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To: Military Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 81

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 41-57-26, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
 2 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS REGISTRATION TO
 3 FURNISH WITHOUT CHARGE UP TO FIVE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE DEATH
 4 CERTIFICATE OF ANY DECEASED PERSON WHO WAS AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED
 5 MILITARY VETERAN OR WHO WAS KILLED OR DIED WHILE SERVING ON ACTIVE
 6 DUTY IN THE MILITARY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
 9 41-57-26, Mississippi Code of 1972:

10 41-57-26. The Office of Vital Records Registration shall
 11 furnish up to five (5) certified copies of the death certificate
 12 of any deceased person who was an honorably discharged veteran of
 13 the Armed Forces of the United States or who was killed or died
 14 while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United
 15 States, without charge, to any person or entity that is authorized
 16 to receive death certificates. The applicant for a copy of the
 17 death certificate must furnish such written evidence of the
 18 deceased person's service in the Armed Forces of the United States
 19 as required by the office. Copies of death certificates furnished
 20 under the authority under this section shall be in addition to any



21 copies of death certificates furnished without charge under the
22 authority of Section 35-3-9.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after July 1, 2016.

