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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study the Feasibility of Establishing Veterans' Homes, Veterans' Centers and Motor Pools for Veterans recommends that the 67th Session of the Nevada Legislature:

1. Appropriate from the State General Fund to the Office of the Nevada Commissioner for Veteran Affairs sufficient money for a new full-time professional staff position. Add to the duties of the Office of the Nevada Commissioner for Veteran Affairs responsibility for the planning, resource gathering and coordination necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of one or more veterans' homes in Nevada. (BDR 37-252)
2. Create a fund for the construction, operation and maintenance of one or more veterans' homes in Nevada. Authorize the manager of the fund to apply for and receive grants, gifts and donations. The fund may be used only for programs and services related to veterans' homes of the State, although the education of the public, promotion of the opportunity to waive tax exemptions and solicitation of additional revenues are also acceptable uses. Appropriate "seed money" of \$200,000 from the State General Fund to the fund for the construction, operation and maintenance of one or more veterans' homes in Nevada. (BDR 37-249)
3. Allow Nevada residents who are eligible for a vehicle privilege tax exemption in *Nevada Revised Statutes* 371.103 to designate their entitlement as a donation to a fund for the construction, operation and maintenance of one or more State veterans' homes. (BDR 32-250)
4. Allow for a collectively run statewide charitable lottery once per year, coordinated by a nonprofit organization which is dedicated to veterans' issues in the State, to benefit a fund for the construction, operation and maintenance of one or more State veterans' homes in Nevada. (BDR 41-248)

REPORT TO THE 67TH SESSION OF THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE BY
THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S SUBCOMMITTEE TO STUDY
THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING VETERANS'
HOMES, VETERANS' CENTERS AND MOTOR
POOLS FOR VETERANS

I. INTRODUCTION

A. OVERVIEW

The 66th Nevada Legislature passed Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 54 (File 189, *Statutes of Nevada 1991*, pages 2649-2650) which created the Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study the Feasibility of Establishing Veterans' Homes, Veterans' Centers and Motor Pools for Veterans. The subcommittee was directed to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study regarding the establishment of veterans' homes, veterans' centers and motor pools for veterans living in Nevada. The primary task was to identify the needs of Nevada veterans and the programs available to help meet those needs. This charge relates more to general services, rather than focusing on long-term care for older veterans.

The remaining directives specify information related to veterans' home facilities. The subcommittee was asked to:

- Survey the facilities available to veterans in at least five other states which have a population size similar to Nevada's;
- Determine if money is available from the Federal Government to establish such facilities in Nevada;
- Estimate the costs involved in building and operating a State veterans' home; and
- Determine the availability of land which could be used to establish a veterans' home in Nevada.

B. LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

The Legislative Commission appointed Senator R. Hal Smith (Henderson) as chairman and Assemblyman Larry L. Spitler

(Las Vegas) as vice-chairman of the study. Additional members were:

Senator Lawrence E. Jacobsen (Minden)
Senator Raymond C. Shaffer (Las Vegas)
Assemblyman Bradley I. Goetting (Las Vegas)
Assemblyman Joseph L. Johnson (Reno)
Assemblyman William A. Petrak (Las Vegas)

C. INFORMATION AND STAFF SUPPORT

Support was provided to the subcommittee by certain Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) staff members consisting of: Caren Jenkins of the Research Division (principal staff), Jan K. Needham and Jane Juve of the Legal Division (legal counsels), and Ricka Benum of the Research Division (subcommittee secretary).

A notable amount of assistance was provided by representatives of a number of organizations and agencies in Nevada, other states, and at the Federal level. Of special significance were the contributions of the following individuals:

Gary Bermeosolo, Administrator
Idaho State Veterans Home
Past President, National Association of State
Veterans Homes

Randy Day, Commissioner
Richard Rohr, Deputy Commissioner
Nevada's Office of the Commissioner for Veteran Affairs

Arnold H. Greenhouse, M.D., Chief
Geriatric and Extended Care Program
Veterans Administration Medical Center
Reno, Nevada

James Dunton, Chief of Social Work Services
Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic
Las Vegas, Nevada

D. HEARINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The subcommittee held one public hearing in Carson City and another in Las Vegas to gather testimony, and conducted its final work session in Las Vegas. A large number of

individuals and representatives of various veterans' organizations appeared and testified at each hearing.

Deliberations of the subcommittee involved current information regarding the feasibility of establishing a State veterans' home and consideration of certain legislative findings from over 12 years prior to today. Legislative Counsel Bureau Bulletin No. 79-17 chronicles the study and offers recommendations of a legislative committee which evaluated the identical issue over a decade ago. Copies of this document are available through the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

The subcommittee adopted four recommendations regarding planning and funding the construction and operation of a State veterans' home in Nevada. They include: the addition of a staff member in the Office of the Commissioner for Veterans Affairs to plan for a home; the creation of a designated fund to which donations may be made; allowing eligible veterans to designate their motor vehicle privilege tax exemptions to such a fund; and, permitting the operation of an annual statewide charitable lottery to benefit a State veterans' home.

