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REGULAR SESSION, 1975



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SENATE BILL NO. 225

(By Mr. Savilla and Mr. Harmon)



PASSED March 5, 1975

In Effect immediately upon Passage



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Senate Bill No. 325

(By MR. SAVILLA and MR. HARMAN)

[Passed March 8, 1975; in effect ninety days 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.

§9A-2-1. State homes for veterans.

1 In consultation with the governor and other appropri-
2 ate state agencies, the department of veterans' affairs shall
3 establish and maintain throughout the state a home or
4 homes for qualified veterans. The present Soldiers Home
5 at Weston State Hospital shall be reidentified as Veterans
6 Unit of Weston State Hospital and continued as formerly
7 constituted. As used in this article the term "qualified
8 veteran" means a disabled veteran as rated by the vet-
9 erans' administration, and as such is eligible for benefits
10 administered by the veterans' administration, Title 38,
11 United States Code, who: (a) Is ambulatory and is able
12 to attend to his personal needs, dress himself and attend
13 a general mess; (b) served in the armed forces of the
14 United States of America or a nation allied therewith
15 during wartime and; (c) is a citizen of the state of West

16 Virginia for one year or more and whose separation from
17 the service was other than dishonorable.

18 In the event that the veteran served during peacetime
19 and attained the age of sixty-five years, he shall be deemed
20 a qualified veteran if he has met conditions (a) and (c).

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

1 The department of veterans' affairs is hereby author-
2 ized and directed to receive from the federal government
3 or any agency thereof, any funds appropriated, expended
4 or disbursed for the purpose of effectuating veterans'
5 benefits or veterans' programs, including, but not limited
6 to improvement and renovation of physical facilities,
7 personal care costs and medical, nursing and dental
8 services.

9 The money so collected from the governmental agency
10 as federal aid and money appropriated by the Legisla-
11 ture shall be placed in a special fund to be known as the
12 "veterans' fund." This fund shall be administered by the
13 director of the West Virginia department of veterans'
14 affairs. The fund shall be deposited in the state treasury
15 and paid out only on such vouchers as may be authorized
16 and approved by the director of the West Virginia de-
17 partment of veterans' affairs, in the same manner and
18 under the same restrictions as are now provided by law
19 for the disbursement of funds by that department. At
20 the discretion of the West Virginia department of vet-
21 erans' affairs, these funds may be used as follows: (1)
22 For the erection or the improvement and renovation of
23 suitable buildings for the care of qualified veterans; or
24 (2) in any manner deemed expedient by the director
25 of the West Virginia department of veterans' affairs for
26 the benefit of qualified veterans.

§9A-2-3. Powers of department of veterans' affairs.

1 The department of veterans' affairs is authorized and
2 empowered to establish rules and regulations providing
3 for the tenure, treatment, eligibility and discharge of elig-
4 ible veterans which such rules and regulations shall not
5 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. Davis
Chairman Senate Committee

James C. Chestnut Jr.
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

J. C. Dillon, Jr.
Clerk of the Senate

C. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. T. Brathwaite Jr.
President of the Senate

Lewis F. McManus
Speaker House of Delegates

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

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Governor



PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

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