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HOUSE BILL NO. 1025

Introduced by: The Committee on Retirement Laws at the request of the Department of
Military and Veterans Affairs

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide that military discharge records are only made
2 available to specified persons.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 33-17-14 be amended to read as follows:

5 33-17-14. ~~Subdivision~~ The provisions of subdivision 43-28-2(7) shall apply to certificates of
6 discharge of all persons who may have served in the military forces of the United States or of any
7 of its allies in any war in which the United States has or may ~~have~~ hereafter ~~engaged~~ engage, or
8 who are veterans as defined in § 33-17-1, ~~and such~~. The certificates shall be recorded without
9 charge and certified copies shall be furnished to the persons named therein or their dependents
10 without charge ~~when~~ if requested for the purpose of presenting or prosecuting claims for
11 compensation or pension. Otherwise, a discharge document recorded by the recorder or a
12 designated official may be made available only to the veteran, the veteran's parents, the veteran's
13 next of kin, the veteran's legal representative, a county veterans' service officer, a veterans'
14 organization service officer, the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, or the veteran's
15 designee. A copy of a discharge document recorded by the recorder or designated official may



1 be made available to any person if the copy of the discharge document is altered in such a manner
2 that the veteran's nine-digit social security number is not displayed on the copy of the discharge
3 document.