

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to trust funds of the Department of
 3 Veterans' Affairs; creating s. 20.375, F.S.; providing for
 4 the administration of the Federal Grants Trust Fund, the
 5 Grants and Donations Trust Fund, the Operations and
 6 Maintenance Trust Fund, and the State Homes for Veterans
 7 Trust Fund by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
 8 providing for sources of funds and purposes; providing for
 9 annual carryforward of funds; amending ss. 296.11 and
 10 296.38, F.S.; specifying an additional use of moneys in
 11 the Grants and Donations Trust Fund of the department for
 12 the benefit of veterans who are residents of the Veterans'
 13 Domiciliary Home of Florida or a veterans' nursing home;
 14 providing an effective date.

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

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 18 Section 1. Section 20.375, Florida Statutes, is created to
 19 read:

20 20.375 Department of Veterans' Affairs; trust funds.--The
 21 following trust funds shall be administered by the Department of
 22 Veterans' Affairs:

23 (1) Federal Grants Trust Fund.

24 (a) Funds to be credited to and uses of the trust fund
 25 shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of s.
 26 215.32.

27 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and
 28 pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end

29 of any fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund at the end of
 30 the year and shall be available for carrying out the purposes of
 31 the trust fund.

32 (2) Grants and Donations Trust Fund.

33 (a) Funds to be credited to and uses of the trust fund
 34 shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of ss.
 35 215.32, 296.11, 296.38, and 320.089.

36 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and
 37 pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end
 38 of any fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund at the end of
 39 the year and shall be available for carrying out the purposes of
 40 the trust fund.

41 (3) Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund.

42 (a) Funds to be credited to and uses of the trust fund
 43 shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of ss.
 44 215.32, 296.11, and 296.38.

45 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and
 46 pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end
 47 of any fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund at the end of
 48 the year and shall be available for carrying out the purposes of
 49 the trust fund.

50 (4) State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund.

51 (a) Funds to be credited to and uses of the trust fund
 52 shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of ss.
 53 320.08058 and 320.0891.

54 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and
 55 pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end
 56 of any fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund at the end of

57 the year and shall be available for carrying out the purposes of
 58 the trust fund.

59 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 296.11, Florida
 60 Statutes, is amended to read:

61 296.11 Funds of home and disposition of moneys.--

62 (2) The home shall deposit all moneys received pursuant to
 63 s. 296.15 into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund. Moneys in
 64 the Grants and Donations Trust Fund must be expended for the
 65 common benefit of the residents of the home, such as improved
 66 facilities, recreational equipment, ~~and~~ recreational supplies,
 67 and goods and services offered or available to all residents,
 68 subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

69 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 296.38, Florida
 70 Statutes, is amended to read:

71 296.38 Funds of home and disposition of moneys.--

72 (2) The home shall be empowered to receive and accept
 73 gifts, grants, and endowments in the name of the home. All such
 74 gifts, grants, and endowments are to be used for the benefit of
 75 the home and its residents. The administrator, together with the
 76 director, shall have the authority to determine how these gifts,
 77 grants, and endowments could best benefit the home and its
 78 residents unless the benefactor requests or instructs that the
 79 gift, grant, or endowment be used for a specific purpose. The
 80 home shall deposit all moneys received pursuant to this
 81 subsection into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund. Moneys in
 82 the Grants and Donations Trust Fund shall be expended for the
 83 common benefit of the residents of the home, such as
 84 recreational equipment, improved facilities, ~~and~~ recreational

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86 | residents.

87 | Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.