the
 12 contract buyer is to pay the property taxes on the real property, mobile
 13 home, or manufactured home may not claim the deduction provided
 14 under this section against that real property, mobile home, or
 15 manufactured home.
 16 (f) For purposes of determining the assessed value of the real
 17 property, mobile home, or manufactured home under subsection (d) for
 18 an individual who has received a deduction under this section in a
 19 previous year, increases in assessed value that occur after the later of:
 20 (1) December 31, 2019; or
 21 (2) the first year that the individual has received the deduction;
 22 are not considered unless the increase in assessed value is attributable
 23 to substantial renovation or new improvements. Where there is an
 24 increase in assessed value for purposes of the deduction under this
 25 section, the assessor shall provide a report to the county auditor
 26 describing the substantial renovation or new improvements, if any, that
 27 were made to the property prior to the increase in assessed value.
 28 SECTION 12. IC 6-1.1-12-14.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.100-2016,
 29 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 30 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 14.5. (a) As used in this section, "homestead" has
 31 the meaning set forth in ~~IC 6-1.1-12-37~~. **section 37 of this chapter.**
 32 (b) An individual may claim a deduction from the assessed value of
 33 the individual's homestead if:
 34 (1) the individual served in the military or naval forces of the
 35 United States for at least ninety (90) days;
 36 (2) the individual received ~~an honorable~~ **a discharge from**
 37 **military service under conditions other than dishonorable;**
 38 (3) the individual has a disability of at least fifty percent (50%);
 39 (4) the individual's disability is evidenced by:
 40 (A) a pension certificate or an award of compensation issued
 41 by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or
 42 (B) a certificate of eligibility issued to the individual by the



- 1 Indiana department of veterans' affairs after the Indiana
2 department of veterans' affairs has determined that the
3 individual's disability qualifies the individual to receive a
4 deduction under this section; and
5 (5) the homestead was conveyed without charge to the individual
6 who is the owner of the homestead by an organization that is
7 exempt from income taxation under the federal Internal Revenue
8 Code.
- 9 (c) If an individual is entitled to a deduction from assessed value
10 under subsection (b) for the individual's homestead, the amount of the
11 deduction is determined as follows:
- 12 (1) If the individual is totally disabled, the deduction is equal to
13 one hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of the
14 homestead.
- 15 (2) If the individual has a disability of at least ninety percent
16 (90%) but the individual is not totally disabled, the deduction is
17 equal to ninety percent (90%) of the assessed value of the
18 homestead.
- 19 (3) If the individual has a disability of at least eighty percent
20 (80%) but less than ninety percent (90%), the deduction is equal
21 to eighty percent (80%) of the assessed value of the homestead.
- 22 (4) If the individual has a disability of at least seventy percent
23 (70%) but less than eighty percent (80%), the deduction is equal
24 to seventy percent (70%) of the assessed value of the homestead.
- 25 (5) If the individual has a disability of at least sixty percent (60%)
26 but less than seventy percent (70%), the deduction is equal to
27 sixty percent (60%) of the assessed value of the homestead.
- 28 (6) If the individual has a disability of at least fifty percent (50%)
29 but less than sixty percent (60%), the deduction is equal to fifty
30 percent (50%) of the assessed value of the homestead.
- 31 (d) An individual who claims a deduction under this section for an
32 assessment date may not also claim a deduction under section 13 or 14
33 of this chapter for that same assessment date.
- 34 (e) An individual who desires to claim the deduction under this
35 section must claim the deduction in the manner specified by the
36 department of local government finance.
- 37 SECTION 13. IC 6-1.1-12-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2009,
38 SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
39 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 16. (a) Except as provided in section 40.5 of this
40 chapter, a surviving spouse may have the sum of eighteen thousand
41 seven hundred twenty dollars (\$18,720) deducted from the assessed
42 value of his or her tangible property, or real property, mobile home not



1 assessed as real property, or manufactured home not assessed as real
2 property that the surviving spouse is buying under a contract that
3 provides that the surviving spouse is to pay property taxes on the real
4 property, mobile home, or manufactured home, if the contract or a
5 memorandum of the contract is recorded in the county recorder's office,
6 and if:

7 (1) the deceased spouse served in the military or naval forces of
8 the United States before November 12, 1918;

9 (2) the deceased spouse received ~~an honorable~~ a discharge from
10 **military service under conditions other than dishonorable**;
11 and

12 (3) the surviving spouse:

13 (A) owns the real property, mobile home, or manufactured
14 home; or

15 (B) is buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured
16 home under contract;

17 on the date the statement required by section 17 of this chapter is
18 filed.

19 (b) A surviving spouse who receives the deduction provided by this
20 section may not receive the deduction provided by section 13 of this
21 chapter. However, he or she may receive any other deduction which he
22 or she is entitled to by law.

23 (c) An individual who has sold real property, a mobile home not
24 assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real
25 property to another person under a contract that provides that the
26 contract buyer is to pay the property taxes on the real property, mobile
27 home, or manufactured home may not claim the deduction provided
28 under this section against that real property, mobile home, or
29 manufactured home.

30 SECTION 14. IC 6-3-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.162-2019,
31 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
32 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4. (a) Each taxable year, an individual, or the
33 individual's surviving spouse, is entitled to the following:

34 (1) An adjusted gross income tax deduction for the first five
35 thousand dollars (\$5,000) of income, excluding adjusted gross
36 income described in subdivision (2), received during the taxable
37 year by the individual, or the individual's surviving spouse, for the
38 individual's service in an active or reserve component of the
39 armed forces of the United States, including the **United States**
40 **Army, United States Navy, United States Air Force, United**
41 **States Space Force, United States Coast Guard, United States**
42 **Marine Corps, Merchant Marine, Indiana Army National Guard,**



1 or Indiana Air National Guard.

2 (2) An adjusted gross income tax deduction for income from
3 retirement or survivor's benefits received during the taxable year
4 by the individual, or the individual's surviving spouse, for the
5 individual's service in an active or reserve component of the
6 armed forces of the United States, including the **United States**
7 **Army, United States Navy, United States Air Force, United**
8 **States Space Force, United States Coast Guard, United States**
9 **Marine Corps, Merchant Marine, Indiana Army National Guard,**
10 **or Indiana Air National Guard.** The amount of the deduction is the
11 lesser of:

12 (A) the benefits included in the adjusted gross income of the
13 individual or the individual's surviving spouse; or

14 (B) six thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$6,250) plus the
15 following:

16 (i) For taxable years beginning in 2019, twenty-five percent
17 (25%) of the amount of the benefits in excess of six
18 thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$6,250).

19 (ii) For taxable years beginning in 2020, fifty percent (50%)
20 of the amount of the benefits in excess of six thousand two
21 hundred fifty dollars (\$6,250).

22 (iii) For taxable years beginning in 2021, seventy-five
23 percent (75%) of the amount of the benefits in excess of six
24 thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$6,250).

25 (iv) For taxable years beginning after 2021, one hundred
26 percent (100%) of the amount of the benefits in excess of six
27 thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$6,250).

28 (b) An individual whose qualified military income is subtracted
29 from the individual's federal adjusted gross income under
30 IC 6-3-1-3.5(a)(18) for Indiana individual income tax purposes is not,
31 for that taxable year, entitled to a deduction under this section for the
32 same qualified military income that is deducted under
33 IC 6-3-1-3.5(a)(18).

34 SECTION 15. IC 6-6-5-5.2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.256-2017,
35 SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
36 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 5.2. (a) This section applies to a registration year
37 beginning after December 31, 2013.

38 (b) Subject to subsection (d), an individual may claim a credit
39 against the tax imposed by this chapter upon a vehicle owned by the
40 individual if the individual is eligible for the credit under any of the
41 following:

42 (1) The individual meets all the following requirements:



- 1 (A) The individual served in the military or naval forces of the
 2 United States during any of its wars.
- 3 (B) The individual received ~~an honorable a~~ discharge **from**
 4 **military service under conditions other than dishonorable.**
- 5 (C) The individual has a disability with a service connected
 6 disability of ten percent (10%) or more.
- 7 (D) The individual's disability is evidenced by:
 8 (i) a pension certificate, an award of compensation, or a
 9 disability compensation check issued by the United States
 10 Department of Veterans Affairs; or
 11 (ii) a certificate of eligibility issued to the individual by the
 12 Indiana department of veterans' affairs after the Indiana
 13 department of veterans' affairs has determined that the
 14 individual's disability qualifies the individual to receive a
 15 credit under this section.
- 16 (E) The individual does not own property to which a property
 17 tax deduction may be applied under IC 6-1.1-12-13.
- 18 (2) The individual meets all the following requirements:
 19 (A) The individual served in the military or naval forces of the
 20 United States for at least ninety (90) days.
- 21 (B) The individual received ~~an honorable a~~ discharge **from**
 22 **military service under conditions other than dishonorable.**
- 23 (C) The individual either:
 24 (i) has a total disability; or
 25 (ii) is at least sixty-two (62) years of age and has a disability
 26 of at least ten percent (10%).
- 27 (D) The individual's disability is evidenced by:
 28 (i) a pension certificate or an award of compensation issued
 29 by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or
 30 (ii) a certificate of eligibility issued to the individual by the
 31 Indiana department of veterans' affairs after the Indiana
 32 department of veterans' affairs has determined that the
 33 individual's disability qualifies the individual to receive a
 34 credit under this section.
- 35 (E) The individual does not own property to which a property
 36 tax deduction may be applied under IC 6-1.1-12-14.
- 37 (3) The individual meets both of the following requirements:
 38 (A) The individual is the surviving spouse of any of the
 39 following:
 40 (i) An individual who would have been eligible for a credit
 41 under this section if the individual had been alive in 2013
 42 and this section had been in effect in 2013.



- 1 (ii) An individual who received a credit under this section in
 2 the previous calendar year.
 3 (iii) A World War I veteran.
 4 (B) The individual does not own property to which a property
 5 tax deduction may be applied under IC 6-1.1-12-13,
 6 IC 6-1.1-12-14, or IC 6-1.1-12-16.
 7 (c) The amount of the credit that may be claimed under this section
 8 is equal to the lesser of the following:
 9 (1) The amount of the excise tax liability for the individual's
 10 vehicle as determined under section 3 or 3.5 of this chapter, as
 11 applicable.
 12 (2) Seventy dollars (\$70).
 13 (d) The maximum number of motor vehicles for which an individual
 14 may claim a credit under this section is two (2).
 15 (e) An individual may not claim a credit under both:
 16 (1) this section; and
 17 (2) section 5 of this chapter.
 18 (f) The credit allowed by this section must be claimed on a form
 19 prescribed by the bureau. An individual claiming the credit must attach
 20 to the form an affidavit from the county auditor stating that the
 21 claimant does not own property to which a property tax deduction may
 22 be applied under IC 6-1.1-12-13, IC 6-1.1-12-14, or IC 6-1.1-12-16.
 23 SECTION 16. IC 9-13-2-5.3, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016,
 24 SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 25 JANUARY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5.3. "Armed forces of the United States"
 26 means the following:
 27 (1) The United States Army.
 28 (2) The United States Navy.
 29 (3) The United States Air Force.
 30 (4) The United States Marine Corps.
 31 **(5) The United States Space Force.**
 32 ~~(6)~~ (6) The United States Coast Guard.
 33 SECTION 17. IC 9-18.5-4-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016,
 34 SECTION 327, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 35 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in
 36 subsection (b), the bureau shall issue license plates for a vehicle that
 37 designate the vehicle as being owned or leased by a **recipient of the**
 38 **Medal of Honor or** former prisoner of war.
 39 (b) The bureau may issue one (1) or more **Medal of Honor or**
 40 **former prisoner of war** license plates, **as appropriate**, to the surviving
 41 spouse of a former prisoner of war.
 42 SECTION 18. IC 9-18.5-4-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016,



1 SECTION 327, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2. (a) **A Medal of Honor license**
 3 **plate must display the following:**

4 (1) **An identification number.**

5 (2) **The branch of service that awarded the Medal of Honor**
 6 **denoted at the bottom of the license plate followed by the**
 7 **words "Medal of Honor".**

8 (3) **An image of the Medal of Honor for the applicable branch**
 9 **of service to the left of the identification number.**

10 (b) A former prisoner of war license plate must display the
 11 following:

12 (1) An identification number.

