

ENROLLED ACT NO. 41, SENATE

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2003 GENERAL SESSION

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

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

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

19-14-104. Recordation of discharges.

(a) Each Wyoming county clerk and ex officio register of deeds shall record in his office without charge of any fee, when tendered to him by or for the person named therein, each certificate of the honorable discharge of the person from the military establishment of the United States of America if the certificate has not been previously recorded in the office of any other Wyoming county clerk a certificate of discharge or other separation from service documents from any person who has served in the United States armed forces at any time, and who has been honorably discharged or relieved from active service.

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

(c) Any person who has recorded a certificate of discharge or other separation from service documents prior

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to July 1, 2003 may request that all filed documents which have not been commingled be transferred or rerecorded without charge of any fee and kept as a confidential file pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

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

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

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk