

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 2.02a as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/2.02a)

7 Sec. 2.02a. Gold Star Family. Any natural father, natural  
8 mother, mother through adoption, father through adoption, or  
9 spouse of a veteran killed in the line of duty, (also known as  
10 a Gold Star Family member) deemed eligible by the United States  
11 Department of Veterans Affairs who was a resident of the State  
12 of Illinois for a continuous period of one year immediately  
13 before making application is entitled to admission to any of  
14 the Illinois Veterans Homes should vacant beds exist.  
15 Preference for filling vacant beds or for filling vacant beds  
16 from a waiting list shall be granted first to eligible  
17 veterans.

18 (Source: P.A. 97-302, eff. 1-1-12.)