13 (2) The legend "Ex-POW".

14 (3) Any other information and design selected by the bureau.

15 SECTION 19. IC 9-18.5-4-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016,
 16 SECTION 327, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. A **Medal of Honor or** former
 18 prisoner of war license plate may only be:

19 (1) assigned to; and

20 (2) displayed on;

21 a vehicle registered under IC 9-18 (before its expiration) or IC 9-18.1.

22 SECTION 20. IC 9-18.5-4-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016,
 23 SECTION 327, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 24 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4. (a) An individual who has been
 25 issued under this chapter a license plate designating the individual's
 26 vehicle as being owned or leased by a **recipient of the Medal of**
 27 **Honor or** former prisoner of war may not be:

28 (1) charged a fee for parking the vehicle displaying the license
 29 plate in a metered space; or

30 (2) assessed a penalty for parking the vehicle displaying the
 31 license plate in a metered space for longer than the time
 32 permitted.

33 (b) This section does not authorize parking of a vehicle in a parking
 34 place during a time when parking in the space is prohibited if the
 35 prohibition is:

36 (1) posted; and

37 (2) authorized:

38 (A) by ordinance in a city or town; or

39 (B) by order of the Indiana department of transportation.

40 (c) An individual other than the owner or lessee of a vehicle
 41 displaying a **Medal of Honor or** former prisoner of war license plate
 42 authorized by this chapter is not entitled to the parking privileges



1 established by this section.

2 SECTION 21. IC 9-18.5-7-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.79-2020,
3 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. (a) An Indiana resident who is a current or
5 former member of the Army or Air National Guard may apply for and
6 receive one (1) or more license plates under this chapter.

7 (b) An individual applying for a National Guard license plate under
8 this chapter as a current member of the National Guard must
9 demonstrate the individual's status as a current member of the Army or
10 Air National Guard by presenting the following with the individual's
11 application:

12 (1) A current United States armed forces identification card.

13 (2) A letter signed by the individual's commanding officer
14 identifying the individual as a current active member.

15 (c) An individual applying for a National Guard license plate under
16 this chapter as a former member of the National Guard must present
17 with the individual's application a copy of the individual's:

18 (1) National Guard Bureau Form 22 or 22A showing the
19 individual received ~~an honorable or general under honorable~~
20 ~~conditions discharge; a discharge under conditions other than~~
21 **dishonorable; or**

22 (2) National Guard Bureau Form 23D or 23E showing the
23 individual as retired;

24 as proof of the individual's status as a former member of the Army or
25 Air National Guard.

26 SECTION 22. IC 10-16-6-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
27 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 9. An enlisted person
28 who is discharged from service in the Indiana National Guard shall
29 receive a discharge in writing in the form and with the classification
30 prescribed by national guard regulations. In time of peace, a discharge
31 may be given before the expiration of an enlistment term in the
32 following cases:

33 (1) By sentence of a general court-martial.

34 (2) By direction of the governor on account of disability.

35 (3) On account of sentence of imprisonment by a civil court,
36 whether suspended or not.

37 (4) On account of a bona fide permanent change of residence to
38 another state.

39 (5) For the purpose of enlisting in the:

40 (A) United States Army;

41 (B) United States Air Force;

42 (C) United States Navy; or



1 **(D) United States Marine Corps; or**

2 **(E) United States Space Force.**

3 (6) For other causes prescribed by national guard regulations or
4 the commander in chief.

5 However, an enlisted person who has not returned or accounted for all
6 of the public property for which the enlisted person is responsible may
7 not receive an honorable discharge.

8 SECTION 23. IC 10-16-6-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
9 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 12. (a) A
10 commissioned officer:

11 (1) who serves in the Indiana national guard for at least five (5)
12 years; or

13 (2) who becomes permanently disabled from performing the
14 officer's duties, irrespective of length of service;

15 may, upon ~~honorable~~ retirement from the **military** service **under**
16 **conditions other than dishonorable**, whether by resignation or
17 otherwise, and upon application to the adjutant general, be carried upon
18 a roll to be established and maintained in the office of the adjutant
19 general. The roll shall be designated the Indiana national guard retired
20 list.

21 (b) The commissioned officer may wear, on occasion of ceremony,
22 the uniform of the highest rank held by the officer.

23 (c) An officer carried on the Indiana national guard retired list, if
24 qualified, is eligible for detail or appointment on the general staff or the
25 staff of any commander when not physically disqualified for military
26 duty. However, if an officer carried on the Indiana national guard
27 retired list is appointed to a staff position as described in this section,
28 the officer shall be recommissioned in the rank to which the officer has
29 been appointed. The officer shall hold this rank during the time of the
30 staff appointment unless the officer is promoted to a higher rank.

31 (d) If the officer retires for a second time from active service, the
32 officer shall be entered on the Indiana national guard retired list with
33 the officer's highest rank.

34 (e) An officer whose name appears on the national guard retired list
35 is not entitled to receive any military pay or emolument from the state
36 during the time the officer remains on the national guard retired list
37 unless the officer is specifically assigned to duty on orders from the
38 governor. If the officer is assigned to duty on orders from the governor,
39 the officer is entitled only to the military pay and allowance provided
40 by law for officers of the rank to which appointed.

41 SECTION 24. IC 10-16-20-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.99-2016,
42 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2. The following definitions apply throughout this
2 chapter:

3 (1) "Military service" means:

4 (A) in the case of a servicemember who is a member or
5 reserve member of the **United States Army, United States**
6 **Navy, United States Air Force, United States Marine Corps,**
7 **United States Space Force, or United States Coast Guard,**
8 full-time duty in the active military service, ~~of the United~~
9 ~~States,~~ including:

10 (i) full-time training duty;

11 (ii) annual training duty; and

12 (iii) attendance while at a school designated as a service
13 school by federal law or by the secretary of the military
14 department concerned;

15 (B) in the case of a member or reserve member of the Indiana
16 National Guard, service under a call to active:

17 (i) service authorized by the President of the United States
18 or the Secretary of Defense for a period of more than thirty
19 (30) days in response to a national emergency declared by
20 the President of the United States; or

21 (ii) duty as defined by IC 10-16-7-23(a) for a period of more
22 than thirty (30) consecutive days;

23 (C) in the case of a servicemember who is a commissioned
24 officer of the Public Health Service or the National Oceanic
25 and Atmospheric Administration, active service;

26 (D) in the case of a member or reserve member of the national
27 guard of another state, service under an order by the governor
28 of that state to active duty for a period of more than thirty (30)
29 consecutive days; or

30 (E) any period during which a servicemember is absent from
31 duty on account of sickness, wounds, leave, or other lawful
32 cause.

33 (2) "Servicemember" means an individual engaged in military
34 service.

35 SECTION 25. IC 10-17-1-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2020,
36 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
37 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 9. (a) A county executive:

38 (1) shall designate and may:

39 (A) appoint a county service officer for a four (4) year term; or

40 (B) employ a county service officer; and

41 (2) may employ service officer assistants;

42 to serve the veterans of the county.

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1 (b) The mayor of a city may employ a service officer and may
2 employ service officer assistants to serve the veterans of the city.

3 (c) If the remuneration and expenses of a county or city service
4 officer are paid from the funds of the county or city employing the
5 service officer, the service officer shall:

6 (1) be:

7 (A) ~~an honorably discharged~~ a veteran **who has been**
8 **discharged from military service under conditions other**
9 **than dishonorable** who has at least six (6) months of active
10 service in the armed forces of the United States; or

11 (B) a service officer assistant with not less than two (2) years
12 of experience;

13 (2) be a resident of Indiana or become a resident of Indiana not
14 more than six (6) months after the service officer's start date; and

15 (3) serve under the supervision of the director of veterans' affairs.

16 (d) A service officer assistant must be a resident of Indiana or
17 become a resident of Indiana not later than six (6) months after the
18 service officer assistant's start date and:

19 (1) satisfy the requirements specified in subsection (c)(1); or

20 (2) be the spouse, surviving spouse, parent, or child of a person
21 who satisfies the requirements specified in subsection (c)(1).

22 (e) A rule contrary to subsection (c) or (d) is void.

23 (f) County and city fiscal bodies may appropriate funds necessary
24 for the purposes described in this section.

25 SECTION 26. IC 10-17-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2020,
26 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
27 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2. A book providing for the recording of
28 discharges from the **United States Army, United States Navy**, or any
29 other branch of the service must consist of printed forms in blank,
30 similar to and in conformity with the wording of the forms of discharge
31 used by the United States government, the size of type being reduced
32 to permit the printing of the form of the discharge on one (1) page of
33 the record. Each book must be provided with an alphabetical index.
34 The standards imposed by this section apply to the preservation of
35 discharges in an electronic format under section 1(a)(2) of this chapter.

36 SECTION 27. IC 10-17-3-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
37 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. As used in this
38 chapter, "honorably discharged veterans" includes persons placed on
39 inactive duty under ~~honorable~~ conditions **other than dishonorable** but
40 not discharged from military service.

41 SECTION 28. IC 10-17-9-0.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
42 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS

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1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 0.9. As used in this chapter,
2 "uniformed services" means the following:

- 3 (1) The United States Army.
4 (2) The United States Air Force.
5 (3) The United States Navy.
6 (4) The United States Marine Corps.
7 (5) The United States Space Force.
8 (6) The United States Coast Guard.
9 (7) The commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and
10 Atmospheric Administration.
11 (8) The commissioned corps of the Public Health Service.

