

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to State and Local Government and Veterans

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to veterans; authorizing veteran service officers to receive vital records  
1.3 without a fee; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 197.63, subdivision 1.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 197.63, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Issuance without charge.** A certified copy of a birth, death, marriage,  
1.7 divorce, dissolution of marriage record, or certified copy of veteran's discharge recorded  
1.8 pursuant to section 386.20, shall be issued promptly by the officer charged with the keeping  
1.9 of the records upon the request of, and without any charge to, any veteran, the surviving  
1.10 spouse or next of kin of the veteran, a county veteran service officer appointed pursuant to  
1.11 section 197.60, a service ~~officers~~ officer of any veterans organization chartered by the  
1.12 Congress of the United States, or the Department of Veterans Affairs, for use in the  
1.13 presentation of claims to the United States Veterans Administration or in connection with  
1.14 any veterans organization or the Department of Veterans Affairs. The word "veteran" as  
1.15 used in this section means any man or woman who is a veteran as defined in section 197.447,  
1.16 and who is a citizen of the United States or resident alien.