

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 656, Page 2, Section 27.115, Line 7, by inserting
2 after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "42.145. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

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

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

11 (3) "Veteran housing cost", the average cost paid by the state of Missouri and the United States
12 Department of Veterans Affairs to house one veteran in a Missouri veterans' home for one month, as
13 determined by the commission.

14 2. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Missouri Veterans Housing Cost Voucher Fund",
15 which shall consist of moneys appropriated to the fund by the general assembly. The commission shall
16 administer and disperse moneys in the fund in accordance with this section. The fund shall be a dedicated
17 fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used solely for the administration of this section.
18 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the
19 biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in
20 the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such
21 investments shall be credited to the fund.

22 3. An eligible veteran may elect to receive, and the commission shall issue, a monthly voucher to be
23 used to pay for room and board costs of any care facility licensed under sections 198.003 to 198.189,
24 provided that the fund created under subsection 2 of this section has adequate moneys to fund such voucher.
25 The amount of the voucher shall be equal to the veteran housing cost. Vouchers shall be issued monthly or at
26 a longer interval chosen by the commission, so long as veterans residing at a care facility can pay room and
27 board costs in a timely manner. The issuance of a voucher shall not affect any eligible veteran's position in
28 the queue for a Missouri veterans' home vacancy. Such voucher shall no longer be issued to a veteran if the
29 veteran is no longer an eligible veteran as defined under this section.

30 4. The commission shall inform veterans who are eligible for housing under section 42.105 that they
31 are also eligible to receive a voucher for a care facility of their choosing under this section.

32 5. The commission shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or
33 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in
34 this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter
35 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the
36 powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to
37 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority
38 and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2020, shall be invalid and void."; and
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40 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

Action Taken _____ Date _____