12 SECTION 29. IC 10-17-9-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.21-2008,
13 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
14 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 5. The superintendent may not appoint or employ
15 a person in an office or a place in the Indiana Veterans' Home because
16 of the political views or affiliation of the appointee or employee or for
17 a reason other than capacity and fitness for the duties to be performed
18 by the appointee or employee. However, among applicants for
19 appointment found capable and fit, preference shall be given to an
20 honorably discharged military veteran and the spouse, widow,
21 widower, mother, and child of ~~an honorably discharged~~ a military
22 veteran **who has been discharged from military service under**
23 **conditions other than dishonorable.**

24 SECTION 30. IC 10-17-9-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2010,
25 SECTION 74, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
26 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 7. (a) As used in this section, "eligible person"
27 refers to either of the following:

- 28 (1) ~~An honorably discharged member of the armed forces:~~ A
29 **member of the uniformed services who was discharged from**
30 **the uniformed services under conditions other than**
31 **dishonorable.**
32 (2) The spouse or surviving spouse of ~~an honorably discharged~~
33 **member of the armed forces:** a **member of the uniformed**
34 **services who was discharged from the uniformed services**
35 **under conditions other than dishonorable.**

36 (b) An eligible person who has a disability or is ~~destitute~~ is eligible
37 for admission to the home if:

- 38 (1) the eligible person has been a resident of Indiana ~~for at least~~
39 **one (1) year immediately preceding application for or establishes**
40 **residency in Indiana not later than six (6) months after**
41 **admission to the home;** or
42 (2) in the case of an eligible person referred to in subsection



1 (a)(1), the eligible person was a resident of Indiana when the
2 eligible person enlisted in the ~~armed forces~~ **uniformed services**.

3 (c) The Indiana department of veterans' affairs shall adopt rules
4 concerning admission to the home.

5 (d) In adopting rules governing the admission, maintenance, and
6 discharge of members of the home, the Indiana department of veterans'
7 affairs may establish a fund called the veterans' home comfort and
8 welfare fund. The director shall deposit all money collected from the
9 members for the cost of their care and maintenance in the fund. The
10 director shall expend this money in any manner that adds to the comfort
11 and welfare of the members of the institutions.

12 (e) A part of the veterans' home comfort and welfare fund may be
13 withdrawn and deposited in a special fund called the veterans' home
14 building fund. The veterans' home building fund shall be used for the
15 construction, maintenance, remodeling, or repair of buildings of the
16 home.

17 (f) Preference under this section may be given to a person who
18 served in an Indiana military organization. Except in cases where the
19 surviving spouse of a veteran marries another veteran, the benefits of
20 this chapter extend only to a surviving spouse and the spouse of a
21 veteran if the contract of marriage was entered into more than five (5)
22 years before the date of death of the veteran. Except as otherwise
23 provided by law, upon the death of a person in the home, money paid
24 to the person or due to the person from a bank, a trust company, a
25 corporation, or an individual becomes an asset of the person's estate
26 and shall be distributed in the manner prescribed by the probate law of
27 the state.

28 SECTION 31. IC 10-17-10-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
29 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
30 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 0.5. As used in this chapter,**
31 **"armed forces of the United States" means the following:**

- 32 (1) **The United States Army.**
33 (2) **The United States Navy.**
34 (3) **The United States Air Force.**
35 (4) **The United States Marine Corps.**
36 (5) **The United States Space Force.**
37 (6) **The United States Coast Guard.**

38 SECTION 32. IC 10-17-10-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. ~~H:~~

40 (†) a person:

41 (A) has served as a member of the armed forces of the United
42 States as a soldier; sailor; or marine in the army; air force; or



- 1 navy of the United States or as a member of the women's
 2 components of the army; air force; or navy of the United
 3 States; is a resident of Indiana; and dies while a member of the
 4 armed forces and before discharge from the armed forces or
 5 after receiving an honorable discharge from the armed forces;
 6 or
 7 ~~(B)~~ is the spouse or surviving spouse of a person described in
 8 clause (A) and is a resident of Indiana; and
 9 ~~(2)~~ a claim is filed for a burial allowance:
 10 (A) by an interested person with the board of commissioners
 11 of the county of the residence of the deceased person; and
 12 ~~(B)~~ stating the fact:
 13 **(a) In order for an interested person to qualify for an allowance**
 14 **under this chapter:**
 15 **(1) the decedent must have been an Indiana resident at the**
 16 **time of the decedent's death and must have:**
 17 **(A) received a discharge under conditions other than**
 18 **dishonorable from the armed forces of the United States;**
 19 **or**
 20 **(B) died while serving the armed forces of the United**
 21 **States; or**
 22 **(2) the interested person must be the spouse or surviving**
 23 **spouse of a person described in subdivision (1)(A) or (1)(B).**
 24 **(b) An interested person must file a claim for an allowance**
 25 **under this chapter with the board of commissioners in the county**
 26 **of residence of the decedent described in subsection (a). The claim**
 27 **must include:**
 28 **(i) (1) the fact of the service, death, and discharge if discharged**
 29 **from service before death; and**
 30 **(ii) (2) that the body has been buried in a decent and respectable**
 31 **manner in a cemetery or burial ground or that the body has been**
 32 **cremated and the cremains have not been interred.**
 33 **(c) The board of commissioners shall hear and determine the claim**
 34 **like other claims and, if the facts averred are found to be true, shall**
 35 **allow the claim in an amount set by ordinance. However, the amount**
 36 **of the allowance may not be more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).**
 37 SECTION 33. IC 10-17-10-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 38 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4. Before a person
 39 enters into a contract to set a grave marker provided by the federal
 40 government for the grave of a person described in section ~~†(†)~~ **1(a)** of
 41 this chapter with a person who receives the grave marker from the
 42 federal government or the person's representative, the person who will



1 set the grave marker must disclose the following information to the
 2 person who receives the grave marker or the person's representative:

3 (1) The price of the least expensive installation procedure that the
 4 person who will set the grave marker will charge and a
 5 description of the goods and services included in the procedure.

6 (2) The prices of any other installation procedures or options that
 7 may be performed or provided by the person who will set the
 8 grave marker and a description of the goods and services included
 9 in the procedures or options.

10 SECTION 34. IC 10-17-11-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.61-2023,
 11 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 12 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 10. (a) A veteran who is eligible to be buried in
 13 a national cemetery according to 38 U.S.C. 2402 is eligible to be buried
 14 in the Indiana state veterans' cemetery established ~~under~~ **by** this
 15 chapter.

16 (b) The spouse of a veteran who is eligible to be buried in a national
 17 cemetery according to 38 U.S.C. 2402 is eligible to be buried in the
 18 Indiana state veterans' cemetery established ~~under~~ **by** this chapter.

19 (c) An individual who is a member of:

20 (1) a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States:

21 (A) who was discharged or released from service under
 22 conditions other than dishonorable; or

23 (B) whose death occurs under conditions other than
 24 dishonorable while a member of a reserve component of the
 25 armed forces of the United States;

26 (2) the Indiana Army National Guard or the Indiana Air National
 27 Guard:

28 (A) who was discharged or released from service under
 29 conditions other than dishonorable; or

30 (B) whose death occurs under conditions other than
 31 dishonorable while a member of the Indiana Army National
 32 Guard or the Indiana Air National Guard; or

33 (3) the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the United States
 34 Army, **United States** Navy, or **United States** Air Force whose
 35 death occurs under conditions other than dishonorable while a
 36 member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the United
 37 States Army, **United States** Navy, or **United States** Air Force;
 38 is eligible to be buried in the Indiana state veterans' cemetery
 39 established by this chapter.

40 (d) The following relatives of an individual described in subsection
 41 (c) are eligible to be buried in the Indiana state veterans' cemetery
 42 established by this chapter:



- 1 (1) A spouse.
 2 (2) A minor child.
 3 (3) An unmarried adult child.
 4 SECTION 35. IC 10-17-12-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.50-2009,
 5 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 6 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "armed forces" includes
 7 the active or reserve components of the following:
 8 (1) The United States Army.
 9 (2) The United States Navy.
 10 (3) The United States Marine Corps.
 11 (4) The United States Air Force.
 12 **(5) The United States Space Force.**
 13 ~~(5)~~ **(6) The United States Coast Guard.**
 14 SECTION 36. IC 10-17-12-7.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.53-2021,
 15 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 16 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 7.5. (a) ~~As used in this chapter, "qualified service~~
 17 ~~member" means, before the commission's issuance of the disallowable~~
 18 ~~separation codes list for each branch of the armed forces described in~~
 19 ~~section 10.5 of this chapter, an individual who is an Indiana resident~~
 20 ~~and who:~~
 21 ~~(1) is:~~
 22 ~~(A) a member of the armed forces of the United States or the~~
 23 ~~national guard (as defined in IC 5-9-4-4); and~~
 24 ~~(B) serving on or has served on active duty during a time of~~
 25 ~~national conflict or war; or~~
 26 ~~(2) has:~~
 27 ~~(A) served on active duty during a time of national conflict or~~
 28 ~~war in:~~
 29 ~~(i) the armed forces of the United States; or~~
 30 ~~(ii) the national guard (as defined in IC 5-9-4-4); and~~
 31 ~~(B) been discharged from the armed forces of the United~~
 32 ~~States or the national guard under honorable conditions.~~
 33 ~~(b) As used in this chapter, "qualified service member" means after~~
 34 ~~the commission's issuance of the disallowable separation codes list for~~
 35 ~~each branch of the armed forces described in section 10.5 of this~~
 36 ~~chapter, an individual who is an Indiana resident and who:~~
 37 (1) is serving on active duty in:
 38 (A) the armed forces of the United States; or
 39 (B) the national guard (as defined in IC 5-9-4-4); or
 40 (2) has served in or been discharged from the armed forces of the
 41 United States or the national guard under conditions other than
 42 the following:



- 1 (A) Discharge by court martial.
 2 (B) Acceptance of a discharge to avoid a court martial.
 3 (C) Discharge for having committed any of the following:
 4 (i) An offense against the security of the United States,
 5 including spying, mutiny, or treason.
 6 (ii) An act of willful or persistent misconduct, including
 7 desertion.
 8 (iii) A sexual or violent offense against another person,
 9 including molestation, rape, or assault.
 10 (iv) An act described on the list of disallowable separation
 11 codes adopted under section 10.5 of this chapter.

12 SECTION 37. IC 10-17-13.5-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 13 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter,**
 15 **"eligible person" means an individual residing in Indiana who is:**

- 16 **(1) a dependent of a veteran;**
 17 **(2) a primary caregiver of a veteran; or**
 18 **(3) an individual who is a member of the armed forces of the**
 19 **United States or national guard.**

20 SECTION 38. IC 10-17-13.5-1.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 21 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 1.7. As used in this chapter,**
 23 **"primary caregiver" means an individual who:**

- 24 **(1) is at least eighteen (18) years of age;**
 25 **(2) is:**
 26 **(A) the veteran's:**
 27 **(i) spouse;**
 28 **(ii) parent or stepparent;**
 29 **(iii) son, daughter, stepson, or stepdaughter;**
 30 **(iv) brother, sister, stepbrother, or stepsister;**
 31 **(v) niece or nephew;**
 32 **(vi) aunt or uncle;**
 33 **(vii) daughter-in-law or son-in-law; or**
 34 **(viii) grandparent; or**
 35 **(B) currently residing with the veteran on a full-time basis;**
 36 **and**
 37 **(3) provides care for the veteran, including:**
 38 **(A) personal care services;**
 39 **(B) essential household services; or**
 40 **(C) everyday basic care.**

41 SECTION 39. IC 10-17-13.5-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.217-2017,
 42 SECTION 76, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "veteran" means an
 2 individual residing in Indiana who:

3 (1) has served in any branch of the armed forces of the United
 4 States or their reserves, in the national guard, or in the Indiana
 5 National Guard; and

6 (2) ~~has received a discharge from service under honorable~~
 7 ~~conditions: was discharged or released from service described~~
 8 **in subdivision (1) under conditions other than dishonorable.**

9 SECTION 40. IC 10-17-13.5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.61-2023,
 10 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4. (a) The department may make grants to
 12 qualified entities to be used for the purpose of providing services to
 13 veterans **or an eligible person**, including the following:

14 (1) Programs focused on eliminating homelessness, preventing
 15 near term homelessness, and providing safe and secure living
 16 conditions.

