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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1013

5 By: Representative J. Edwards
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE LOCATION, USE, AND CAPACITY OF
9 THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS VETERANS' HOME;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO CHANGE THE LOCATION, USE, AND CAPACITY
14 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS
15 VETERANS' HOME
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-81-105 is amended to read as follows:
22 20-81-105. Veterans' Home.

23 (a) The Department of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to establish and
24 maintain a Veterans' Home ~~in the building formerly used as the Arkansas~~
25 ~~School for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the Deaf at Twentieth and~~
26 ~~Madison Streets in Little Rock, Arkansas~~ at a location selected by the
27 Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, after seeking advice from
28 the Arkansas Veterans' Commission.

29 (b) The department is authorized to employ staff to operate the home
30 as it deems appropriate and as ~~may be~~ authorized by biennial appropriation.

31 (c)(1) The home shall be operated under the supervision of the
32 department.

33 (2) The ~~Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs~~ director
34 shall be the administrative head of the home.

35 (d)(1) The department shall promulgate appropriate guidelines for
36 determining eligibility of veterans for admission to the home, and the



1 monetary charges to be made for veterans residing in the home. All guidelines
 2 shall conform to the federal requirements ~~which must be met~~ to qualify the
 3 home as a nursing home ~~and domiciliary~~ for veterans and to render the home
 4 eligible to receive federal financial assistance.

5 (2)(A) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 20-8-101 et seq., the
 6 home may be ~~converted to~~ used as a nursing home ~~and domiciliary~~ for veterans
 7 without obtaining a certificate of need ~~therefor~~.

8 (B) Bed capacity ~~will be limited to seventy (70), and no~~
 9 ~~beds shall be designated for Medicaid payment~~ shall not exceed one hundred
 10 fifty (150).

11 (e) In the ~~administering~~ administration of the home, the director is
 12 ~~specifically~~ authorized to do the following:

13 (1) Establish accounts to record the receipt and disbursement of
 14 funds from resident veterans to pay for a portion of their maintenance at the
 15 home;

16 (2) Develop policies for determining charges to be made to
 17 resident veterans;

18 (3) Develop accounts and procedures pertaining to incompetent
 19 residents ~~of the home~~;

20 (4) Establish procedures and accounts for payment by the home to
 21 its residents for work performed at the home;

22 (5) Establish such other accounts as are necessary to the
 23 orderly administration of the home; and

24 (6) Establish policies necessary for the operation of the home.

25 (f) ~~The~~ At the end of each fiscal year, the director shall, ~~at the end~~
 26 ~~of each fiscal year,~~ certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State the
 27 amount of nonrevenues to be retained in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund
 28 Account. All other moneys shall be transferred to the General Revenue
 29 Allotment Reserve Fund ~~in accordance with~~ according to existing laws.

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