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REGULAR SESSION, 1981



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SENATE BILL NO. 457

(By Mrs. Spears & Mr. McCune)



PASSED April 10, 1981

In Effect ninety days from Passage



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**Senate Bill No. 457**

(By MRS. SPEARS and MR. MCCUNE)

[Passed April 10, 1981; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article two, chapter nine-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to establishing admissions standards for veterans' homes.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section one, 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 appropriate  
2 state agencies, the department of veterans' affairs shall  
3 establish and maintain throughout the state a home or homes  
4 for qualified veterans. The present soldiers home at Weston  
5 state hospital shall be reidentified as veterans unit of Weston  
6 state hospital and continued as formerly constituted. As used  
7 in this article the term "qualified veteran" means a disabled  
8 veteran as determined by the department of veterans' affairs,  
9 who: (a) Is ambulatory and is able to attend to his personal  
10 needs, dress himself and attend a general mess; (b) served on  
11 active duty in the armed forces of the United States of  
12 America or a nation allied therewith during wartime and; (c)  
13 is a resident of the state of West Virginia for one year or more  
14 prior to the filing for admission; and (d) who was discharged  
15 or separated with an honorable discharge or with a general  
16 discharge under honorable conditions.

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

20 In the event that the veteran is under sixty-five years of age  
21 with a service incurred or aggravated disability and is eligible  
22 for hospital-domiciliary benefits administered by the  
23 veterans' administration pursuant to the provisions of Title  
24 38, United States Code, he shall be deemed a qualified  
25 veteran if he has met conditions (a), (c) and (d).

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

*R. P. Bayler*  
Chairman Senate Committee

*Jonny E. Whitlow*  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

*Judd C. Willis*  
Clerk of the Senate

*W. Blankenship*  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Mark R. Ham*  
President of the Senate

*Walter H. Lee, Jr.*  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *29*  
day of *April*, 1981.

*John R. Rye*  
Governor



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