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*Committee Substitute for*  
**SENATE BILL NO. 507**

(By Senator Jarrell, et al)



**PASSED** March 8, 1988

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

**Senate Bill No. 507**

(SENATORS JARRELL, CHERNENKO, FELTON, SPEARS, TUCKER AND  
WHITLOW, *original sponsors*)

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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.**

**§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  
4 homes for qualified veterans. The present Soldiers Home at  
5 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 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.

*Bernard O. Wilson*  
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Chairman Senate Committee

*Bernard V. Kelly*  
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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

*Judd C. Welch*  
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Clerk of the Senate

*Donald L. Hoop*  
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Sam Turbin*  
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President of the Senate

*W. H. ...*  
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Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *25th*  
*March* day of ..... 1988.

*Anna ...*  
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Governor

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