

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

This bill permits the Minnesota Department of Revenue to disclose to the Department of Veterans Affairs, upon written request, certain veterans' taxpayer identification information in order to notify those veterans of military-related health hazards that might affect them.

- 1** **Disclosure to veterans affairs.** The bill adds to the list of permitted disclosures of tax data that the commissioner of revenue may make.  
  
**Paragraph (a)** of the new subdivision provides the authorization.  
  
**Paragraph (b)** stipulates that the data that may be disclosed is limited to the tax filer's name, mailing address and taxpayer ID number.  
  
**Paragraph (c)** stipulates that veterans affairs may request this data only for the purpose of notifying the veterans of health hazards they may face as a result of their military service or to notify their surviving dependents of potential benefits to which they may be entitled. The request by veterans affairs must be in writing, with the purpose stated.
- 2** **Effective Date.** Effective the day following final enactment.