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VETERANS AFFAIRS, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF[801]

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 801—Chapter 17
"Veterans License Fee Fund"

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 35A.5 and 35A.11
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code section 35A.11

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

October 22, 2026 9:30 a.m.	Video call link: meet.google.com/uxj-rixs-sdk Or dial: 314.492.4461 Conference ID: 699 779 120#

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

The Department is proposing a revised Chapter 17 to update procedures and reduce unnecessary text pursuant to Executive Order 10. Relevant content will be streamlined to provide greater clarity and remove unnecessary elaboration on certain rules.

Analysis of Impact

1. **Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:**

- **Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:**

There are no costs associated with the proposed rulemaking.

- **Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:**

Organizations applying for support from the Veterans License Fee Fund will benefit from the proposed rulemaking.

2. **Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:**

- **Quantitative description of impact:**

There are no costs associated with the proposed rulemaking.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

This rulemaking will positively impact applicants by making the requirements and process easier to understand.

3. **Costs to the State:**

- **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

No costs are expected.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

No effect on State revenues is expected.

4. **Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:**

There is no cost to the proposed rulemaking, and the benefit will be a more concise description of the application requirements and process. Action is required pursuant to Executive Order 10.

5. **Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:**

Not applicable.

6. **Alternative methods considered by the agency:**

- **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

There are no viable alternative methods.

- **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

Not applicable.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

- Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.
- Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.
- Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

This rulemaking is not anticipated to have an impact on small business.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind 801—Chapter 17 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 17
VETERANS LICENSE FEE FUND

801—17.1(35A) Purpose. These rules establish guidelines utilized by the commission of veterans affairs for grants and authorized expenditures from the veterans license fee fund to fulfill the responsibilities of the commission.

801—17.2(35A) Grants.

17.2(1) Grant applicants must have nonprofit or governmental status or be a nationally recognized veterans service organization.

17.2(2) The amount of funding awarded to an applicant is at the discretion of the commission. Applications with at least 50 percent of total project or program funding, exclusive of future pledges, are encouraged. Applicants must include a budget for the entire project to include sources and uses of funds and a timeline for completion. Grants may be paid as the last dollar in at the discretion of the commission. Projects and programs should generally be completed within one year of grant award.

17.2(3) Recurring requests for funding are not guaranteed but may be granted at the sole discretion of the commission. Grants are not intended to be built into an organizational budget with the expectation for continuous and ongoing funding.

17.2(4) Grant recipients will submit a written report on the effectiveness of the project or program to the commission no later than three months following completion.

17.2(5) The commission will maintain an application form with any additional details and requirements that will be available upon request from the department.

801—17.3(35A) Expenditures. Moneys in this fund may be used for administrative expenses related to the business of the commission of veterans affairs, to include outreach and awareness, professional development, mileage, per diem, conference call capabilities, printing, and other costs for meetings.

801—17.4(35A) Administration. This fund will be administered by the department.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 35A.11.