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ENROLLED
Committee Substitute for
SENATE BILL NO. 507

(By Senator Jarrell, et al.)

PASSED March 8, 1988
in Effect 90 days from Passage
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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
Senate Bill No. 507
(SENATORS JARRELL, CHERNENKO, FELTON, SPEARS, TUCKER AND WHITLOW, original sponsors)

[Passed March 8, 1988; 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 expanding admission standards for veterans' homes based on the definition of "qualified veteran."

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.


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
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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 determined by the
9 department of veterans' affairs, who: (a) is ambulatory and
10 is able to attend to his personal needs, dress himself and
11 attend a general mess; (b) served on active duty in the armed
12 forces of the United States of America or a nation allied
13 therewith during wartime; (c) is a resident of the state of
14 West Virginia for one year or more prior to the filing for
15 admission; and (d) who was discharged or separated with
16 an honorable discharge or with a general discharge under
17 honorable conditions.
18 A veteran who meets conditions (b), (c) and (d) but due to
19 worsening conditions of health cannot meet condition (a),
20 and therefore requires a higher level of health care, shall be
21 deemed a qualified veteran.
22 In the event that the veteran served during peacetime and
23 attained the age of sixty-five years, he shall be deemed a
24 qualified veteran if he has met conditions (c) and (d).
25 In the event that the veteran is under sixty-five years of
26 age with a service incurred or aggravated disability and is
27 eligible for hospital-domiciliary benefits administered by
28 the veterans' administration pursuant to the provisions of
29 Title 38, United States Code, he shall be deemed a qualified
30 veteran if he has met conditions (c) and (d).
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.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within bill passed this the 25th day of March, 1988.

Governor