

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed
prior to this session of the General Assembly.
Act 2208 of the Regular Session**

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2533

5 By: Representatives Bright, Abernathy
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW FUNERAL DIRECTORS TO ACCESS
10 MILITARY DISCHARGE RECORDS IF THEY ARE ASSISTING
11 WITH THE VETERAN'S FUNERAL AND HAVE A SIGNED AND
12 NOTARIZED AUTHORIZATION FROM THE VETERAN'S
13 SPOUSE, CHILD, OR NEXT OF KIN; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 TO ALLOW FUNERAL DIRECTORS TO ACCESS
17 MILITARY DISCHARGE RECORDS UNDER CERTAIN
18 LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-2-102(c)(1), regarding records of
25 military discharges, is amended to read as follows:

26 (c)(1) A military service discharge record or DD Form 214, the
27 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty of the United States
28 Department of Defense, filed with the county recorder for a veteran
29 discharged from service less than seventy (70) years from the current date
30 shall be confidential and may be viewed or reproduced only by:

- 31 (A) The veteran;
- 32 (B) The veteran's spouse or child;
- 33 (C) A person with a signed and notarized authorization
34 from the veteran;
- 35 (D) A funeral director who:



1 (i) Is licensed and regulated by the State Board of
2 Embalmers and Funeral Directors under § 17-29-201 through 17-29-702;

3 (ii) Is assisting with the veteran's funeral
4 arrangements; and

5 (iii) Presents a signed and notarized authorization
6 from the veteran's spouse, child, or next of kin;

7 ~~(D)~~(E) A county or state veterans' service officer who is
8 assisting the veteran or the veteran's family with a veteran's benefit
9 application; or

10 ~~(E)~~(F) A person authorized by a court to view or copy the
11 military service discharge record or DD Form 214 upon presentation of a court
12 order.

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