



S.F. No. SF4807 – Veterans Omnibus (2nd Engrossment)

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SF4807 is the Veterans Omnibus policy and budget bill. The bill contains 9 sections originating from both **SF4172** and **SF4075**.

Sections 1, 5 to 9. These sections come from **SF4075**.

Section 1. [Veterans designation] This section creates a new driver's license designation for veterans of the Secret War in Laos (also referred to as "SGU veterans").

Section 5. [Definition] This section makes technical changes and adds definitions.

Section 6. [Eligibility for benefits and privileges] This section alters the types of benefits available to SGU veterans, and removes language made obsolete by other sections of the bill.

Section 7. [Eligibility determination] This section provides the primary method for certifying SGU veteran status. An applicant seeking the status must apply for a pre-need determination of eligibility for burial in a Veterans Administration (VA) cemetery, and then submit that determination to the Minnesota commissioner of veterans affairs. If the VA determines the applicant is eligible, then the commissioner will issue the applicant a certificate of eligibility.

Section 8. [Special consideration] This section provides a secondary method for certifying SGU veteran status. If the VA initially finds the applicant ineligible, then the applicant can request special consideration from the commissioner. The applicant must provide documentation to substantiate their request for SGU veteran status, which the commissioner must review. If the commissioner determines the applicant is eligible, then the commissioner will issue the applicant a certificate of eligibility. An applicant may request a contested case hearing if their application for special consideration is denied.

Section 9. [Appropriations] This section adds an appropriation from the general fund to the commissioner of veterans affairs, and an appropriation from the driver and vehicle services operating account to the commissioner of public safety.

Sections 2, 3, and 4. These sections come from **SF4172**.

Section 2 [Honor guards] updates the honor guard statute to include reservists and national guard members, as well as veterans of the Secret War in Laos.

Section 3 [Eligibility] adds new categories of persons who may be buried in state veterans cemeteries, including veterans of the Secret War in Laos, reservists and national guard members who were honorably discharged after a full term of service, and those members' spouses, surviving spouses, minor children, or unmarried adult children.

Section 4 [Burial fees] ensures the newly qualified persons are added to the interment fee schedule established by the commissioner of veteran's affairs.



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