

## CHAPTER 197

## VETERANS; REWARDS, PRIVILEGES

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Subdivision 1. **Benefits; eligibility.** The commissioner of veterans affairs shall spend a biennial appropriation for tuition of veterans, and for tuition, fees, board, room, books and supplies of the children of veterans who have died as a result of their service in the armed forces of the United States as determined by the United States Veterans Administration or other instrumentality of the United States, in the University of Minnesota, a state university, a community college, a technical college, or any other university of higher learning within the state accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, a law college approved by the supreme court, a nursing school approved by the state board of nursing, or in a trade, business, or vocational school in the state approved by the state department of children, families, and learning, or in a theological seminary, for any course which such veteran or child may elect. Not more than \$750 shall be expended for the benefit of any individual veteran, and not more than \$750 in any fiscal year shall be expended for the benefit of any child under this section, and the need for the benefit shall be established and determined by the commissioner of veterans affairs. No child of any veteran shall make application for the benefits provided in this section unless the child resided in Minnesota for at least two years immediately prior to the date of the application. Children of veterans eligible for benefits according to this section shall be admitted to state institutions of university grade free of tuition until they receive a bachelors or equivalent degree. Payments of benefits shall be made directly to the institution in which the course of instruction is given or to the individual on forms prescribed by the commissioner.

Subd. 2. **Limitations.** The benefits in subdivision 1 are not available to a veteran who is entitled to the same or similar benefits under a law or regulation of the United States, except that a veteran who has been eligible for and has used up the benefits the veteran is entitled to under the laws of the United States is entitled to the benefits provided for by subdivision 1.

*[For text of subs 3 to 6, see M.S.2000]*

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