17 (2) Assisting veterans **or an eligible person** in moving from
 18 public housing assistance programs to:

19 (A) home ownership; or

20 (B) stable, long term rental status.

21 A grant under this chapter for the purpose specified in clause (B)
 22 may include up to nine (9) months of rental assistance.

23 (3) Assisting veterans **or an eligible person** in finding and using
 24 available federal and state resources.

25 (4) Providing therapeutic services.

26 (5) Providing job training and job search assistance.

27 (6) Preventing veteran suicide **or suicide of an eligible person.**

28 (b) The department may make grants to the provider chosen by the
 29 Indiana department of health under section 6 of this chapter to be used
 30 for the purpose of providing assistance to the provider to provide
 31 diagnostic testing and hyperbaric oxygen treatment to veterans
 32 receiving treatment under the pilot program established under section
 33 6 of this chapter. However, a grant under this chapter may not be
 34 awarded for the purposes specified in this subsection unless the Indiana
 35 department of health has adopted the rules required by section 6(g) of
 36 this chapter. In addition, a grant may not be awarded for the purposes
 37 specified in this subsection after the expiration of the pilot program
 38 established under section 6 of this chapter.

39 SECTION 41. IC 10-18-9-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.38-2008,
 40 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 41 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "armed forces of the
 42 United States" means **the**:



- 1 (1) ~~the~~ **United States** Army;
 2 (2) ~~the~~ **United States** Navy;
 3 (3) ~~the~~ **United States** Air Force;
 4 **(4) United States Space Force;**
 5 ~~(4) (5) the~~ **United States** Coast Guard; and
 6 ~~(5) (6) the~~ **United States** Marine Corps.

7 SECTION 42. IC 16-31-3-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.139-2023,
 8 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 9 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 10. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), to
 10 renew a certificate or license issued under this chapter upon expiration
 11 of the certificate or license for any reason, a person must comply with
 12 any continuing education requirements that have been established by
 13 the commission and complete training meeting standards set forth in
 14 section 2(1)(E) of this chapter. To renew a certificate or license issued
 15 under this chapter after a revocation of the certificate or license, a
 16 person must comply with all the requirements of this chapter that apply
 17 to the original certification or licensure.

18 (b) A renewal of an emergency medical technician or advanced
 19 emergency medical technician certificate or a paramedic license shall
 20 be issued to an individual who meets the following conditions:

- 21 (1) While holding a valid certificate or license, enters the armed
 22 forces of the United States, including ~~the~~:
 23 (A) ~~the~~ **United States** Army;
 24 (B) ~~the~~ **United States** Navy;
 25 (C) ~~the~~ **United States** Air Force;
 26 (D) ~~the~~ **United States** Marines; ~~or~~
 27 (E) ~~the~~ **United States** Coast Guard; ~~or~~
 28 **(F) United States Space Force;**

29 but excluding the guard and reserve components of those forces.

30 (2) Is discharged from the armed forces of the United States
 31 within forty-eight (48) months after the individual entered the
 32 armed forces.

33 (3) Successfully completes, not more than nine (9) months after
 34 the individual's discharge from the armed forces of the United
 35 States, a refresher course approved by the commission.

36 (4) Applies for the certificate or license renewal not more than
 37 one (1) year after the individual's discharge from the armed forces
 38 of the United States.

39 (5) Passes the written and practical skills examinations.

40 (c) A renewal of an emergency medical technician or advanced
 41 emergency medical technician certificate or a paramedic license must
 42 be issued to an individual who meets the following conditions:



1 (1) While holding a valid certificate or license, the individual is
 2 called to active military duty as a member of the Indiana National
 3 Guard or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United
 4 States, including **the:**

- 5 (A) ~~the~~ **United States** Army;
 6 (B) ~~the~~ **United States** Navy;
 7 (C) ~~the~~ **United States** Air Force;
 8 (D) ~~the~~ **United States** Marines; or
 9 (E) ~~the~~ **United States** Coast Guard.

10 (2) The individual provides the emergency medical services
 11 commission with a copy of the document from the armed forces
 12 that called the individual to active duty.

13 (3) The individual applies for the certificate or license renewal
 14 not more than one hundred twenty (120) days after the individual
 15 leaves active duty.

16 SECTION 43. IC 16-33-4-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. As used in this
 18 chapter, "armed forces of the United States" means the forces and
 19 components of the:

- 20 (1) **United States** Army;
 21 (2) **United States** Navy;
 22 (3) **United States** Air Force;
 23 (4) **United States** Marine Corps;
 24 (5) **United States Space Force**; and
 25 (6) **United States** Coast Guard.

26 SECTION 44. IC 16-33-4-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 27 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 7. (a) Except as
 28 provided in subsection (b), the superintendent of the home shall be
 29 appointed in the manner prescribed by law and must meet all of the
 30 following conditions:

- 31 (1) Be a teacher licensed by the state or have at least a
 32 baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in
 33 a field related to education or child growth and development.
 34 (2) Have experience working with children.
 35 (3) At the time of appointment, be a resident and citizen of
 36 Indiana.
 37 (4) Have other qualifications as required by the state health
 38 commissioner.

39 (b) When at least two (2) candidates meet the conditions listed in
 40 subsection (a), the state health commissioner shall give preference to
 41 individuals who have been ~~honorably~~ discharged after service in the
 42 armed forces of the United States **under conditions other than**



1 **dishonorable** in appointing a candidate to the position of
2 superintendent of the home.

3 SECTION 45. IC 20-20-7-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.144-2007,
4 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "eligible veteran" refers
6 to an individual who has the following qualifications:

7 (1) Served as a member of the armed forces of the United States
8 at any time during at least one (1) of the following periods:

9 (A) Beginning April 6, 1917, and ending November 11, 1918
10 (World War I).

11 (B) Beginning December 7, 1941, and ending December 31,
12 1946 (World War II).

13 (C) Beginning June 27, 1950, and ending January 31, 1955
14 (Korean Conflict).

15 (D) Beginning August 5, 1964, and ending May 7, 1975
16 (Vietnam Conflict).

17 (2) Before the military service described in subdivision (1):

18 (A) attended a public or nonpublic high school in Indiana; and

19 (B) was a student in good standing at the high school
20 described in clause (A), to the satisfaction of the department
21 of veterans' affairs.

22 (3) Did not graduate or receive a diploma because of leaving the
23 high school described in subdivision (2) for the military service
24 described in subdivision (1).

25 (4) Was ~~honorably~~ discharged from the armed forces of the
26 United States **under conditions other than dishonorable**.

27 SECTION 46. IC 20-20-7-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
28 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
29 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 7. (a) The department and the department of
30 veterans' affairs shall jointly design a form for the application for
31 issuance of a diploma under the program.

32 (b) The application form must require at least the following
33 information about an eligible veteran:

34 (1) Personal identification information.

35 (2) Military service information, including a copy of the eligible
36 veteran's ~~honorably~~ discharge **from military service under**
37 **conditions other than dishonorable**.

38 (3) High school information, including the following:

39 (A) Name and address, including county, of the last high
40 school attended.

41 (B) Whether the high school was a public or nonpublic school.

42 (C) Years attended.



- 1 (D) Year of leaving high school to begin military service.
 2 (E) Year in which the veteran would have graduated if the
 3 veteran had not left high school to begin military service.
 4 (4) If the high school attended was a public school, whether the
 5 veteran prefers receiving a diploma issued by:
 6 (A) the state board; or
 7 (B) the governing body of the school corporation governing
 8 the high school.
- 9 SECTION 47. IC 20-38-3-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.21-2009,
 10 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2. ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS
 12 As used in this compact, unless the context clearly requires a
 13 different construction:
 14 A. "Active duty" means full-time duty status in the armed forces
 15 of the United States or the National Guard and Reserve on active
 16 duty orders under 10 U.S.C. 1209 and 10 U.S.C. 1211.
 17 B. "Children of military families" means school aged children
 18 who are enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 and are
 19 members of the household of an active duty member.
 20 C. "Compact commissioner" means the voting representative of
 21 each member state appointed under section 9 of this chapter.
 22 D. "Deployment" means the period beginning one (1) month
 23 before a service member departs from the member's home station
 24 on military orders and ending six (6) months after the service
 25 member returns to the member's home station.
 26 E. "Educational records" means the official records, files, and data
 27 that are directly related to a student and maintained by a school or
 28 local education agency. The term includes general identifying
 29 data, records of attendance and academic work completed,
 30 records of achievement and results of evaluative tests, health data,
 31 disciplinary status, test protocols, and individualized education
 32 programs.
 33 F. "Extracurricular activities" means voluntary activities
 34 sponsored by a school, a local education agency, or an
 35 organization approved by a local education agency. The term
 36 includes preparation for and involvement in public performances,
 37 contests, athletic competitions, demonstrations, displays, and club
 38 activities.
 39 G. "Interstate commission" refers to the interstate commission on
 40 Educational Opportunity for Military Children created by Article
 41 IX of this compact.
 42 H. "Local education agency" means a public administrative



- 1 agency authorized by the state to control and direct kindergarten
 2 through grade 12 public educational institutions.
- 3 I. "Member state" means a state that has enacted this compact.
- 4 J. "Military installation" means a base, a camp, a post, a station,
 5 a yard, a center, a homeport facility for a ship, or any other
 6 activity under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of
 7 Defense. The term includes a leased facility located within the
 8 United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of
 9 Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American
 10 Samoa, the Northern ~~Marianas~~ **Mariana** Islands, or any other
 11 United States territory. The term does not include a facility used
 12 primarily for civil works, rivers and harbors projects, or flood
 13 control projects.
- 14 K. "Nonmember state" means a state that has not enacted this
 15 compact.
- 16 L. "Receiving state" means the state to which a child of a military
 17 family is sent, brought, or caused to be sent or brought.
- 18 M. "Rule" means a written statement by the interstate commission
 19 adopted under Article XII of this compact that is of general
 20 applicability, that implements, interprets, or prescribes a policy of
 21 provision of the interstate compact, and that has the force and
 22 effect of statutory law on a member state. The term includes the
 23 amendment, repeal, or suspension of an existing rule.
- 24 N. "Sending state" means the state from which a child of a
 25 military family is sent, brought, or caused to be sent or brought.
- 26 O. "State" means a state of the United States, the District of
 27 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States
 28 Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern ~~Marianas~~
 29 **Mariana** Islands, or any other United States territory.
- 30 P. "Student" means a child of a military family for whom a local
 31 education agency receives public funding and who is formally
 32 enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12.
- 33 Q. "Transition" means the formal and physical process of
 34 transferring a student between schools or the period during which
 35 a student transfers from a school in the sending state to a school
 36 in the receiving states.
- 37 R. "Uniformed services" means the United States Army, **United**
 38 **States** Navy, **United States** Air Force, **United States** Marine
 39 Corps, **United States Space Force**, or **United States** Coast
 40 Guard. The term includes the commission corp of the National
 41 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health
 42 Services.



