

information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance Statement, VA Form 29-8636.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0212.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 29-8636 is completed by veterans to decline Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance (VMLI) or to provide information upon which the insurance premium can be based. VMLI provides financial protection to cover an eligible veteran's outstanding home mortgage in the event of his or her death. The insurance is available only to disabled veterans who, because of their disability, have received a specially adapted housing grant from VA.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 250 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,000.

Dated: July 18, 2007.

By direction of the Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0654]

### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to

publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to identify and properly protect VA benefit records.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 28, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov> or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0654" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 461-9769 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Annual Certification of Veteran Status and Veteran-Relatives, VA Form 20-0344.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0654.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VBA employees, non-VBA employees in VBA space and Veteran Service Organization employees who

have access to VA's benefit records complete VA Form 20-0344. These individuals are required to provide personal identifying information for themselves and any veteran relatives, in order for VA to identify and protect those benefit records. VA uses the information collected to determine which benefit records require special handling to guard against fraud, conflict of interest, improper influence etc. by VA and non-VA employees.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 5,834 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 25 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 14,000.

Dated: July 18, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New (38CFR 21.7080)]

### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including, including each proposed new collection and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to transfer a servicemember's educational assistance benefits to his or her dependents.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 28, 2007.