

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 2.01a as follows:

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

7 Sec. 2.01a. Members benefits fund; personal property. The
8 Department shall direct the expenditure of all money which has
9 been or may be received by any officer of an Illinois Veterans
10 Home including profit on sales from commissary stores. The
11 money shall be deposited into the members benefits fund and
12 expenditures from the fund shall be made under the direction of
13 the Department for the special comfort, pleasure, and amusement
14 of residents and employees, provided that amounts expended for
15 comfort, pleasure, and amusement of employees shall not exceed
16 the amount of profits derived from sales made to employees by
17 such commissaries, as determined by the Department. The
18 Department may also make expenditures from the fund, subject to
19 approval by the Director of Veterans' Affairs, for recognition
20 and appreciation programs for volunteers who assist the
21 Veterans Homes. Expenditures from the fund may not be used to
22 supplement a shortfall in the ordinary and contingent operating
23 expenses of the Home and shall be expended only for the special

1 comfort, pleasure, and amusement of the residents.

2 Money received as interest and income on funds deposited
3 for residents of an Illinois Veterans Home shall be paid to the
4 individual accounts of the residents. If home residents choose
5 to hold savings accounts or other investments outside the Home,
6 interest or income on the individual savings accounts or
7 investments of residents shall accrue to the individual
8 accounts of the residents.

9 Any money belonging to residents separated by death,
10 discharge, or unauthorized absence from an Illinois Veterans
11 Home, in custody of officers thereof, may, if unclaimed by the
12 resident or the legal representatives thereof for a period of 2
13 years, be expended at the direction of the Department for the
14 purposes and in the manner specified above. Articles of
15 personal property, with the exception of clothing left in the
16 custody of officers, shall, if unclaimed for the period of 2
17 years, be sold and the money disposed of in the same manner.

18 Clothing left at a Home by residents at the time of
19 separation may be used as determined by the Home if unclaimed
20 by the resident or legal representatives thereof within 30 days
21 after notification.

22 (Source: P.A. 92-671, eff. 7-16-02.)