

SENATE BILL NO. 135—SENATORS CARE, AMODEI, WIENER,
TITUS, CARLTON AND JACOBSEN

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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN NEIGHBORS

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning veterans' homes. (BDR 37-1032)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to veterans' homes; making various changes concerning the veterans' home account and the gift account for veterans' homes; requiring the appointment of an administrator of veterans' homes in this state and establishing his qualifications; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 417.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 417.010 As used in this chapter:
3 1. ***“Administrator” means the administrator of veterans’ homes in***
4 ***this state.***
5 2. “Deputy executive director” means the deputy executive director for
6 veterans’ services.
7 ~~12-1~~ 3. “Executive director” means the executive director for veterans’
8 services.
9 **Sec. 2.** NRS 417.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:
10 417.145 1. The veterans’ home account is hereby established in the
11 state general fund.
12 2. Money received ~~by the executive director or the deputy executive~~
13 ~~director~~ from:
14 (a) Payments by the Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans who
15 receive care in a veterans’ home;
16 (b) Other payments for medical care and services;
17 (c) Appropriations made by the legislature for veterans’ homes; and



1 (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, gifts of money and
2 proceeds derived from the sale of gifts of personal property ~~he is~~
3 ~~authorized to accept~~ for the use of veterans' homes, if the use of such gifts
4 has not been restricted by the donor,
5 must be deposited with the state treasurer for credit to the veterans' home
6 account.

7 3. Interest and income must not be computed on the money in the
8 veterans' home account.

9 4. The veterans' home account must be administered by the ~~executive~~
10 ~~director,~~ *administrator*, with the advice of the ~~deputy~~ executive director
11 ~~, and the Nevada veterans' services commission,~~ and the money
12 deposited in the veterans' home account may only be expended for:

- 13 (a) The operation of veterans' homes;
14 (b) A program or service related to a veterans' home;
15 (c) The solicitation of other sources of money to fund a veterans' home;
16 and

17 (d) The purpose of informing the public about issues concerning the
18 establishment and uses of a veterans' home.

19 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, gifts of personal
20 property ~~[which the executive director or the deputy executive director is~~
21 ~~authorized to receive]~~ for the use of veterans' homes:

- 22 (a) May be sold or exchanged if the sale or exchange is approved by the
23 state board of examiners; or
24 (b) May be used in kind if the gifts are not appropriate for conversion to
25 money.

26 6. All money in the veterans' home account must be paid out on claims
27 approved by the ~~executive director,~~ *administrator* as other claims against
28 the state are paid.

29 7. The gift account for veterans' homes is hereby established in the
30 state general fund. ~~[The executive director or the deputy executive director~~
31 ~~shall use gifts]~~ *Gifts* of money or personal property ~~[that he is authorized to~~
32 ~~accept and]~~ which the donor has restricted to one or more uses at a
33 veterans' home ~~[;]~~ *must be used* only in the manner designated by the
34 donor. Gifts of money ~~[that the executive director or deputy executive~~
35 ~~director is authorized to accept and]~~ which the donor has restricted to one
36 or more uses at a veterans' home must be deposited with the state treasurer
37 for credit to the gift account for veterans' homes. *Money deposited with*
38 *the state treasurer for credit to the gift account for veterans' homes*
39 *pursuant to NRS 482.3764 may be expended only in the manner specified*
40 *in subsection 4 for money in the veterans' home account.* The interest and
41 income earned on the money in the gift account for veterans' homes, after
42 deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the gift account for
43 veterans' homes. Any money remaining in the gift account for veterans'
44 homes at the end of each fiscal year does not lapse to the state general
45 fund, but must be carried forward into the next fiscal year.

46 **Sec. 3.** NRS 417.147 is hereby amended to read as follows:

47 417.147 1. The executive director shall:

- 48 (a) *Appoint an administrator of veterans' homes in this state. The*
49 *administrator must be licensed as a nursing facility administrator*



1 *pursuant to NRS 654.170 or have an application for such licensure*
2 *pending with the Nevada state board of examiners for administrators of*
3 *facilities for long-term care pursuant to NRS 654.150.*
4 (b) Take such *other* actions as are necessary for the maintenance and
5 operation of veterans' homes in this state. ~~;~~ *and*
6 ~~—(b) (c)~~ Apply for federal grants and other sources of money available
7 for establishing veterans' homes. Federal grants and other money received
8 pursuant to this paragraph must be deposited with the state treasurer for
9 credit to the veterans' home account. A federal grant must be used only as
10 permitted by the terms of the grant.
11 2. The first veterans' home that is established in this state must be
12 established at a location in southern Nevada determined to be appropriate
13 by the interim finance committee. The interim finance committee shall give
14 preference to a site that is zoned appropriately for the establishment of a
15 veterans' home, that affords minimum costs of maintenance and that is
16 located in an area where the members of the families of the veterans can
17 easily visit the veterans' home. The site for the construction of the
18 veterans' home in southern Nevada must be:
19 (a) Located in reasonable proximity to:
20 (1) A public transportation system;
21 (2) Shopping centers; and
22 (3) A major hospital that has a center for the treatment of trauma
23 which is designated as a level II center by the administrator of the health
24 division of the department of human resources.
25 (b) Not less than 5 acres in area.
26 3. If an additional veterans' home is authorized, it must be established
27 in northern Nevada.
28 **Sec. 4.** NRS 482.3764 is hereby amended to read as follows:
29 482.3764 1. Before the department issues to any person, pursuant to
30 NRS 482.3763:
31 (a) An initial set of special license plates, it shall:
32 (1) Collect a special fee for a veterans' home in the amount of \$25;
33 and
34 (2) Affix a decal to each plate if requested by an applicant who meets
35 the requirements set forth in NRS 482.37635.
36 (b) An annual renewal sticker, it shall:
37 (1) Collect a special fee for a veterans' home in the amount of \$20;
38 and
39 (2) Affix a decal to each plate if requested by an applicant who meets
40 the requirements set forth in NRS 482.37635.
41 2. The department shall deposit any money collected pursuant to this
42 section with the state treasurer for credit to the ~~{veterans' home account.}~~
43 *gift account for veterans' homes.*
44 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.