1 S. "Veteran" means an individual who served in and was
 2 discharged or released from the uniformed services under
 3 conditions other than dishonorable.

4 SECTION 48. IC 21-14-1-2.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.144-2007,
 5 SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 6 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2.7. For purposes of IC 21-14-9, "armed forces of
 7 the United States" means the following:

- 8 (1) The United States Air Force.
- 9 (2) The United States Army.
- 10 (3) The United States Coast Guard.
- 11 (4) The United States Marine Corps.
- 12 (5) The United States Navy.

13 **(6) The United States Space Force.**

14 SECTION 49. IC 21-14-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.112-2019,
 15 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 16 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2. (a) Subject to this section and section 2.5 of this
 17 chapter, an eligible applicant is entitled to enter, remain, and receive
 18 instruction in a state educational institution upon the same conditions,
 19 qualifications, and regulations prescribed for other applicants for
 20 admission to or scholars in the state educational institutions, without
 21 the payment of any educational costs for one hundred twenty-four (124)
 22 semester credit hours in the state educational institution.

23 (b) The maximum amount that an eligible applicant is exempt from
 24 paying for a semester hour is an amount equal to the cost of an
 25 undergraduate semester credit hour at the state educational institution
 26 in which the eligible applicant enrolls.

27 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or another
 28 law, a change in the criteria for or the amount of an exemption awarded
 29 under this chapter enacted in the ~~2011~~ **2025** session of the general
 30 assembly applies only to an individual who qualifies for an exemption
 31 under this chapter because of a father or mother (or in the case of
 32 section 1(a)(1) of this chapter, a related member) who enlisted or
 33 otherwise initially served in the armed forces of the United States after
 34 June 30, ~~2011~~ **2017**.

35 SECTION 50. IC 21-14-4-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.112-2019,
 36 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 37 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2.5. (a) This section applies to an individual who
 38 qualifies as an eligible applicant under section 1(a)(3) of this chapter
 39 because the individual's father or mother:

- 40 (1) enlisted or otherwise initially served in the armed forces of the
 41 United States after June 30, ~~2011~~ **2017**; and
- 42 (2) suffered a disability as determined by the United States



- 1 Department of Veterans Affairs.
- 2 (b) This section does not apply to an individual who:
- 3 (1) is an eligible applicant under section 1(a)(3) of this chapter;
- 4 and
- 5 (2) qualifies as an eligible applicant under section 1(a)(1) or
- 6 1(a)(2) of this chapter.
- 7 (c) Subject to subsection (d) and section 2(b) of this chapter, the
- 8 eligible applicant is entitled to a reduction in the educational costs that
- 9 would otherwise apply as follows:
- 10 (1) If the individual's father or mother suffered a disability as
- 11 determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- 12 with a rating of eighty percent (80%) or more, the individual is
- 13 entitled to a one hundred percent (100%) reduction in education
- 14 costs.
- 15 (2) If the individual's father or mother suffered a disability as
- 16 determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- 17 with a rating of less than eighty percent (80%), the individual is
- 18 entitled to a reduction in education costs equal to the sum of:
- 19 (A) twenty percent (20%); plus
- 20 (B) the disability rating of the individual's father or mother.
- 21 (d) The latest disability rating determined by the United States
- 22 Department of Veterans Affairs for an individual's father or mother
- 23 shall be used to compute the percentage by which education costs are
- 24 reduced under this section. If the disability rating of the individual's
- 25 father or mother changes after the beginning of an academic semester,
- 26 quarter, or other period for which educational costs have been reduced
- 27 under this section, the change in disability rating shall be applied
- 28 beginning with the immediately following academic semester, quarter,
- 29 or other period.
- 30 SECTION 51. IC 21-27-2-1.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.22-2018,
- 31 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 32 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1.5. (a) As used in this section, "academic term"
- 33 has the meaning set forth in IC 21-12-1-2.
- 34 (b) As used in this section, "active duty" has the meaning set forth
- 35 in IC 10-16-7-23(a).
- 36 (c) As used in this section, "armed forces" means the:
- 37 (1) United States Air Force;
- 38 (2) United States Army;
- 39 (3) United States Coast Guard;
- 40 (4) United States Marine Corps; **and**
- 41 (5) United States Navy; **and**
- 42 (6) **United States Space Force.**



- 1 (d) As used in this section, "qualified student" means a member of:
 2 (1) the Indiana National Guard;
 3 (2) the National Guard of a state contiguous to Indiana;
 4 (3) a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States;
 5 or
 6 (4) the armed forces;
 7 enrolled in a state educational institution.
- 8 (e) The board of trustees of a state educational institution shall allow
 9 a qualified student on active duty or called to active duty during an
 10 academic term to exercise any of the following options:
 11 (1) Reenroll in any course for which the qualified student had
 12 remitted tuition but that the qualified student was not able to
 13 complete due to active duty status. Course reenrollment shall be
 14 offered to any qualified student:
 15 (A) for a period not to exceed four (4) years after the date of
 16 the qualified student's release from active duty; and
 17 (B) without additional tuition, student fees, or related charges.
 18 (2) Receive a refund for tuition and fees paid by the qualified
 19 student for the academic term in which the qualified student was
 20 called or ordered to active duty, or based on the qualified student's
 21 active duty status.
 22 (3) Receive a credit for a subsequent academic term in the amount
 23 of the tuition and fees paid during the academic term for courses
 24 that the qualified student did not complete due to active duty
 25 status.
- 26 (f) If a qualified student has been fully reimbursed for tuition, fees,
 27 and charges for a course that the qualified student did not complete due
 28 to active duty status, the qualified student is not entitled to further
 29 reimbursement under this section.
- 30 SECTION 52. IC 22-2-13-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.151-2007,
 31 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "armed forces of the
 33 United States" means the active or reserve components of **the**:
 34 (1) **the United States** Army;
 35 (2) **the United States** Navy;
 36 (3) **the United States** Air Force;
 37 (4) **the United States** Coast Guard;
 38 (5) **the United States** Marine Corps; ~~or~~
 39 **(6) United States Space Force; or**
 40 ~~(7) the~~ Merchant Marine.
- 41 SECTION 53. IC 22-9-9-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.151-2007,
 42 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "armed forces of the
2 United States" means the active or reserve components of the:

- 3 (1) **United States Army;**
4 (2) **United States Navy;**
5 (3) **United States Air Force;**
6 (4) **United States Coast Guard;**
7 (5) **United States Marine Corps; or**
8 (6) **United States Space Force; or**
9 ~~(7) Merchant Marine.~~

10 SECTION 54. IC 23-14-73-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
11 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. As used in this
12 chapter, "member of the armed forces" means an individual who served
13 on active duty in the:

- 14 (1) **United States Army;**
15 (2) **United States Navy;**
16 (3) **United States Air Force;**
17 (4) **United States Marine Corps;**
18 (5) **United States Space Force; or**
19 (6) **United States Coast Guard. of the United States.**

20 SECTION 55. IC 24-2-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
21 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. It shall be unlawful
22 for any person, firm, limited liability company, corporation or
23 association, not an agency or instrumentality of the United States
24 government, selling or offering for sale goods, wares or merchandise,
25 to use or cause or permit to be used in the corporate or trade-name, or
26 description of the seller or of the place where the goods, wares or
27 merchandise are offered for sale, any of the following words or
28 expressions, viz., "Army", "Navy", "**Air Force**", "**Space Force**",
29 "Marine Corps", "Marines", "Coast Guard", "Government", "Post
30 Exchange", "P-X", or "G.I."; or any word or expression which may lead
31 the public to believe that the seller or the place is owned, operated or
32 managed by the United States government or its military or naval
33 forces or any agency of the United States government.

34 SECTION 56. IC 25-1-12-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2005,
35 SECTION 64, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
36 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "armed forces of the
37 United States" means the active or reserve components of **the**:

- 38 (1) **the United States Army;**
39 (2) **the United States Navy;**
40 (3) **the United States Air Force;**
41 (4) **the United States Coast Guard;**
42 (5) **the United States Marine Corps; or**



1 **(6) United States Space Force; or**
 2 ~~(6) (7) the~~ Merchant Marine.
 3 SECTION 57. IC 25-8-12.1-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.84-2010,
 4 SECTION 48, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 5 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 12. A person who:
 6 (1) enters active military service of the United States or of this
 7 state:
 8 (A) in time of war or an emergency;
 9 (B) for or during a period of training; or
 10 (C) in connection with or under the operation of a system of
 11 selective service; and
 12 (2) at the time of entry holds a valid license as a registered barber;
 13 shall be granted a similar certificate of registration or license upon
 14 presenting to the board ~~an honorable discharge~~ **a discharge under**
 15 **conditions other than dishonorable** from military service, dated not
 16 more than six (6) months before the time of the presentation. The
 17 similar certificate or license shall be granted by the board upon
 18 payment of a fee established by the board.
 19 SECTION 58. IC 25-10-1-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.36-2022,
 20 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 21 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 7. Any applicant for a license to practice
 22 chiropractic who is a graduate of a legally incorporated chiropractic
 23 school, institution or college, and who can produce satisfactory
 24 evidence to the board that the:
 25 (1) applicant's chiropractic education was interrupted by reason
 26 of the applicant's induction or enlistment into the active armed
 27 forces of the United States; and
 28 (2) applicant received ~~an honorable discharge~~ **a discharge under**
 29 **conditions other than dishonorable** from the armed forces;
 30 is entitled to have the applicant's date of graduation determined as if
 31 the applicant had completed the applicant's course of study in
 32 chiropractic without the interruption.
 33 SECTION 59. IC 25-25-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2020,
 34 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 35 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. (a) This section applies to:
 36 (1) any veteran described in IC 10-17-5-2 or IC 10-17-5-1 (before
 37 their repeal); or
 38 (2) any other veteran to whom this chapter applies because of the
 39 provisions of any other statute;
 40 who holds ~~an honorable discharge~~ **a discharge under conditions other**
 41 **than dishonorable** from such service issued by the proper authorities.
 42 Such a person shall be entitled to a license to vend, hawk, and peddle



1 goods, wares, fruits, and merchandise in any county, city, or town in
 2 Indiana without the payment of any fee for the license. Upon the
 3 presentation of the person's certificate and papers of discharge,
 4 properly executed, to the auditor of any county and proving the person's
 5 identity as the person named in the person's certificate of ~~honorable~~
 6 discharge, the auditor shall issue to the former soldier or sailor a free
 7 license to vend, hawk, and peddle goods, wares, fruits, and
 8 merchandise in the county and in all cities and towns in the county. A
 9 fee may not be charged to the holder of the license by the auditor, by
 10 the authorities of any city or town in the county, or by any other officer.
 11 The license shall be full and complete authority to vend, hawk, and
 12 peddle without the payment of any sum of money.

