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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 159

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS;  
TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT  
REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE DIRECTOR AND  
OF VETERANS' CLAIMS SPECIALISTS; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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AFFAIRS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING  
CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND  
QUALIFICATIONS OF THE DIRECTOR AND OF  
VETERANS' CLAIMS SPECIALISTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-81-103(c), concerning the qualifications required for the director and employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The director ~~shall maintain his or her office in space provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Benefit Office Building in Little Rock, Arkansas, and~~ may establish, maintain, and operate ~~such other~~ district offices within the State of Arkansas as may be necessary.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-81-103(e)(1), concerning the qualifications required for the director and employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, is amended to read as follows:

(e)(1) ~~All~~ A veterans' claims specialists shall have served in the



United States Armed Forces ~~during armed conflict, as set forth by Congress,~~  
and shall have been honorably discharged therefrom. ~~They shall have been~~  
~~citizens of the State of Arkansas for a period of three (3) years prior to~~  
~~appointment.~~

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