

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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HOUSE BILL 1013

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE LOCATION, USE, AND CAPACITY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS VETERANS' HOME;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CHANGE THE LOCATION, USE, AND CAPACITY
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS
VETERANS' HOME

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-81-105 is amended to read as follows:
20-81-105. Veterans' Home.

(a) The Department of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to establish and maintain a Veterans' Home ~~in the building formerly used as the Arkansas School for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the Deaf at Twentieth and Madison Streets in Little Rock, Arkansas~~ at a location selected by the Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, after seeking advice from the Arkansas Veterans' Commission, and the Arkansas Veterans' Home Task Force.

(b) The department is authorized to employ staff to operate the home as it deems appropriate and as ~~may be~~ authorized by biennial appropriation.

(c)(1) The home shall be operated under the supervision of the department.

(2) The ~~Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs~~ director



shall be the administrative head of the home.

(d)(1) The department shall promulgate appropriate guidelines for determining eligibility of veterans for admission to the home, and the monetary charges to be made for veterans residing in the home. All guidelines shall conform to the federal requirements ~~which must be met~~ to qualify the home as a nursing home ~~and domiciliary~~ for veterans and to render the home eligible to receive federal financial assistance.

(2)(A) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 20-8-101 et seq., the home may be ~~converted to~~ used as a nursing home ~~and domiciliary~~ for veterans without obtaining a certificate of need ~~therefor~~.

(B) Bed capacity ~~will be limited to seventy (70), and no beds shall be designated for Medicaid payment~~ shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150).

(e) In the ~~administering~~ administration of the home, the director is ~~specifically~~ authorized to do the following:

(1) Establish accounts to record the receipt and disbursement of funds from resident veterans to pay for a portion of their maintenance at the home;

(2) Develop policies for determining charges to be made to resident veterans;

(3) Develop accounts and procedures pertaining to incompetent residents ~~of the home~~;

(4) Establish procedures and accounts for payment by the home to its residents for work performed at the home;

(5) Establish such other accounts as are necessary to the orderly administration of the home; and

(6) Establish policies necessary for the operation of the home.

(f) ~~The~~ At the end of each fiscal year, the director shall, ~~at the end of each fiscal year,~~ certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State the amount of nonrevenues to be retained in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account. All other moneys shall be transferred to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund ~~in accordance with~~ according to existing laws.

/s/J. Edwards