13 (b) A person who acquires a license under this section is subject to
 14 all county, city, or town regulations and ordinances concerning
 15 vendors, hawkers, or peddlers, except for those provisions requiring
 16 payment of money for obtaining a license.

17 SECTION 60. IC 25-36.1-2-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.97-2009,
 18 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 19 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in section 4 of this
 20 chapter, an individual may not practice surgical technology in a health
 21 care facility unless the individual meets one (1) of the following
 22 requirements:

23 (1) Is certified under IC 25-36.1-1.

24 (2) Has completed a surgical technology program provided by the
 25 United States Army, **United States Navy, United States Air**
 26 **Force, United States Marine Corps, United States Space Force,**
 27 **or United States Coast Guard,** or the commissioned corps of the
 28 United States Public Health Service.

29 (3) Provides evidence to the health care facility that the individual
 30 was employed to practice surgical technology in a health care
 31 facility before July 1, 2009.

32 (4) Is performing duties related to the individual's employment by
 33 the federal government.

34 (5) Is practicing surgical technology during the twelve (12) month
 35 period immediately following the completion of a degree from an
 36 accredited school of surgical technology.

37 (6) Has the appropriate abilities, as determined by the health care
 38 facility.

39 (b) An individual who is:

40 (1) described in subsection (a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3); and

41 (2) practicing surgical technology in a health care facility;

42 annually shall complete fifteen (15) hours of continuing education



1 concerning surgical technology in order to continue practicing surgical
2 technology.

3 (c) An individual who wants to practice surgical technology in a
4 health care facility is responsible for establishing to the satisfaction of
5 the health care facility that the individual has complied with this
6 section.

7 (d) An individual practicing surgical technology in a health care
8 facility is responsible for immediately notifying in writing the
9 governing body of the health care facility, or the governing body's
10 designee, of any changes in the individual's compliance with this
11 section.

12 (e) A health care facility shall maintain copies of any written
13 documentation provided by the individual to the health care facility
14 under subsection (c) or (d) to show compliance with this section.

15 (f) This chapter does not require a health care facility to permit an
16 individual described in subsection (a) to perform surgical technology
17 services at the health care facility.

18 SECTION 61. IC 25-37-1-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 14. (a) This section
20 applies to a county having a consolidated city.

21 (b) A veteran who holds ~~an honorable discharge~~ **a discharge under**
22 **conditions other than dishonorable** from the armed forces of the
23 United States is exempt from the payment of a fee for a transient
24 merchant license issued under this chapter by a municipality located
25 wholly or partially within the county.

26 (c) Upon the presentation of the veteran's certificate and papers of
27 discharge and proof of the veteran's identity, the official designated by
28 the municipality shall issue a transient merchant license to the veteran.
29 A person licensed under this section shall comply with all ordinances
30 of the county or municipality governing transient merchants.

31 SECTION 62. IC 27-1-22-26 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
32 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 26. (a) As used in this
33 section, "armed forces" means the following:

- 34 (1) The **United States** Army.
- 35 (2) The **United States** Navy.
- 36 (3) The **United States** Air Force.
- 37 (4) The **United States** Marine Corps.
- 38 (5) **The United States Space Force.**
- 39 ~~(6)~~ (6) The **United States** Coast Guard.

40 (b) This section applies only to an individual:

- 41 (1) who is applying for motor vehicle insurance; and
- 42 (2) who:



- 1 (A) is serving in one (1) of the armed forces; or
 2 (B) has served in one (1) of the armed forces within six (6)
 3 months before applying for motor vehicle insurance.
 4 (c) As used in this section, "motor vehicle insurance" means any
 5 type of insurance described in IC 27-1-5-1, Class 2(f).
 6 (d) As used in this chapter, "rating plan" means the rating schedule
 7 or rating plan of an insurer concerning premium rates for motor vehicle
 8 insurance that has been filed with the commissioner and is in effect
 9 under section 4 of this chapter.
 10 (e) An insurer may not set the premium rate for a policy of motor
 11 vehicle insurance for an individual described in subsection (b) at an
 12 amount higher than the applicable rate set forth in the rating plan due
 13 to the fact that the individual has not been covered by motor vehicle
 14 insurance for a period of time.
 15 (f) The violation of this section is an unfair and deceptive act or
 16 practice in the business of insurance under IC 27-4-1-4.
- 17 SECTION 63. IC 27-1-22-26.1, AS ADDED BY P.L.39-2005,
 18 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 19 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 26.1. (a) As used in this section, "armed forces"
 20 means the active and reserve components of the following:
 21 (1) The United States Army.
 22 (2) The United States Navy.
 23 (3) The United States Air Force.
 24 (4) The United States Marine Corps.
 25 **(5) The United States Space Force.**
 26 ~~(6)~~ (6) The United States Coast Guard.
 27 ~~(7)~~ (7) The Indiana National Guard.
- 28 (b) As used in this section, "motor vehicle insurance" means any
 29 type of insurance described in IC 27-1-5-1, Class 2(f).
 30 (c) As used in this chapter, "rating plan" means the rating schedule
 31 or rating plan of an insurer:
 32 (1) concerning premium rates for motor vehicle insurance;
 33 (2) that has been filed with the commissioner; and
 34 (3) that is in effect under section 4 of this chapter.
 35 (d) An insurer that issues or renews a policy of motor vehicle
 36 insurance may not set the premium rate for a policy of motor vehicle
 37 insurance that covers an individual who is serving in one (1) of the
 38 armed forces at an amount higher than the applicable rate set forth in
 39 the rating plan for a policy of motor vehicle insurance that covers an
 40 individual who is not serving in one (1) of the armed forces.
 41 (e) A violation of this section is an unfair and deceptive act or
 42 practice in the business of insurance under IC 27-4-1-4.



1 SECTION 64. IC 27-7-14-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.146-2015,
 2 SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "armed forces" means
 4 the active and reserve components of the following:

- 5 (1) The United States Army.
- 6 (2) The United States Navy.
- 7 (3) The United States Air Force.
- 8 (4) The United States Marine Corps.
- 9 **(5) The United States Space Force.**
- 10 ~~(5) (6)~~ The United States Coast Guard.
- 11 ~~(6) (7)~~ The Indiana National Guard.

12 SECTION 65. IC 29-3-9-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.50-2021,
 13 SECTION 72, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 14 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. (a) As used in this section, "department" means
 15 the department of child services established by IC 31-25-1-1.

16 (b) As used in this section and except as otherwise provided in this
 17 section, "foster care" has the meaning set forth in IC 31-9-2-46.7.

18 (c) Except as provided in subsections (d) and (h), by a properly
 19 executed power of attorney, a parent of a minor or a guardian (other
 20 than a temporary guardian) of a protected person may delegate to
 21 another person for:

- 22 (1) any period during which the care and custody of the minor or
 23 protected person is entrusted to an institution furnishing care,
 24 custody, education, or training; or
- 25 (2) a period not exceeding twelve (12) months;

26 any powers regarding health care, support, custody, or property of the
 27 minor or protected person. A delegation described in this subsection is
 28 effective immediately unless otherwise stated in the power of attorney.

29 (d) A parent of a minor or a guardian of a protected person may not
 30 delegate under subsection (c) the power to:

- 31 (1) consent to the marriage or adoption of a protected person who
 32 is a minor; or
- 33 (2) petition the court to request the authority to petition for
 34 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, or annulment of
 35 marriage on behalf of a protected person as provided under
 36 section 12.2 of this chapter.

37 (e) Subject to IC 30-5-5-16, a person having a power of attorney
 38 executed under subsection (c) has and shall exercise, for the period
 39 during which the power is effective, all other authority of the parent or
 40 guardian respecting the health care, support, custody, or property of the
 41 minor or protected person except any authority expressly excluded in
 42 the written instrument delegating the power. The parent or guardian



1 remains responsible for any act or omission of the person having the
 2 power of attorney with respect to the affairs, property, and person of the
 3 minor or protected person as though the power of attorney had never
 4 been executed.

5 (f) A delegation of powers executed under subsection (c) does not,
 6 as a result of the execution of the power of attorney, subject any of the
 7 parties to any laws, rules, or regulations concerning the licensing or
 8 regulation of foster family homes, child placing agencies, or child
 9 caring institutions under IC 31-27.

10 (g) Any child who is the subject of a power of attorney executed
 11 under subsection (c) is not considered to be placed in foster care. The
 12 parties to a power of attorney executed under subsection (c), including
 13 a child, a protected person, a parent or guardian of a child or protected
 14 person, or an attorney in fact, are not, as a result of the execution of the
 15 power of attorney, subject to any foster care requirements or foster care
 16 licensing regulations.

17 (h) A foster family home licensed under IC 31-27-4 may not provide
 18 overnight or regular and continuous care and supervision to a child
 19 who is the subject of a power of attorney executed under subsection (c)
 20 while providing care to a child placed in the home by the department
 21 or under a juvenile court order under a foster family home license.
 22 Upon request, the department may grant an exception to this
 23 subsection.

24 (i) A parent who:

25 (1) is a member in the:

26 (A) active or reserve component of the armed forces of the
 27 United States, including the:

28 (i) **United States Army;**

29 (ii) **United States Navy;**

30 (iii) **United States Air Force;**

31 (iv) **United States Space Force;**

32 (v) **United States Marine Corps;**

33 (vi) **Indiana National Guard;** or

34 (vii) **United States Coast Guard;** or

35 (B) commissioned corps of the:

36 (i) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; or

37 (ii) Public Health Service of the United States Department
 38 of Health and Human Services;

39 detailed by proper authority for duty with the **United States**
 40 **Army** or **United States Navy**; ~~of the United States;~~ or

41 (2) is required to:

42 (A) enter or serve in the active military service of the United



- 1 States under a call or order of the President of the United
 2 States; or
 3 (B) serve on state active duty;
 4 may delegate the powers designated in subsection (c) for a period
 5 longer than twelve (12) months if the parent is on active duty service.
 6 However, the term of delegation may not exceed the term of active duty
 7 service plus thirty (30) days. The power of attorney must indicate that
 8 the parent is required to enter or serve in the active military service of
 9 the United States and include the estimated beginning and ending dates
 10 of the active duty service.
- 11 (j) Except as otherwise stated in the power of attorney delegating
 12 powers under this section, a delegation of powers under this section
 13 may be revoked at any time by a written instrument of revocation that:
 14 (1) identifies the power of attorney revoked; and
 15 (2) is signed by the:
 16 (A) parent of a minor; or
 17 (B) guardian of a protected person;
 18 who executed the power of attorney.
- 19 SECTION 66. IC 33-42-9-10, AS AMENDED BY
 20 P.L.215-2018(ss), SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 21 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 10. (a) A notarial act
 22 performed under federal law shall be presumed valid and has the same
 23 effect as a notarial act performed by a notarial officer of Indiana if the
 24 notarial act performed under federal law is performed by:
 25 (1) a judge, clerk, or deputy clerk of a court;
 26 (2) an individual who is authorized to perform the notarial act
 27 under federal law and is:
 28 (A) presently serving in the armed forces of the United States;
 29 or
 30 (B) performing duties under the authority of the armed forces
 31 of the United States;
 32 (3) an individual designated as a notarial officer by the United
 33 States Department of State for the purpose of performing notarial
 34 acts overseas;
 35 (4) a commissioned officer with the rank of:
 36 (A) second lieutenant or higher in the active service of the:
 37 (i) United States Army;
 38 (ii) United States Marine Corps; ~~or~~
 39 (iii) United States Air Force; or
 40 **(iv) United States Space Force; or**
 41 (B) ensign or higher in the active service of the:
 42 (i) United States Coast Guard; or



