

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to veterans; amending s. 496.406, F.S.;
 3 exempting certain veterans' organizations from
 4 requirements to file registration statements with the
 5 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending
 6 s. 295.187, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
 7 "service-disabled veteran" for purposes of the Florida
 8 Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Opportunity
 9 Act; amending s. 296.06, F.S.; revising eligibility
 10 requirements for residency in the Veterans' Domiciliary
 11 Home of Florida; amending s. 296.36, F.S.; revising
 12 eligibility requirements for admittance into a licensed
 13 health care facility operated by the Department of
 14 Veterans' Affairs; 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 496.406, Florida Statutes, is amended
 19 to read:

20 496.406 Exemption from registration.—The following
 21 charitable organizations and sponsors are exempt from the
 22 requirements of s. 496.405:

23 (1) A person who is soliciting for a named individual,
 24 provided that all the contributions collected without any
 25 deductions whatsoever are turned over to the beneficiary for her
 26 or his use and provided that the person has complied with the
 27 requirements of s. 496.413.

28 (2) A charitable organization or sponsor which limits

29 solicitation of contributions to the membership of the
 30 charitable organization or sponsor. For the purposes of this
 31 paragraph, the term "membership" does not include those persons
 32 who are granted a membership upon making a contribution as a
 33 result of a solicitation.

34 (3) Any division, department, post, or chapter of a
 35 veterans' service organization granted a federal charter under
 36 Title 36, U.S.C.

37 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
 38 295.187, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39 295.187 Florida Service-Disabled Veteran Business
 40 Enterprise Opportunity Act.—

41 (3) DEFINITIONS.—For the purpose of this section, the
 42 term:

43 (b) "Service-disabled veteran" means a veteran who is a
 44 permanent Florida resident with a service-connected disability
 45 ~~of 10 percent or greater~~ as determined by the United States
 46 Department of Veterans Affairs or who has been terminated from
 47 military service by reason of disability by the United States
 48 Department of Defense.

49 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 296.06, Florida
 50 Statutes, is amended to read:

51 296.06 State policy; eligibility requirements.—

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

54 (a) Have wartime service as provided in s. 1.01(14) or
 55 peacetime service as defined in s. ~~ss. 1.01(14) and~~ 296.02.

56 (b) Have been a resident of the state for 1 year

57 immediately preceding application and be a resident of the state
 58 at the time of application.

59 (c) Not be mentally ill, habitually inebriated, or
 60 addicted to drugs.

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

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

65 (f) Have been approved as eligible for care and treatment
 66 by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

67 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 296.36, Florida
 68 Statutes, is amended to read:

69 296.36 Eligibility and priority of admittance.—

70 (1) To be eligible for admittance to the home, the person
 71 must be a veteran as provided ~~defined~~ in s. 1.01(14) or have
 72 eligible peacetime service as defined in s. 296.02 and must:

73 (a) Be in need of nursing home care.

74 (b) Have been a resident of the state for 1 year
 75 immediately preceding, and at the time of application for,
 76 admission to the home.

77 (c) Not owe money to the department for services rendered
 78 during any previous stay at a department facility.

79 (d) Have applied for all financial assistance reasonably
 80 available through governmental sources.

81 (e) Have been approved as eligible for care and treatment
 82 by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

83 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.