

House Bill 180 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Kidd of the 145th, Epps of the 144th, Yates of the 73rd, Sharper of the 177th, and Peake of the 141st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to the War Veterans' Home, so as to revise residency requirements to
3 qualify for admission to the War Veterans' Home; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to the War Veterans' Home, is amended by revising Code Section 38-4-55, relating
9 to admissions and discharges, as follows:

10 "38-4-55.

11 (a) Admissions to and discharges from any facility of the Georgia State War Veterans'
12 Home shall be under the control of the governing authority of the facility concerned under
13 the laws and department rules and regulations in force at the time application for admission
14 or for discharge is presented; provided, however, that a war veteran shall not be eligible for
15 admission to the Georgia War Veterans' Nursing Home or the Georgia State War Veterans'
16 Home unless such war veteran;

17 (1) has Has been a resident of this state for a period of at least ~~five~~ two years
18 immediately prior to application for admission; or

19 (2) Is a current resident of this state and has been a resident of this state for at least five
20 years out of the last 15 years prior to application for admission.

21 ~~provided~~ Provided, further, that the Veterans Service Board may admit and discharge
22 veterans to the Georgia State War Veterans' Home who qualify for care and treatment
23 under Title 38, U.S.C., Section 101 (19) and Section 641 ~~and~~. The Veterans Service Board
24 may adopt appropriate rules consistent with accepted medical considerations to ~~carry out~~
25 this function determine if a war veteran qualifies under this subsection.

26 (b) The governing authority of such facility shall exercise appropriate police power and
27 power of restraint over veterans at the Georgia State War Veterans' Home consistent with
28 policies applied to other patients under their care or responsibility."

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SECTION 2.

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.