- 1 (ii) United States Navy; or
 2 (5) any other individual authorized by federal law to perform the
 3 notarial act.
 4 (b) The signature and title of an individual acting under federal
 5 authority while performing a notarial act are prima facie evidence of
 6 the fact that:
 7 (1) the signature is genuine; and
 8 (2) the individual holds the designated title.
 9 (c) The signature and title of a notarial officer described in
 10 subsection (a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3) conclusively establish the authority
 11 of the notarial officer to perform the notarial act.
 12 SECTION 67. IC 35-42-4-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2023,
 13 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 14 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 7. (a) As used in this section, "adoptive parent"
 15 has the meaning set forth in IC 31-9-2-6.
 16 (b) As used in this section, "adoptive grandparent" means the parent
 17 of an adoptive parent.
 18 (c) As used in this section, "charter school" has the meaning set
 19 forth in IC 20-18-2-2.5.
 20 (d) As used in this section, "child care worker" means a person who:
 21 (1) provides care, supervision, or instruction to a child within the
 22 scope of the person's employment in a shelter care facility;
 23 (2) is employed by a:
 24 (A) school corporation;
 25 (B) charter school;
 26 (C) nonpublic school; or
 27 (D) special education cooperative;
 28 attended by a child who is the victim of a crime under this
 29 chapter; or
 30 (3) is:
 31 (A) affiliated with a:
 32 (i) school corporation;
 33 (ii) charter school;
 34 (iii) nonpublic school; or
 35 (iv) special education cooperative;
 36 attended by a child who is the victim of a crime under this
 37 chapter, regardless of how or whether the person is
 38 compensated;
 39 (B) in a position of trust in relation to a child who attends the
 40 school or cooperative;
 41 (C) engaged in the provision of care or supervision to a child
 42 who attends the school or cooperative; and



- 1 (D) at least four (4) years older than the child who is the
 2 victim of a crime under this chapter.
 3 The term does not include a student who attends the school or
 4 cooperative.
 5 (e) As used in this section, "coach" means a person who:
 6 (1) provides care, supervision, or instruction to a child within the
 7 scope of the person's employment in a youth sports organization;
 8 (2) is employed by a youth sports organization attended by a child
 9 who is the victim of a crime under this chapter; or
 10 (3) is:
 11 (A) affiliated with a youth sports organization attended by a
 12 child who is the victim of a crime under this chapter,
 13 regardless of how or whether the person is compensated;
 14 (B) in a position of trust in relation to a child who participates
 15 in the youth sports organization;
 16 (C) engaged in the provision of care or supervision to a child
 17 who participates in the youth sports organization; and
 18 (D) at least four (4) years older than the child who is the
 19 victim of a crime under this chapter.
 20 This term includes a coach who is nonteaching or a volunteer.
 21 (f) As used in this section, "custodian" means any person who
 22 resides with a child and is responsible for the child's welfare.
 23 (g) As used in this section, "mental health professional" means:
 24 (1) a mental health counselor licensed under IC 25-23.6-8.5;
 25 (2) a psychologist; or
 26 (3) a psychiatrist.
 27 (h) As used in this section, "military recruiter" means a member of:
 28 (1) the United States Air Force;
 29 (2) the United States Army;
 30 (3) the United States Coast Guard;
 31 (4) the United States Marine Corps;
 32 (5) the United States Navy;
 33 **(6) the United States Space Force;**
 34 ~~(6)~~ **(7)** any reserve components of the military forces listed in
 35 subdivisions (1) through (5); or
 36 ~~(7)~~ **(8)** the Indiana National Guard;
 37 whose primary job function, classification, or specialty is recruiting
 38 individuals to enlist with an entity listed in subdivisions (1) through
 39 ~~(7)~~: **(8)**.
 40 (i) As used in this section, "nonpublic school" has the meaning set
 41 forth in IC 20-18-2-12.
 42 (j) For purposes of this section, a person has a "professional



- 1 relationship" with a child if:
- 2 (1) the person:
- 3 (A) has a license issued by the state or a political subdivision
- 4 on the basis of the person's training and experience that
- 5 authorizes the person to carry out a particular occupation; or
- 6 (B) is employed in a position in which counseling, supervising,
- 7 instructing, or recruiting children forms a significant part of
- 8 the employment; and
- 9 (2) the person has a relationship with a child that is based on the
- 10 person's employment or licensed status as described in
- 11 subdivision (1).
- 12 The term includes a relationship between a child and a mental health
- 13 professional or military recruiter. The term does not include a coworker
- 14 relationship between a child and a person described in subdivision
- 15 (1)(B).
- 16 (k) As used in this section, "school corporation" has the meaning set
- 17 forth in IC 20-18-2-16.
- 18 (l) As used in this section, "special education cooperative" has the
- 19 meaning set forth in IC 20-35-5-1.
- 20 (m) As used in this section, "stepparent" means an individual who
- 21 is married to a child's custodial or noncustodial parent and is not the
- 22 child's adoptive parent.
- 23 (n) As used in this section, "workplace supervisor" means an
- 24 individual who has authority over a child while the child is employed
- 25 at the child's place of employment. The term includes a person who is
- 26 responsible for determining the child's wages (including whether the
- 27 child will receive a raise) or who otherwise has the authority to take an
- 28 adverse employment action against the child.
- 29 (o) As used in this section, "youth sports organization" means an
- 30 athletic or recreational program that is organized for:
- 31 (1) competition against another team, club, or entity; or
- 32 (2) athletic instruction;
- 33 predominantly for children less than eighteen (18) years of age.
- 34 (p) If a person who:
- 35 (1) is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and
- 36 (2) is the:
- 37 (A) guardian, adoptive parent, adoptive grandparent,
- 38 custodian, or stepparent of;
- 39 (B) child care worker for; or
- 40 (C) coach of;
- 41 a child less than eighteen (18) years of age;
- 42 engages with the child in sexual intercourse, other sexual conduct (as



1 defined in IC 35-31.5-2-221.5), or any fondling or touching with the
 2 intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of either the child or the
 3 adult, the person commits child seduction.

4 (q) A person who:

5 (1) has or had a professional relationship with a child less than
 6 eighteen (18) years of age whom the person knows to be less than
 7 eighteen (18) years of age;

8 (2) may exert undue influence on the child because of the person's
 9 current or previous professional relationship with the child; and

10 (3) uses or exerts the person's professional relationship to engage
 11 in sexual intercourse, other sexual conduct (as defined in
 12 IC 35-31.5-2-221.5), or any fondling or touching with the child
 13 with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of the child
 14 or the person;

15 commits child seduction.

16 (r) A law enforcement officer who:

17 (1) is at least four (4) years older than a child who is less than
 18 eighteen (18) years of age;

19 (2) has contact with the child while acting within the scope of the
 20 law enforcement officer's official duties with respect to the child;
 21 and

22 (3) uses or exerts the law enforcement officer's professional
 23 relationship with the child to engage with the child in:

24 (A) sexual intercourse;

25 (B) other sexual conduct (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-221.5);

26 or

27 (C) any fondling or touching with the child with the intent to
 28 arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of the child or the law
 29 enforcement officer;

30 commits child seduction.

31 (s) In determining whether a person used or exerted the person's
 32 professional relationship with the child to engage in sexual intercourse,
 33 other sexual conduct (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-221.5), or any
 34 fondling or touching with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual
 35 desires of the child or the person under this section, the trier of fact
 36 may consider one (1) or more of the following:

37 (1) The age difference between the person and the child.

38 (2) Whether the person was in a position of trust with respect to
 39 the child.

40 (3) Whether the person's conduct with the child violated any
 41 ethical obligations of the person's profession or occupation.

42 (4) The authority that the person had over the child.



- 1 (5) Whether the person exploited any particular vulnerability of
 2 the child.
- 3 (6) Any other evidence relevant to the person's ability to exert
 4 undue influence over the child.
- 5 (t) This subsection does not apply to a workplace supervisor who
 6 had a dating relationship with the child before the child was employed
 7 at the place of employment. A workplace supervisor who:
- 8 (1) is at least four (4) years older than a child who is less than
 9 eighteen (18) years of age;
- 10 (2) supervises the child at the child's place of employment; and
 11 (3) uses or exerts the workplace supervisor's supervisory
 12 relationship with the child to engage with the child in:
- 13 (A) sexual intercourse;
- 14 (B) other sexual conduct (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-221.5);
 15 or
- 16 (C) any fondling or touching with the child with the intent to
 17 arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of the child or the
 18 workplace supervisor;
- 19 commits child seduction.
- 20 (u) In determining whether a workplace supervisor used or exerted
 21 the workplace supervisor's relationship with the child to engage in
 22 sexual intercourse, other sexual conduct (as defined in
 23 IC 35-31.5-2-221.5), or any fondling or touching with the intent to
 24 arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of the child or the workplace
 25 supervisor, the trier of fact may consider one (1) or more of the
 26 following:
- 27 (1) The age difference between the workplace supervisor and the
 28 child.
- 29 (2) Whether the workplace supervisor was in a position of trust
 30 with respect to the child.
- 31 (3) Whether the workplace supervisor suggested to the child that
 32 engaging or not engaging in sexual activity with the workplace
 33 supervisor would or could affect the child at the child's place of
 34 employment.
- 35 (4) The authority that the workplace supervisor had over the child.
- 36 (5) Whether the workplace supervisor exploited any particular
 37 vulnerability of the child.
- 38 (6) Any other evidence relevant to the workplace supervisor's
 39 ability to exert undue influence over the child.
- 40 (v) Child seduction under this section is:
- 41 (1) a Level 6 felony if the child is at least sixteen (16) years of age
 42 but less than eighteen (18) years of age and the person or law



1 enforcement officer engaged in any fondling or touching with the
2 intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of:

3 (A) the child; or

4 (B) the person or law enforcement officer;

5 (2) a Level 5 felony if the child is at least sixteen (16) years of age
6 but less than eighteen (18) years of age and the person or law
7 enforcement officer engaged in sexual intercourse or other sexual
8 conduct (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-221.5) with the child;

9 (3) a Level 5 felony if the child is at least fourteen (14) years of
10 age but less than sixteen (16) years of age and the person or law
11 enforcement officer engaged in any fondling or touching with the
12 intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of:

13 (A) the child; or

14 (B) the person or law enforcement officer;

15 (4) a Level 4 felony if the child is at least fourteen (14) years of
16 age but less than sixteen (16) years of age and the person or law
17 enforcement officer engaged in sexual intercourse or other sexual
18 conduct (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-221.5) with the child;

19 (5) a Level 3 felony if the child is thirteen (13) years of age or
20 under and the person or law enforcement officer engaged in any
21 fondling or touching with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual
22 desires of:

23 (A) the child; or

24 (B) the person or law enforcement officer; and

25 (6) a Level 2 felony if the child is thirteen (13) years of age or
26 under and the person or law enforcement officer engaged in
27 sexual intercourse or other sexual conduct (as defined in
28 IC 35-31.5-2-221.5) with the child.

