Clearinghouse Rule 98-200

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<u>CERTIFICATE</u>

STATE OF WISCONSIN

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS)

I, Raymond G. Boland, Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs and custodian of the official records of said department do hereby certify that the annexed rules, relating to benefits available from the Department of Veterans Affairs, were duly approved and adopted by the Board of Veterans Affairs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department of Veterans Affairs at 30 W. Mifflin Street, in the city of Madison, Wisconsin, this 12th day of April, 1999.

RAYMOND G. BOLAND, SECRETARY



BY:

6-1-99

ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AMENDING RULES

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs proposes an order to amend VA 1.10(7) relating to the release of information to a collection agency under contract with the state to collect delinquent department loans.

ANALYSIS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Statutory authority: ss.45.35(3) and 45.36(6), Stats.

Statute interpreted: s.45.36, Stats.

The amendment will allow the department to release pertinent information from a veteran's file to a party attempting to collect a delinquent debt from the veteran. The information may only be released to a party under contract with the state, which would assure that the party maintain the confidentiality of the information.

SECTION 1. VA 1.10(7) is amended to read:

VA 1.10(7) DISCLOSURE OF LOAN INFORMATION. Information contained in loan files, information pertaining to action taken by the department on loan applications, or loan status information may be made available to any party having a security interest in the property securing such loans <u>or any party under</u> <u>contract with either the department or the department of administration to pursue</u> <u>collection of delinquent department loans</u>. Any party receiving information shall <u>maintain the confidentiality of the information</u>. Loan status information that is readily accessible from current department computer tapes on any loans on which balances are due and owing the department may be made available to a consumer reporting agency, as defined in 15 USC 1681a(f).

This rule shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register as provided in s.227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, April 12, 1999.



STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

RAYMOND G. BOLAND, SECRETARY



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April 12, 1999

Gary L. Poulson, Deputy Revisor Revisor of Statutes Bureau 131 W. Wilson Street, Suite 800 Madison WI 53703-3233

Re: Publication of Clearinghouse Rule 98-200

Dear Mr. Poulson:

I have enclosed for filing certified and uncertified copies of the rule identified above for publication in the administrative register. I would appreciate publication of the rule in the end of the month register for May, 1999.

I have filed a certified copy of the rule with the secretary of state on this date.

Sincerely,

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John Rosinski, Chief Legal Counsel Department of Veterans Affairs

Enclosure