A detailed description of these recommendations and a discussion of the subcommittee's deliberations, as well as background information relative to the major topics, follows. All supporting documents and minutes of the subcommittee's hearings are on file in the Research Library of the LCB.

II. NEVADA VETERANS' PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Currently, various programs, services and technical assistance opportunities are available to Nevada veterans through Federal, state and local governments, private nonprofit organizations and community agencies.

A. SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE STATE

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 417.090 outlines the duties of the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Veteran Affairs to provide programs and services for Nevada's veterans. The law requires the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner to:

1. Assist veterans, and those presently serving in the military and naval forces of the United States who are residents of the State of Nevada, their wives, widows, widowers, husbands, children, dependents, administrators, executors and personal representatives, in preparing, submitting and presenting any claim against the United States, or any state, for adjusted compensation, hospitalization, insurance, pension, disability compensation, vocational training, education, rehabilitation, and assist them in obtaining any aid or benefit to which they may, from time to time, be entitled under the laws of the United States or of any of the states.
2. Aid, assist, encourage and cooperate with every nationally recognized service organization insofar as the activities of such organizations are for the benefit of veterans and servicemen and women.
3. Give aid, assistance and counsel to each and every problem, question and situation, individual as well as collective, affecting any veteran or serviceman or woman, or their dependents, or any group of veterans or servicemen and women, when in their opinion such comes within the scope of this chapter.
4. Coordinate activities of veterans' organizations.
5. Serve as a clearinghouse and disseminate information relating to veterans' benefits.
6. Conduct any studies which will assist veterans to obtain compensation, hospitalization, insurance, pension, disability compensation, vocational training, education, rehabilitation or any other benefit to which veterans may be entitled under the laws of the United States or of any state.

In addition, Subsection 1 of NRS 417.200 provides:

The commissioner and the deputy commissioner shall each establish, operate and maintain a veterans' cemetery and may, within the limits of legislative authorization, employ personnel and purchase equipment and supplies necessary for the operation and maintenance of the cemeteries.

At this time, there are two veterans cemeteries in Nevada. One is located in the northern part of the State, and the other in the southern portion. These cemeteries are operated under the auspices of the Office of the Commissioner for Veteran Affairs.

B. PRIVATELY FUNDED SERVICES - TRANSPORTATION

A number of services are offered to veterans by private individuals and organizations. Among them is the availability of transportation assistance.

Nevada veterans' may apply for a one-time grant for transportation to a verified medical appointment from the Veterans Family Relief Fund operated by members of the District 3 (Northern Nevada) Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) pays for the insurance, maintenance and operating expenses of the two DAV-donated vans at the Veterans Administration (VA) Outpatient Clinic in Las Vegas. This transportation program is coordinated by a DAV-paid employee. In 1991, the service transported 1,333 veterans almost 86,000 miles.

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Nevada State Council, provides the Office of the Commissioner for Veterans Affairs with \$8,400 per year to make vouchers available to veterans for bus tickets and tokens, gasoline, health cards, work cards, and so on. Various community service organizations refer veteran clients to this program. An additional \$1,200 per year is distributed in Carson City through Friends In Service Helping (F.I.S.H.)

Clark County [Nevada] Social Services provides \$3,600 per year for veterans' travel to medical facilities in and out of the State.

III. SURVEY OF VETERANS' SERVICES ACROSS THE NATION

The subcommittee staff conducted a mail survey of state veterans' agencies to determine what sorts of programs, services and facilities are provided across the Nation. The tables found in Appendices C, D, E, F, G, and H summarize the findings of the survey. Tables analyzing veterans' homes in states with general and veteran populations similar

in size to those in Nevada also are included. A copy of the survey may be found in Appendix I.

Although the results of the survey provided no conclusive information as to how Nevada compares to other states in terms of veterans' programs and services provided, they do present a clear picture of the diversity among the states.

Regardless of the subcommittee's original responsibility to evaluate the feasibility of establishing veterans' centers in Nevada, it did not follow through on this issue. In one of the early hearings it was determined that, if a physical plant was available in the form of a State veterans' home, activities such as technical assistance provision, organizational gatherings and social activities could be accommodated in the facility. Therefore, the establishment of veterans' centers was not addressed directly by the subcommittee.

IV. FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION

The subcommittee investigated the availability of Federal money to assist in the construction of a State veterans' home. Information was also gathered regarding certain other sources of money which might be considered as the State's portion of construction funds.

A. FEDERAL SHARE OF COSTS

Under Title 38 of the *United States Code* (38 U.S.C. 5031-5037), the Veterans Administration (VA) is authorized to participate in up to 65 percent of the cost of acquisition and construction or remodeling of veterans' homes, provided that VA standards and regulations are met. The cost of renovating an existing structure may not exceed that of constructing an equivalent new facility.

These costs may include architectural fees, supervision, inspection, the final audit and initial equipment which is not included in the construction contract. The VA will not participate in maintenance and repair projects unless they involve the remodeling of patient care areas.

