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HOUSE BILL 261

Short Title: Amend State Veterans Home Act-AB.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Smith; Goodwin and Wainwright.

Referred to: Military, Veterans and Indian Affairs.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE VETERANS HOME ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 165-49(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) All funds received by the Division shall be deposited in the North Carolina Veterans Home Trust Fund, except for any funds deposited into special agency accounts established pursuant to G.S. 165-48(d)(3). The Veterans Affairs Commission shall authorize the expenditure of all funds from the North Carolina Veterans Home Trust Fund. The Veterans Affairs Commission may delegate authority to the Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the expenditure of funds from the North Carolina Veterans Home Trust Fund for operations of the State Veterans Nursing Homes."

SECTION 2. G.S. 165-51 reads as rewritten:

"§ 165-51. Program staff.

The Division shall appoint and fix the salary of an Administrative Officer for the State veterans home program. The Administrative Officer shall be an honorably discharged veteran who has served in active military service in the armed forces of the United States for other than training purposes. The Administrative Officer shall direct the establishment of the State veterans home program, coordinate the master planning, land acquisition, and construction of all State veterans homes under the procedures of the Office of State Construction, and oversee the ongoing operation of said veterans homes. ~~The Administrative Officer may hire one office assistant to help with clerical responsibilities.~~ The Division may hire any required additional administrative staff to help with administrative and operational responsibilities at each established State Veterans Home."

SECTION 3. G.S. 165-53(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) To be eligible for admission to a State veterans home, an applicant shall meet the following requirements:

- 1 (1) The veteran shall have served in the active armed forces of the United
2 States for other than training purposes;
- 3 (2) The veteran shall have been discharged from the armed forces under
4 ~~conditions other than dishonorable;~~honorable conditions;
- 5 (3) The veteran shall be disabled by age, disease, or other reason as
6 determined through a physical examination by a State veterans home
7 physician; and
- 8 (4) The veteran shall have resided in the State of North Carolina for two
9 years immediately prior to the date of ~~application-~~application or was a
10 legal resident of North Carolina at the time of entry into the Armed
11 Forces of the United States."

12 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.