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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2533

By: Representatives Bright, Abernathy

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

TO ALLOW FUNERAL DIRECTORS TO ACCESS
MILITARY DISCHARGE RECORDS UNDER CERTAIN
LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-2-102(c)(1), regarding records of
military discharges, is amended to read as follows:

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

(A) The veteran;

(B) The veteran's spouse or child;

(C) A person with a signed and notarized authorization
from the veteran;

(D) A funeral director who:

(i) Is licensed and regulated by the State Board of



1 Embalmers and Funeral Directors under § 17-29-201 through 17-29-702;

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

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

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

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