



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB3602

Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Jackie Haas

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2805/2.01

from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 67.01

Amends the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act. Provides that no veteran who otherwise meets the eligibility requirements for admission into a Veterans Home shall be denied admission on account of a prior conviction for a crime of violence as defined in the Crime Victims Compensation Act if the veteran completed his or her sentence 20 or more years prior to applying for admission into the Veterans Home.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Veterans' Affairs Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 2.01 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/2.01) (from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 67.01)

7 Sec. 2.01. Veterans Home admissions.

8 (a) Any honorably discharged veteran is entitled to  
9 admission to an Illinois Veterans Home if the applicant meets  
10 the requirements of this Section.

11 (b) The veteran must:

12 (1) have served in the armed forces of the United  
13 States at least 1 day in World War II, the Korean Conflict,  
14 the Viet Nam Campaign, or the Persian Gulf Conflict  
15 between the dates recognized by the U.S. Department of  
16 Veterans Affairs or between any other present or future  
17 dates recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans  
18 Affairs as a war period, or have served in a hostile fire  
19 environment and has been awarded a campaign or  
20 expeditionary medal signifying his or her service, for  
21 purposes of eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home  
22 care;

23 (2) have served and been honorably discharged or

1           retired from the armed forces of the United States for a  
2           service connected disability or injury, for purposes of  
3           eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home care;

4           (3) have served as an enlisted person at least 90 days  
5           on active duty in the armed forces of the United States,  
6           excluding service on active duty for training purposes  
7           only, and entered active duty before September 8, 1980,  
8           for purposes of eligibility for domiciliary or nursing  
9           home care;

10          (4) have served as an officer at least 90 days on  
11          active duty in the armed forces of the United States,  
12          excluding service on active duty for training purposes  
13          only, and entered active duty before October 17, 1981, for  
14          purposes of eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home  
15          care;

16          (5) have served on active duty in the armed forces of  
17          the United States for 24 months of continuous service or  
18          more, excluding active duty for training purposes only,  
19          and enlisted after September 7, 1980, for purposes of  
20          eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home care;

21          (6) have served as a reservist in the armed forces of  
22          the United States or the National Guard and the service  
23          included being called to federal active duty, excluding  
24          service on active duty for training purposes only, and who  
25          completed the term, for purposes of eligibility for  
26          domiciliary or nursing home care;

1           (7) have been discharged for reasons of hardship or  
2 released from active duty due to a reduction in the United  
3 States armed forces prior to the completion of the  
4 required period of service, regardless of the actual time  
5 served, for purposes of eligibility for domiciliary or  
6 nursing home care; or

7           (8) have served in the National Guard or Reserve  
8 Forces of the United States and completed 20 years of  
9 satisfactory service, be otherwise eligible to receive  
10 reserve or active duty retirement benefits, and have been  
11 an Illinois resident for at least one year before applying  
12 for admission for purposes of eligibility for domiciliary  
13 care only.

14           (c) The veteran must have service accredited to the State  
15 of Illinois or have been a resident of this State for one year  
16 immediately preceding the date of application.

17           (d) For admission to the Illinois Veterans Homes at Anna  
18 and Quincy, the veteran must have developed a disability by  
19 disease, wounds, or otherwise and because of the disability be  
20 incapable of earning a living.

21           (e) For admission to the Illinois Veterans Homes at  
22 Chicago, LaSalle, and Manteno, the veteran must have developed  
23 a disability by disease, wounds, or otherwise and, for  
24 purposes of eligibility for nursing home care, require nursing  
25 care because of the disability.

26           (f) An individual who served during a time of conflict as

1 set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Section  
2 has preference over all other qualifying candidates, for  
3 purposes of eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home care  
4 at any Illinois Veterans Home.

5 (g) A veteran or spouse, once admitted to an Illinois  
6 Veterans Home facility, is considered a resident for  
7 interfacility purposes.

8 (h) A non-veteran spouse shall only have the same priority  
9 for admission to a Veterans Home as a veteran if the  
10 non-veteran spouse and his or her veteran spouse are admitted  
11 at the same time to live together at the Veterans Home.

12 (i) No veteran who otherwise meets the requirements of  
13 this Section shall be denied admission to a Veterans Homes on  
14 account of a prior conviction for a crime of violence as  
15 defined in Section 2 of the Crime Victims Compensation Act if  
16 the veteran completed his or her sentence 20 or more years  
17 prior to applying for admission into the Veterans Home.

18 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 99-314, eff. 8-7-15;  
19 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 100-392, eff. 8-25-17; 100-942, eff.  
20 1-1-19.)