

SENATE FILE NO. SF0064

Veterans-identity theft protection.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Meier, Barrasso, Hanes, Peck and
Schiffer and Representative(s) Robinson,
Ross and Walsh

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to veterans; providing for the recording of
2 certificates of discharge or releases from military
3 services with the county clerk; providing for
4 confidentiality; providing for access by specific persons;
5 providing for confidentiality upon request for previously
6 recorded certificates of discharge or releases; and
7 providing for an effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-14-104 is amended to read:

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13 **19-14-104. Recordation of discharges.**

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15 (a) Each Wyoming county clerk and ex officio register
16 of deeds shall record in his office without charge of any

1 ~~fee, when tendered to him by or for the person named~~
2 ~~therein, each certificate of the honorable discharge of the~~
3 ~~person from the military establishment of the United States~~
4 ~~of America if the certificate has not been previously~~
5 ~~recorded in the office of any other Wyoming county clerk~~ a
6 certificate of discharge or other separation from service
7 documents from any person who has served in the United
8 States armed forces at any time, and who has been honorably
9 discharged or relieved from active service.

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11 (b) All documents filed under this section on and
12 after July 1, 2003, shall be kept confidential and shall be
13 available only to the discharged person, that person's
14 authorized agent, that person's dependents, the veterans'
15 service officer, the Wyoming veteran's affairs commission
16 or by court order.

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18 (c) Any person who has recorded a certificate of
19 discharge or other separation from service documents prior
20 to July 1, 2003 may request that all filed documents which
21 have not been commingled be transferred or rerecorded
22 without charge of any fee and kept as a confidential file
23 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

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1 (d) A county clerk and ex officio register of deeds
2 shall, to the greatest extent practical, take appropriate
3 protective actions in accordance with any limitations
4 determined necessary by him with regard to records that
5 were filed with or placed in storage by a county clerk
6 prior to July 1, 2003.

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8 (e) Ten (10) years after the death of the veteran,
9 or, if the date of death of the veteran is unknown, one
10 hundred (100) years from the time of discharge or release
11 from active service, the county clerk may transfer the
12 documents filed under this section to a public archive.

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14 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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