29 SECTION 68. IC 36-8-4-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.110-2010,
30 SECTION 35, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
31 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 10. (a) Subject to subsection (c), the board or
32 persons having the authority to employ members of the fire or police
33 department shall give a preference for employment according to the
34 following priority:

35 (1) A war veteran who has been ~~honorably~~ discharged from the
36 United States armed forces **under conditions other than**
37 **dishonorable.**

38 (2) A person whose mother or father was a:

39 (A) firefighter of a unit;

40 (B) municipal police officer; or

41 (C) county police officer;

42 who died in the line of duty (as defined in IC 5-10-10-2).



1 (b) Subject to subsection (c), the board or person having the
 2 authority to employ members of a fire or police department may give
 3 a preference for employment to any of the following:

4 (1) A police officer or firefighter laid off by another city under
 5 section 11 of this chapter.

6 (2) A county police officer laid off by a sheriff's department under
 7 IC 36-8-10-11.1.

8 (3) A person who:

9 (A) was employed full-time or part-time by a township to
 10 provide fire protection and emergency services; and

11 (B) has been laid off by the township.

12 (c) A person described in subsection (a) or (b) may not receive a
 13 preference for employment unless the person:

14 (1) applies; and

15 (2) meets all employment requirements prescribed:

16 (A) by law, including physical and age requirements; and

17 (B) by the fire or police department.

18 SECTION 69. IC 36-8-4.7-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.115-2016,
 19 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 20 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "armed forces" means
 21 the active and reserve components of the following:

22 (1) The United States Army.

23 (2) The United States Navy.

24 (3) The United States Air Force.

25 (4) The United States Marine Corps.

26 **(5) The United States Space Force.**

27 ~~(6)~~ (6) The United States Coast Guard.

28 ~~(7)~~ (7) The Indiana National Guard.

29 SECTION 70. IC 36-8-4.7-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.115-2016,
 30 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 31 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 5. (a) Notwithstanding any contrary law, an
 32 appointing authority shall waive any age restriction for a person not
 33 more than forty (40) years and six (6) months of age that applies to the
 34 appointment and hiring of an individual as:

35 (1) a member of the police department; or

36 (2) a member of the fire department;

37 if the individual meets the requirements of subsection (b).

38 (b) An individual who meets all the following requirements is
 39 entitled to the waiver described in subsection (a):

40 (1) On the date the individual applies to be appointed and hired
 41 as:

42 (A) a member of the police department; or



- 1 (B) a member of the fire department;
 2 the individual is a veteran who has completed at least twenty (20)
 3 years of military service.
 4 (2) The individual received or is eligible to receive ~~an honorable~~
 5 ~~discharge~~ **a discharge under conditions other than**
 6 **dishonorable** from the armed forces.
 7 (3) The individual meets all other requirements for appointment
 8 and hiring as:
 9 (A) a member of the police department; or
 10 (B) a member of the fire department;
 11 including all physical requirements.
 12 (c) An individual who is entitled to the waiver described in
 13 subsection (a) is eligible to become a member of the 1977 fund.
 14 SECTION 71. IC 36-8-5-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.84-2016,
 15 SECTION 181, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 8. (a) A police officer or firefighter
 17 desiring to return to service in the police or fire department shall report
 18 to the person responsible for regulating and employing members of the
 19 department. This action must be taken within sixty (60) days after
 20 ~~honorable discharge~~ **a discharge under conditions other than**
 21 **dishonorable** from military service or government war work.
 22 (b) Within fifteen (15) days after the police officer or firefighter
 23 reports to the department, the police officer or firefighter shall be
 24 placed on duty at the rank held at the time of entering military service
 25 or government war work.
 26 (c) If a member of the police or fire department is refused a proper
 27 assignment under subsection (b), the member of the police or fire
 28 department may file an action in the circuit court, superior court, or
 29 probate court of the county in the manner prescribed by IC 36-8-3-4.
 30 SECTION 72. IC 36-8-10-10.4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.110-2010,
 31 SECTION 36, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 10.4. (a) Subject to subsection (c), the board shall
 33 give a preference for employment according to the following priority:
 34 (1) A war veteran who has been ~~honorably~~
 35 ~~discharged~~ from the United States armed forces **under conditions other than**
 36 **dishonorable**.
 37 (2) A person whose mother or father was a:
 38 (A) firefighter of a unit;
 39 (B) municipal police officer; or
 40 (C) county police officer;
 41 who died in the line of duty (as defined in IC 5-10-10-2).
 42 (b) Subject to subsection (c), the board may give a preference for



1 employment to any of the following:

2 (1) A member of another department laid off under section 11.1
3 of this chapter.

4 (2) A police officer laid off by a city under IC 36-8-4-11.

5 (c) A person described in subsection (a) or (b) may not receive a
6 preference for employment unless the person:

7 (1) applies; and

8 (2) meets all employment requirements prescribed:

9 (A) by law, including physical and age requirements; and

10 (B) by the department.

11 SECTION 73. IC 36-8-13-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.255-2017,
12 SECTION 37, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
13 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. (a) The executive of a township, with the
14 approval of the legislative body, may do the following:

15 (1) Purchase firefighting and emergency services apparatus and
16 equipment for the township, provide for the housing, care,
17 maintenance, operation, and use of the apparatus and equipment
18 to provide services within the township but outside the corporate
19 boundaries of municipalities, and employ full-time or part-time
20 personnel to operate the apparatus and equipment and to provide
21 services in that area. Preference in employment under this section
22 shall be given according to the following priority:

23 (A) A war veteran who has been ~~honorably~~ discharged from
24 the United States armed forces **under conditions other than**
25 **dishonorable.**

26 (B) A person whose mother or father was a:

27 (i) firefighter of a unit;

28 (ii) municipal police officer; or

29 (iii) county police officer;

30 who died in the line of duty (as defined in IC 5-10-10-2).

31 The executive of a township may give a preference for
32 employment under this section to a person who was employed
33 full-time or part-time by another township to provide fire
34 protection and emergency services and has been laid off by the
35 township. The executive of a township may also give a preference
36 for employment to a firefighter laid off by a city under
37 IC 36-8-4-11. A person described in this subdivision may not
38 receive a preference for employment unless the person applies for
39 employment and meets all employment requirements prescribed
40 by law, including physical and age requirements, and all
41 employment requirements prescribed by the fire department.

42 (2) Contract with a municipality in the township or in a



1 contiguous township that maintains adequate firefighting or
 2 emergency services apparatus and equipment to provide fire
 3 protection or emergency services for the township in accordance
 4 with IC 36-1-7.

5 (3) Cooperate with a municipality in the township or in a
 6 contiguous township in the purchase, maintenance, and upkeep of
 7 firefighting or emergency services apparatus and equipment for
 8 use in the municipality and township in accordance with
 9 IC 36-1-7.

10 (4) Contract with a volunteer fire department that has been
 11 organized to fight fires in the township for the use and operation
 12 of firefighting apparatus and equipment that has been purchased
 13 by the township in order to save the private and public property
 14 of the township from destruction by fire, including use of the
 15 apparatus and equipment in an adjoining township by the
 16 department if the department has made a contract with the
 17 executive of the adjoining township for the furnishing of
 18 firefighting service within the township.

19 (5) Contract with a volunteer fire department that maintains
 20 adequate firefighting service in accordance with IC 36-8-12.

21 (6) Use money in the township's rainy day fund to pay costs
 22 attributable to providing fire protection or emergency services
 23 under this chapter.

24 (b) This subsection applies only to townships that provide fire
 25 protection or emergency services or both under subsection (a)(1) and
 26 to municipalities that have some part of the municipal territory within
 27 a township and do not have a full-time paid fire department. A
 28 township may provide fire protection or emergency services or both
 29 without contracts inside the corporate boundaries of the municipalities
 30 if before July 1 of a year the following occur:

31 (1) The legislative body of the municipality adopts an ordinance
 32 to have the township provide the services without a contract.

33 (2) The township legislative body passes a resolution approving
 34 the township's provision of the services without contracts to the
 35 municipality.

36 In a township providing services to a municipality under this section,
 37 the legislative body of either the township or a municipality in the
 38 township may opt out of participation under this subsection by adopting
 39 an ordinance or a resolution, respectively, before July 1 of a year.

40 (c) This subsection applies only to a township that:

41 (1) is located in a county containing a consolidated city;

42 (2) has at least three (3) included towns (as defined in



1 IC 36-3-1-7) that have all municipal territory completely within
2 the township on January 1, 1996; and
3 (3) provides fire protection or emergency services, or both, under
4 subsection (a)(1);
5 and to included towns (as defined in IC 36-3-1-7) that have all the
6 included town's municipal territory completely within the township. A
7 township may provide fire protection or emergency services, or both,
8 without contracts inside the corporate boundaries of the municipalities
9 if before August 1 of the year preceding the first calendar year to which
10 this subsection applies the township legislative body passes a
11 resolution approving the township's provision of the services without
12 contracts to the municipality. The resolution must identify the included
13 towns to which the resolution applies. In a township providing services
14 to a municipality under this section, the legislative body of the
15 township may opt out of participation under this subsection by adopting
16 a resolution before July 1 of a year. A copy of a resolution adopted
17 under this subsection shall be submitted to the executive of each
18 included town covered by the resolution, the county auditor, and the
19 department of local government finance.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred House Bill 1235, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 3, line 25, strike "a" and insert "**an active or**".

Page 32, delete lines 13 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 36. IC 10-17-12-7.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.53-2021, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 7.5. (a) ~~As used in this chapter, "qualified service member" means, before the commission's issuance of the disallowable separation codes list for each branch of the armed forces described in section 10.5 of this chapter, an individual who is an Indiana resident and who:~~

(1) is:

(A) a member of the armed forces of the United States or the national guard (as defined in IC 5-9-4-4); and

(B) serving on or has served on active duty during a time of national conflict or war; or

(2) has:

(A) served on active duty during a time of national conflict or war in:

(i) the armed forces of the United States; or

(ii) the national guard (as defined in IC 5-9-4-4); and

(B) been discharged from the armed forces of the United States or the national guard under honorable conditions.

~~(b) As used in this chapter, "qualified service member" means after the commission's issuance of the disallowable separation codes list for each branch of the armed forces described in section 10.5 of this chapter, an individual who is an Indiana resident and who:~~

(1) is serving on active duty in:

(A) the armed forces of the United States; or

(B) the national guard (as defined in IC 5-9-4-4); or

(2) has served in or been discharged from the armed forces of the United States or the national guard under conditions other than the following:

(A) Discharge by court martial.

(B) Acceptance of a discharge to avoid a court martial.

(C) Discharge for having committed any of the following:

(i) An offense against the security of the United States,



including spying, mutiny, or treason.

(ii) An act of willful or persistent misconduct, including desertion.

(iii) A sexual or violent offense against another person, including molestation, rape, or assault.

(iv) An act described on the list of disallowable separation codes adopted under section 10.5 of this chapter."

Page 33, delete lines 1 through 11.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1235 as introduced.)

BARTELS

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

