

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 1485**  
**100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 42, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to vouchers for the care of veterans.

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*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 known as section 42.145, to read as follows:

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

**(1) "Care facility", a skilled nursing facility, as defined under section 198.006;**

**(2) "Eligible veteran", any veteran who is approved for admission into the Missouri veterans' home nearest to the veteran's residence under section 42.105 but who has not been admitted to a Missouri veterans' home due to a lack of vacancy, resides at a location where there are no vacancies at a care facility that has contracted with the Department of Veterans Affairs for the care of veterans within fifty miles, meets the requirements for admission to such care facility, and has not been notified by the commission of a relevant vacancy;**

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

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

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           **3. The commission shall inform veterans who are eligible for housing under section**  
20 **42.105 that they are also eligible to receive a voucher for a care facility of their choosing**  
21 **under this section.**

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

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