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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1013

5 By: Representative J. Edwards
6 *By: Senator J. English*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

15 TO CHANGE THE LOCATION, USE, AND CAPACITY
16 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS
17 VETERANS' HOME
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-81-105 is amended to read as follows:
23 20-81-105. Veterans' Home.

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

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

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

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

36 (d)(1) The department shall promulgate appropriate guidelines for



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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32 /s/J. Edwards
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