

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2125

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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

14 35-3-13. (1) All chancery clerks, of all counties of the
15 State of Mississippi, shall record, without any cost whatsoever to
16 any person of the Armed Forces of the United States residing in
17 the same county as the chancery clerk, all honorable discharges
18 and all certificates of service of any and all members of the
19 Armed Forces of the United States of America who have served in
20 the Armed Forces of the United States, including the army, navy
21 and marine, coast guard and nurses corps.

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

29 (3) The chancery clerk of all counties shall keep a record
30 of all honorable discharges and certificates of discharge in a
31 separate record safeguarded and protected from theft, and
32 definitely marked "Record of Discharged Members of the Armed
33 Forces." The chancery clerk shall furnish certified copies of the
34 discharge or discharge certificate of any veteran when so
35 requested by the veteran, his dependents or his authorized
36 representative; however, before furnishing any copy of the
37 discharge or discharge certificate, the chancery clerk must verify
38 the identity and relationship to the veteran of the person
39 requesting the copy and must obtain and maintain on file a signed
40 consent for the release of information from the veteran, dependent
41 or authorized representative.

42 (4) (a) The chancery clerk of all counties shall keep a
43 record of all veterans Form DD-214 in a separate record
44 safeguarded and protected from theft, and marked "Record of
45 Veterans Service Form DD-214 Members of the Armed Forces." The
46 chancery clerk shall record the form without charge and shall
47 furnish certified copies of the Form DD-214 without charge when so
48 requested by the veteran, his dependents or his authorized
49 representative. The Form DD-214 record is not a public record
50 under the public records law, and before furnishing any copy of
51 the form, the chancery clerk shall verify the identity and
52 relationship to the veteran of the person requesting the copy and
53 obtain and maintain in the file a signed consent for the release
54 of information from the veteran, dependent or authorized

55 representative. The chancery clerk shall prepare and provide a
56 form for use by the veteran, dependent or authorized
57 representative to provide such consent for the release of
58 information from the veteran, dependent or authorized
59 representative.

60 (b) The chancery clerk of all counties shall keep a
61 record of all veterans Form NGB-22 in a separate record
62 safeguarded and protected from theft, and marked "Record of
63 Veterans Service Form NGB-22 Members of the Armed Forces." The
64 chancery clerk shall record the form without charge and shall
65 furnish certified copies of the Form NGB-22 without charge when so
66 requested by the veteran, his dependents or his authorized
67 representative. The Form NGB-22 record is not a public record
68 under the public records law, and before furnishing any copy of
69 the form, the chancery clerk shall verify the identity and
70 relationship to the veteran of the person requesting the copy and
71 obtain and maintain in the file a signed consent for the release
72 of information from the veteran, dependent or authorized
73 representative. The chancery clerk shall prepare and provide a
74 form for use by the veteran, dependent or authorized
75 representative to provide such consent for the release of
76 information from the veteran, dependent or authorized
77 representative.

78 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
79 and after July 1, 2020.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 35-3-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE RECORDATION WITHOUT CHARGE OF ANY VETERANS FORM
3 DD-214 WITH THE CHANCERY CLERK, TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH FORM IS NOT A
4 PUBLIC RECORD AND TO AUTHORIZE COPIES TO BE MADE ONLY ON THE
5 REQUEST OF THE VETERAN OR HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY; TO AUTHORIZE THE
6 RECORDATION WITHOUT CHARGE OF ANY VETERANS FORM NGB-22 WITH THE
7 CHANCERY CLERK, TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH FORM IS NOT A PUBLIC RECORD
8 AND TO AUTHORIZE COPIES TO BE MADE ONLY ON THE REQUEST OF THE
9 VETERAN, A DEPENDENT OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE; AND FOR RELATED
10 PURPOSES.

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