

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1485

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE REHDER.

3231H.011

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 42, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to veterans.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 42, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 42.145, to read as follows:

**42.145. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

2 **(1) "Care facility", an assisted living facility, intermediate care facility, residential**  
3 **care facility, or skilled nursing facility, as those terms are defined under section 198.006;**

4 **(2) "Eligible veteran", any veteran who is approved for admission into a Missouri**  
5 **veterans' home under section 42.105 but who has not been admitted to a Missouri veterans'**  
6 **home due to a lack of vacancy;**

7 **(3) "Veteran housing cost", the average cost paid by the state of Missouri to house**  
8 **one veteran in a Missouri veterans' home for one month, as determined by the commission.**

9 **2. An eligible veteran may elect to receive, and the commission shall issue, a**  
10 **monthly voucher to be used to pay for room and board costs of any care facility licensed**  
11 **under sections 198.003 to 198.189. The amount of the voucher shall be equal to the veteran**  
12 **housing cost. Vouchers shall be issued monthly or at a longer interval chosen by the**  
13 **commission, so long as veterans residing at a care facility can pay room and board costs**  
14 **in a timely manner. The issuance of a voucher shall not affect any eligible veteran's**  
15 **position in the queue for a Missouri veterans' home vacancy.**

16 **3. The commission shall inform veterans who are eligible for housing under section**  
17 **42.105 that they are also eligible to receive a voucher for a care facility of their choosing**  
18 **under this section.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19           **4. The commission shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this**  
20 **section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is**  
21 **created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it**  
22 **complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,**  
23 **section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers**  
24 **vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective**  
25 **date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the**  
26 **grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2020,**  
27 **shall be invalid and void.**

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