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SENATE BILL NO. 44

(By Mr. )

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FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
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SECRETARY OF STATE
AN ACT to amend chapter nine-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated article two, relating to federal aid to state institutions providing care for veterans.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That chapter nine-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by
adding thereto a new article, designated article two, to read as follows:

**Article 2. Federal Aid for State Institutions Providing Care for Veterans.**

Section 1. *State Homes for Veterans.*—The West Virginia board of control is hereby authorized and directed to establish a soldiers' home at the Weston State Hospital, Weston, West Virginia, for use of disabled veterans. The board is further authorized and directed to establish a soldiers' home at the Pinecrest Sanitarium, Beckley, West Virginia, for the use of disabled veterans. The word "veterans" is used in this article as defined in article one of this chapter. These veterans must be citizens of the State of West Virginia whose separation from the United States military service has been other than dishonorable, to be cared for in these homes.

Sec. 2. *Funds Collected From the United States.*—The board of control, in conjunction with the director of West Virginia department of veterans affairs, is hereby authorized and directed to receive from the United States veterans administration or other agency of the United States
government authorized to pay Federal aid to states for
soldiers' homes under the provisions of the act of August
twenty-seven, one thousand eight hundred eighty-eight,
as amended, the maximum amount allowed and that can
be paid for such eligible veterans cared for in these state
homes.

Sec. 3. How Plan to Operate.—The director of the West
Virginia department of veterans affairs shall certify to
the West Virginia board of control the number and names
of veterans eligible to be cared for under this article, and
the board of control will certify to the director of the
West Virginia department of veterans affairs the number
and names of such ex-service persons actually receiving
care, the date of admission to soldiers' homes and the
date of their discharge therefrom. Based upon this in-
formation, the director of the West Virginia department
of veterans affairs will be required, in accordance with
the regulations of the Veterans Administration, or other
agency of the United States Government, to promptly
notify the United States Veterans Administration or other
agency of the United States Government authorized to
pay Federal aid for the care of such persons, so that
proper maximum payment may be made to the director
of West Virginia department of veterans affairs for the
care of such veterans.

Sec. 4. Use of Funds Collected from the United States
Government Agency.—The money so collected from the
governmental agency as Federal aid shall be placed in a
special fund to be known as the "Veterans' Fund". This
fund shall be jointly administered by the board of con-
trol and the director of the West Virginia department of
veterans affairs. The fund shall be deposited in the state
treasury and paid out only on such vouchers as may be
authorized and approved by the board of control and the
director of the West Virginia department of veterans
affairs, in the same manner and under the same restric-
tions as are now provided by law for the disbursement
of funds by those departments. At the discretion of the
West Virginia department of veterans affairs, these funds
may be used as follows: (1) for the erection of suitable
buildings for the care of disabled veterans, particularly
those suffering from mental or tuberculous conditions; or
in any manner deemed expedient by the West Virginia board of control and the director of the West Virginia department of veterans affairs for the benefit of disabled veterans, particularly those suffering from mental or tuberculous conditions.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect 90 days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 28th day of February, 1955.

Governor.

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D. Pitt O'Brien
SECRETARY OF STATE