

HB 1766 -- OMBUDSMAN LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS

SPONSOR: Swan

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Veterans by a vote of 15 to 0.

This bill extends the current powers and duties, as defined in the bill, of the Office of State Ombudsman for Long-Term Care Facility Residents to include Missouri veterans' homes.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that extending the powers and duties of the Office of the State Ombudsman for Long-Term Care Facility Residents to include Missouri veterans' homes would provide an advocate for residents of the facilities, provide education to residents, and investigate issues for the residents of the facilities. Currently there is not an ombudsman program for veterans' homes and veterans would benefit from an ombudsman.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Swan.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.