

CS/HB 1003 — Veterans

by Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Committee; and Rep. Drake and others
(CS/SB 1972 by Senators Aronberg, Dean, and Gaetz)

The bill amends:

- Section 496.406, F.S., to exempt veterans' service organizations which are federally chartered under Title 36, U.S.C., from the registration requirements for charitable organizations conducting fund raising found in s. 496.405, F.S.;
- Section 295.187, F.S., to align the state definition of a "service-disabled veteran," for purposes of the Florida Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Opportunity Act with the federal definition found in Title 38 U.S.C. § 101 (16);
- Section 296.06, F.S., regarding a veteran's eligibility for residency in the state's veterans' domiciliary home to require that a veteran must have been approved for care and treatment by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and
- Section 296.36, F.S., to allow veterans with eligible peacetime military service as well as those with wartime service to be admitted to one of the state's veterans' nursing homes. The bill further requires that a veteran must have been approved for care and treatment by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs in order to be admitted to one of the state's veterans' nursing homes.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 111-0