



2026 South Dakota Legislature
Senate Bill 35
ENROLLED

AN ACT

ENTITLED An Act to revise the process for requesting a veteran's certificate of discharge from a county register of deeds.

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

Section 1. That § 33A-2-8 be AMENDED:

33A-2-8. A veteran may record, with a county register of deeds, any certificate of discharge from service in the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard, without charge.

The county register of deeds shall provide a certified copy of the veteran's certificate of discharge, without charge, upon request from:

- (1) The veteran;
- (2) A representative of the Department of Veterans Affairs;
- (3) An individual designated by the veteran to have access to the certificate;
- (4) The veteran's legal representative;
- (5) A veterans' service officer that is:
 - (a) Employed by a county in this state, pursuant to § 33A-1-22; or
 - (b) Appointed by an Indian tribe, pursuant to § 33A-1-29;
- (6) A veterans service organization representative, accredited by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or
- (7) The veteran's next of kin, if the veteran is deceased.

This section does not apply to a version of a veteran's certificate of discharge that does not display the veteran's type of discharge.

An individual requesting a certified copy of a veteran's certificate of discharge shall submit to the register of deeds a form, provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, that discloses the individual's eligibility to be issued the certified copy pursuant to this section.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in
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Senate as Bill No. 35

Received at this Executive Office
this ____ day of _____,
2026 at _____ M.

Secretary of the Senate

By _____
for the Governor

President of the Senate

The attached Act is hereby
approved this ____ day of
_____, A.D., 2026

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

ss.

Office of the Secretary of State

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Filed _____, 2026
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Chief Clerk of the House

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Asst. Secretary of State