

28 ENACTS:

29 71-8-9, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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31 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

32 Section 1. Section **71-8-9** is enacted to read:

33 **71-8-9. Veterans benefit assistance -- Notification -- Disclosure -- Accreditation.**

34 (1) The Utah Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs shall notify, in writing, each  
 35 veteran for whom the department has contact information, that any individual or business  
 36 offering to assist veterans in applying for benefits shall disclose in writing to the veteran the  
 37 following:

38 (a) that Title 38, C.F.R. 14.629 and Title 38, C.F.R. 14.630 requires that anyone  
 39 assisting a veteran to apply for benefits shall be federally accredited;

40 (b) that federal law prohibits charging a veteran a fee for assisting in the application for  
 41 benefits; and

42 (c) that the department's website has a list with contact information of federally  
 43 accredited advisors.

44 (2) Beginning July 1, 2014, ~~H~~→ [every three years] ←~~H~~ the department shall:

45 (a) notify the ~~H~~→ [Department of] ←~~H~~ Insurance ~~H~~→ Department ←~~H~~ regarding the  
 45a federal law governing assistance  
 46 for veterans applying for benefits, and the ~~H~~→ [Department of] ←~~H~~ Insurance  
 46a ~~H~~→ Department ←~~H~~ shall notify all ~~H~~→ [licensed]  
 47 [insurance brokers, agents, or businesses] individual producers and consultants licensed by the  
 47a Insurance Department at the time of initial licensing and upon license renewal ←~~H~~ of those  
 47b same federal laws governing assistance for  
 48 veterans applying for benefits;

49 (b) contact the Utah Bar Association regarding federal law governing legal assistance  
 50 for veterans applying for benefits and request that the association provide continuing legal  
 51 education on federal laws governing assistance; and

52 (c) notify the Utah Department of Health regarding federal law governing the  
 53 assistance for veterans applying for benefits, and the Department of Health shall notify all  
 54 assisted living and nursing care facilities of those federal laws.

55 (3) Each person offering to assist veterans in applying for benefits shall:

56 (a) be federally accredited, or employed and directly supervised by a federally  
 57 accredited person; and

58 (b) disclose in writing, in a format the veteran can retain, the federal law governing the