

1 AN ACT in relation to veterans homes.

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 Homes. Any honorably discharged  
8 veteran is entitled to admission to an Illinois Veterans  
9 Home, if the applicant:

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

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

29 (b) Has service accredited to the State of Illinois or  
30 has been a resident of this State for one year immediately  
31 preceding the date of application; and

1           (c) For admission to the Illinois Veterans Homes at Anna  
2 and Quincy, is disabled by disease, wounds, or otherwise and  
3 because of the disability is incapable of earning a living;  
4 or

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

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