

By: Senator(s) Stogner

To: Judiciary

## SENATE BILL NO. 2511

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 35-3-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 CLARIFY THAT MILITARY RECORDS MAY NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE  
3 INTERNET BY THE OFFICES OF THE CHANCERY CLERKS; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 35-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 35-3-13. All chancery clerks, of all counties of the State  
9 of Mississippi, shall record, without any cost whatsoever to any  
10 person of the Armed Forces of the United States residing in the  
11 same county as the chancery clerk, all honorable discharges and  
12 all certificates of service of any and all members of the Armed  
13 Forces of the United States of America who have served in the  
14 Armed Forces of the United States, including the army, navy and  
15 marine, coast guard and nurses corps.

16 The board of supervisors of all counties shall furnish to the  
17 chancery clerk all necessary supplies and equipment for the  
18 recording of these instruments, and allow out of the general fund  
19 of the county the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) for recording the  
20 discharge certificate. All certified copies will be furnished  
21 free without cost either to the soldier, sailor, marine, coast  
22 guardsman, nurse or the county.

23 The chancery clerk of all counties shall keep a record of all  
24 honorable discharges and certificates of discharge in a separate  
25 record safeguarded and protected from theft, and definitely marked  
26 "Record of Discharged Members of the Armed Forces." The chancery  
27 clerk shall furnish certified copies of the discharge or discharge  
28 certificate of any veteran when so requested by the veteran, his



29 dependents or his authorized representative; however, before  
30 furnishing any copy of the discharge or discharge certificate, the  
31 chancery clerk must verify the identity and relationship to the  
32 veteran of the person requesting the copy and must obtain and  
33 maintain on file a signed consent for the release of information  
34 from the veteran, dependent or authorized representative.  
35 Military records may not be made available to the public by  
36 electronic means or on the Internet.

37       **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
38 and after its passage.

