

By Senator Aronberg

27-01063A-10

20101972\_\_

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to veterans; amending s. 295.187,  
 3           F.S.; redefining the term "service-disabled veteran"  
 4           for purposes of the Florida Service-Disabled Veteran  
 5           Business Enterprise Opportunity Act; amending s.  
 6           296.06, F.S.; revising the eligibility requirements  
 7           for a veteran's residency in the Veterans' Domiciliary  
 8           Home of Florida; amending s. 296.36, F.S.; revising  
 9           the eligibility requirements for a veteran's  
 10          admittance into a licensed health care facility that  
 11          is operated by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;  
 12          providing an effective date.

13  
 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

15  
 16           Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
 17           295.187, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18           295.187 Florida Service-Disabled Veteran Business  
 19           Enterprise Opportunity Act.—

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

21           (b) "Service-disabled veteran" means a veteran who is a  
 22           permanent Florida resident with a service-connected disability  
 23           of ~~10 percent or greater~~ as determined by the United States  
 24           Department of Veterans Affairs or who has been terminated from  
 25           military service by reason of disability by the United States  
 26           Department of Defense.

27           Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 296.06, Florida  
 28           Statutes, is amended to read:

29           296.06 State policy; eligibility requirements.—

27-01063A-10

20101972\_\_

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

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

34 (b) Have been a resident of the state for 1 year  
35 immediately preceding application and be a resident of the state  
36 at the time of application.

37 (c) Not be mentally ill, habitually inebriated, or addicted  
38 to drugs.

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

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

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

45 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 296.36, Florida  
46 Statutes, is amended to read:

47 296.36 Eligibility and priority of admittance.—

48 (1) To be eligible for admittance to the home, the person  
49 must be a veteran as defined in s. 1.01(14) or have eligible  
50 peacetime service as defined in s. 296.02 and must:

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

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

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

57 (d) Have applied for all financial assistance reasonably  
58 available through governmental sources.

27-01063A-10

20101972\_\_

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

61           Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.