

1 AN ACT in relation to veterans.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing
5 Section 3-5036 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/3-5036) (from Ch. 34, par. 3-5036)

7 Sec. 3-5036. Records open to inspection. All records,
8 indices, abstract and other books kept in the office of any
9 recorder, and all instruments filed therein and all
10 instruments deposited or left for recordation therein shall,
11 during the office hours, be open for public inspection and
12 examination; and all persons shall have free access for
13 inspection and examination to such records, indices, books
14 and instruments, which the recorders shall be bound to
15 exhibit to those who wish to inspect or examine the same; and
16 all persons shall have the right to take memoranda and
17 abstracts thereof without fee or reward. This Section is
18 subject to the provisions of "The Local Records Act".

19 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, a
20 certificate of discharge or release from active duty (DD 214)
21 or MEMBER-4 copy of certificate of discharge or release from
22 active duty issued by the United States government and filed
23 with the recorder is not a public record and is not subject
24 to public inspection. Upon request of the veteran whose
25 certificate or MEMBER-4 copy has been filed with the recorder
26 or upon request of a person designated by the veteran as
27 authorized to make the request, the recorder shall expunge
28 the record of the military discharge form from the record of
29 the recorder and replace the record with a form that contains
30 only the name of the veteran, the date of his or her
31 discharge from military service, and the date of the issuance

1 of the original military discharge form.

2 (Source: P.A. 86-962.)