

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) ~~(a)~~ The Veteran must:

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

23 (2) have served and been honorably discharged or
24 retired from the armed forces of the United States for a
25 service connected disability or injury, for purposes of
26 eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home care;

27 (3) have served as an enlisted person at least 90 days
28 on active duty in the armed forces of the United States,
29 excluding service on active duty for training purposes
30 only, and entered active duty before September 8, 1980, for
31 purposes of eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home
32 care;

1 (4) have served as an officer at least 90 days on
2 active duty in the armed forces of the United States,
3 excluding service on active duty for training purposes
4 only, and entered active duty before October 17, 1981, for
5 purposes of eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home
6 care;

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

12 (6) have served as a reservist in the armed forces of
13 the United States or the National Guard and the service
14 included being called to federal active duty, excluding
15 service on active duty for training purposes only, and who
16 completed the term, for purposes of eligibility for
17 domiciliary or nursing home care;

18 (7) have been discharged for reasons of hardship or
19 released from active duty due to a reduction in the United
20 States armed forces prior to the completion of the required
21 period of service, regardless of the actual time served,
22 for purposes of eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home
23 care; or

24 (8) have ~~(2) Has (i) served on active duty in the armed~~
25 ~~forces for one year for purposes of eligibility for~~
26 ~~domiciliary care only or (ii) served in the National Guard~~
27 ~~or Reserve Forces of the United States and completed 20~~
28 ~~years of satisfactory service, be ~~is~~ otherwise eligible to~~
29 ~~receive reserve or active duty retirement benefits, and~~
30 ~~have ~~has~~ been an Illinois resident for at least one year~~
31 ~~before applying for admission for purposes of eligibility~~
32 ~~for domiciliary care only. ; ~~and~~~~

33 (c) The veteran must have ~~(b) Has~~ service accredited to the
34 State of Illinois or have ~~has~~ been a resident of this State for
35 one year immediately preceding the date of application. ; ~~and~~

36 (d) ~~(e)~~ For admission to the Illinois Veterans Homes at

1 Anna and Quincy, the veteran must be ~~is~~ disabled by disease,
2 wounds, or otherwise and because of the disability be ~~is~~
3 incapable of earning a living. ~~or~~

4 (e) ~~(d)~~ For admission to the Illinois Veterans Homes at
5 LaSalle and Manteno and for admission to the John Joseph Kelly
6 Veteran's Home, the veteran must be ~~is~~ disabled by disease,
7 wounds, or otherwise and, for purposes of eligibility for
8 nursing home care, require ~~requires~~ nursing care because of the
9 disability.

10 (f) An individual who served during a time of conflict as
11 set forth in subsection (a)(1) of this Section has preference
12 over all other qualifying candidates, for purposes of
13 eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home care at any
14 Illinois Veterans Home.

15 (Source: P.A. 91-634, eff. 8-19-99; 92-351, eff. 1-1-02.)

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law.