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SENATE BILL NO. 44

(By Mr. Allen.....)

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**Senate Bill No. 44**  
(By MESSRS. ALLEN and VASSAR)

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(By request of the West Virginia Department of Veterans  
Affairs and the State Board of Control.)

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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, relat-  
ing 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 thou-  
sand 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

6 government authorized to pay Federal aid to states for  
7 soldiers' homes under the provisions of the act of August  
8 twenty-seven, one thousand eight hundred eighty-eight,  
9 as amended, the maximum amount allowed and that can  
10 be paid for such eligible veterans cared for in these state  
11 homes.

Sec. 3. *How Plan to Operate.*—The director of the West  
2 Virginia department of veterans affairs shall certify to  
3 the West Virginia board of control the number and names  
4 of veterans eligible to be cared for under this article, and  
5 the board of control will certify to the director of the  
6 West Virginia department of veterans affairs the number  
7 and names of such ex-service persons actually receiving  
8 care, the date of admission to soldiers' homes and the  
9 date of their discharge therefrom. Based upon this in-  
10 formation, the director of the West Virginia department  
11 of veterans affairs will be required, in accordance with  
12 the regulations of the Veterans Administration, or other  
13 agency of the United States Government, to promptly  
14 notify the United States Veterans Administration or other  
15 agency of the United States Government authorized to

16 pay Federal aid for the care of such persons, so that  
17 proper maximum payment may be made to the director  
18 of West Virginia department of veterans affairs for the  
19 care of such veterans.

Sec. 4. *Use of Funds Collected from the United States*  
2 *Government Agency.*—The money so collected from the  
3 governmental agency as Federal aid shall be placed in a  
4 special fund to be known as the “Veterans’ Fund”. This  
5 fund shall be jointly administered by the board of con-  
6 trol and the director of the West Virginia department of  
7 veterans affairs. The fund shall be deposited in the state  
8 treasury and paid out only on such vouchers as may be  
9 authorized and approved by the board of control and the  
10 director of the West Virginia department of veterans  
11 affairs, in the same manner and under the same restric-  
12 tions as are now provided by law for the disbursement  
13 of funds by those departments. At the discretion of the  
14 West Virginia department of veterans affairs, these funds  
15 may be used as follows: (1) for the erection of suitable  
16 buildings for the care of disabled veterans, particularly  
17 those suffering from mental or tuberculous conditions; or

18 (2) in any manner deemed expedient by the West Vir-  
19 ginia board of control and the director of the West Vir-  
20 ginia department of veterans affairs for the benefit of  
21 disabled veterans, particularly those suffering from men-  
22 tal or tuberculous conditions.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

*[Signature]*  
Chairman Senate Committee

*[Signature]*  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect 90 days from passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

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

*[Signature]*  
Governor.



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