

By Senator Carlton

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to rulemaking authority of the  
3           Department of Veterans' Affairs (RAB); adding  
4           s. 296.06(2)(e), Florida Statutes, providing  
5           certain eligibility requirements for residency  
6           in Florida Veterans' Homes; providing an  
7           effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11           Section 1. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (2) of  
12 section 296.06, Florida Statutes, to read:

13           296.06 State policy; eligibility requirements.--

14           (1) It is the policy of the state to admit residents  
15 into the home without regard to race, age, sex, creed,  
16 religion, national origin, or any other reason that would  
17 thereby create a practice of discrimination. However, an  
18 applicant's veteran status shall not constitute  
19 discrimination.

20           (2) To be eligible for residency in the home, a  
21 veteran must:

22           (a) Have wartime service or peacetime service as  
23 defined in ss. 1.01(14) and 296.02.

24           (b) Have been a resident of the state for 1 year  
25 immediately preceding application and be a resident of the  
26 state at the time of application.

27           (c) Not be mentally ill, habitually inebriated, or  
28 addicted to drugs.

29           (d) Not owe money to the department for services  
30 rendered during any previous stay at a department facility.

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(e) Have applied for all financial assistance  
reasonably available through governmental sources.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Expresses the legislative intent to grant specific  
rulemaking authority to the Department of Veterans'  
Affairs.