

1.1 Senator ..... moves to amend S.F. No. 1959 as follows:

1.2 Page 11, after line 29, insert:

1.3 "Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 197.603, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.4 Subdivision 1. **Veterans benefits and assistance.** (a) It shall be the duty of the county  
1.5 veterans service officer to aid all residents of the governmental subdivision by which the  
1.6 officer is employed in securing benefits provided by law on account of the service of any  
1.7 person in the armed forces of the United States, from which the person has a discharge other  
1.8 than dishonorable. The county veterans service officer shall aid all veterans who are residents  
1.9 of the governmental subdivision by which the officer is employed, regardless of the nature  
1.10 of discharge, in securing counseling or treatment concerning substance use disorder and  
1.11 substance abuse.

1.12 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), if a veteran cannot secure an appointment to receive  
1.13 aid from a county veterans service officer in the governmental subdivision where the veteran  
1.14 resides, the veteran may request aid from any county veterans service officer in the state,  
1.15 and it shall be the duty of the county veterans service officer to aid the veteran regardless  
1.16 of whether the veteran resides in the governmental subdivision by which the officer is  
1.17 employed."

1.18 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

1.19 Amend the title accordingly