WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1975

ENROLLED
SENATE BILL NO. 825

(By Mr. Scoville and Mr. Hermann)

PASSED March 8, 1975

In Effect immediately from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact article two, chapter nine-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to state homes for veterans established and maintained, and the eligibility of veterans; powers of department of veterans' affairs.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article two, chapter nine-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. STATE HOMES FOR VETERANS.


1 In consultation with the governor and other appropriate state agencies, the department of veterans' affairs shall establish and maintain throughout the state a home or homes for qualified veterans. The present Soldiers Home at Weston State Hospital shall be reidentified as Veterans Unit of Weston State Hospital and continued as formerly constituted. As used in this article the term "qualified veteran" means a disabled veteran as rated by the veterans' administration, and as such is eligible for benefits administered by the veterans' administration, Title 38, United States Code, who: (a) Is ambulatory and is able to attend to his personal needs, dress himself and attend a general mess; (b) served in the armed forces of the United States of America or a nation allied therewith during wartime and; (c) is a citizen of the state of West
Virginia for one year or more and whose separation from
the service was other than dishonorable.
In the event that the veteran served during peacetime
and attained the age of sixty-five years, he shall be deemed
a qualified veteran if he has met conditions (a) and (c).

§9A-2-2. Funds collected from the federal government; use of funds.

The department of veterans' affairs is hereby author-
ized and directed to receive from the federal government
or any agency thereof, any funds appropriated, expended
or disbursed for the purpose of effectuating veterans'
benefits or veterans' programs, including, but not limited
to improvement and renovation of physical facilities,
personal care costs and medical, nursing and dental
services.
The money so collected from the governmental agency
as federal aid and money appropriated by the Legisla-
ture shall be placed in a special fund to be known as the
"veterans' fund." This fund shall be administered by 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 director of the West Virginia de-
partment of veterans' affairs, in the same manner and
under the same restrictions as are now provided by law
for the disbursement of funds by that department. At
the discretion of the West Virginia department of vet-
ners' affairs, these funds may be used as follows: (1)
For the erection or the improvement and renovation of
suitable buildings for the care of qualified veterans; or
(2) in any manner deemed expedient by the director
of the West Virginia department of veterans' affairs for
the benefit of qualified veterans.


The department of veterans' affairs is authorized and
empowered to establish rules and regulations providing
for the tenure, treatment, eligibility and discharge of elig-
able veterans which such rules and regulations shall not
be inconsistent with the provisions of this article.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Harris
Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

J. C. Dillon
Clerk of the Senate

A. Blandin
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. T. Battle, Jr.
President of the Senate

Lewis J. R. Rome
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 18th day of March, 1975.

Andrea Chance
Governor
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Date 3/13/75
Time 4:30 p.m.