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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability  
(Sobel) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 496.406, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
read:

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

(1) A person who is soliciting for a named individual,  
provided that all the contributions collected without any  
deductions whatsoever are turned over to the beneficiary for her



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13 or his use and provided that the person has complied with the  
14 requirements of s. 496.413.

15 (2) A charitable organization or sponsor which limits  
16 solicitation of contributions to the membership of the  
17 charitable organization or sponsor. For the purposes of this  
18 paragraph, the term "membership" does not include those persons  
19 who are granted a membership upon making a contribution as a  
20 result of a solicitation.

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

24 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
25 295.187, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

26 295.187 Florida Service-Disabled Veteran Business  
27 Enterprise Opportunity Act.—

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

29 (b) "Service-disabled veteran" means a veteran who is a  
30 permanent Florida resident with a service-connected disability  
31 ~~of 10 percent or greater~~ as determined by the United States  
32 Department of Veterans Affairs or who has been terminated from  
33 military service by reason of disability by the United States  
34 Department of Defense.

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

37 296.06 State policy; eligibility requirements.—

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

40 (a) Have wartime service as provided in s. 1.01(14) or  
41 peacetime service as defined in s. ss. 1.01(14) and 296.02.



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42 (b) Have been a resident of the state for 1 year  
43 immediately preceding application and be a resident of the state  
44 at the time of application.

45 (c) Not be mentally ill, habitually inebriated, or addicted  
46 to drugs.

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

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

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

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

55 296.36 Eligibility and priority of admittance.—

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

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

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

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

65 (d) Have applied for all financial assistance reasonably  
66 available through governmental sources.

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

69 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.  
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71 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

72 And the title is amended as follows:

73 Delete everything before the enacting clause

74 and insert:

75 A bill to be entitled

76 An act relating to veterans; amending s. 496.406,  
77 F.S.; exempting certain veterans' organizations from  
78 requirements to file registration statements with the  
79 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;  
80 amending s. 295.187, F.S.; revising the definition of  
81 the term "service-disabled veteran" for purposes of  
82 the Florida Service-Disabled Veteran Business  
83 Enterprise Opportunity Act; amending s. 296.06, F.S.;  
84 revising eligibility requirements for residency in the  
85 Veterans' Domiciliary Home of Florida; amending s.  
86 296.36, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for  
87 admittance into a licensed health care facility  
88 operated by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;  
89 providing an effective date.