B. STATE APPLICATION AND FUNDING SHARE

The VA establishes a priority list of applications on August 15th of each year for funding the next fiscal year beginning October 1st (See Appendix J). First priority is given to applications for which "sufficient" state funds have been provided. The projects must be able to proceed upon award of the grants without further action being required to make the funds available. After the appropriation for the construction grant program, projects are funded from the priority list until all Federal funds are spent.

"Sufficient" state funds are considered to be at least one-half of the state's 35 percent or more matching share. An authorized state official must certify that these funds are available, that no further state action is required to make them available, and the length of time that they will remain available. A copy of approved legislation appropriating the funds for the project must accompany the certification. Further information regarding the Federal State Home Program may be found in Appendix K.

V. CONSTRUCTING AND OPERATING STATE VETERANS' HOMES

A variety of approaches to the construction and operation of state veterans' homes have been used around the Nation. By carefully analyzing available information, Nevada may have the advantage of learning from the successes and failures of certain approaches. For example, the privatization of state home operations has been tested in a number of states. Likewise, the operating costs of Nevada's nursing homes may provide a frame of reference with which to forecast State home costs.

A. CONSTRUCTION FUNDING IN OTHER STATES

Depending on the size of the facility, the type of care provided, and the financial status of the state, a variety of approaches may be used to fund the construction of a state veterans' home. State funding may be bond-based or appropriated directly from the general fund.

Florida

In 1984, Federal funds were requested for a 150-bed domiciliary care facility in Florida. The state's share was \$2.2 million for the construction and an additional \$460,000 for architectural and engineering designs. The facility opened in 1990.

Another Florida veterans' home was proposed in 1987 to provide 120 nursing beds. It is scheduled to open in 1992. The original state appropriation, which totaled \$3.4 million, met the requirements for the state's 35 percent share. A pre-application for another 120-bed nursing facility has been submitted to the Veterans Administration (VA) recently. A \$4 million appropriation (\$2 million in 1992 and \$2 million in 1993) has been requested for this project.

Idaho

Idaho recently completed the construction of two identical veterans homes--one in Lewiston and another in Pocatello--to provide services in areas geographically removed from the original complex in Boise. Requests for Federal assistance were first submitted in 1987, and the homes are scheduled to open in 1992-1993. Each will provide 66 nursing beds in 45,000 square feet of space on 10 acres of donated land. The construction costs, including equipment and furnishings, are \$5.2 million for each home. The state's portion is \$1.8 million for each home, and was appropriated from the general fund. By building both facilities from the same design, architectural and engineering costs were reduced.

Illinois

The State of Illinois is constructing a 50-bed nursing home plus six two-bedroom apartments (12 domiciliary care beds) in Anna (Southern tip of state.) The project costs are \$3.9 million, plus \$500,000 for equipment and furnishings. The state's share of the cost is \$1.54 million provided from bonds through the Illinois Capital Revenue Fund. A 120-bed nursing facility was opened in 1990 in LaSalle, (north central part of state) with a total construction cost of \$7.1 million; the state's share being \$2.5 million.

Louisiana

In 1992, Louisiana applied for Federal funding for a 156-bed home which would provide 87 nursing beds, a 39-bed Alzheimer's disease wing and 30 domiciliary beds. The state's 35 percent share totals \$3.37 million of a \$9.7 million project.

B. OPERATING COSTS IN NEVADA'S NURSING HOMES

In evaluating the feasibility of establishing a veterans' home, not only is it helpful to research the construction costs, but comparative information regarding operations also is valuable.

The operating costs in private nursing homes are collected and compiled in Nevada by the Department of Human Resources. The average costs-per-patient-day for freestanding long-term care facilities in Nevada is \$85.76, as of March 9, 1992. This average is based on unaudited reports from 28 nursing homes, according to the most recently completed fiscal year for each facility, as reported to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nevada.

Cost centers permitted to be a part of the calculation include: administration, ancillary health care, dietary, employee benefits, health care, housekeeping, laundry and linen, plant operations and maintenance, property related costs, and other non-reimbursable expenses.

C. FEDERAL MONEY AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS

According to Title 38 of the *United States Code* (38 U.S.C. 641), the VA makes per diem payments to state veterans' homes at the following rates for 1991-92:

Domiciliary Care	1/2 the cost, but no more than \$ 9.59/day
Nursing Home Care	1/2 the cost, but no more than \$22.44/day
Hospital Care	1/2 the cost, but no more than \$22.44/day

In addition, a state operated veteran's home may establish a maintenance charge system, and collect from the pension, compensation or other income of its residents.

There is no limit on the amount collected from residents, but the sum is subtracted from the total costs allowable by the VA. The Federal aid payments may not exceed this difference, nor may they exceed one-half the aggregate costs

of maintaining veterans in a home. The VA conducts fiscal verifications of veterans' homes on a regular basis to monitor this activity.

D. PRIVATE CONTRACTORS OPERATING STATE VETERANS' HOMES

In 1985, the first state veterans' home to be operated by a private firm was established in Charlotte Hall, Maryland. The Maryland Veterans Home Commission employs a three-person "contract monitoring team" to represent the state on-site at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. The contractor, Diversified Health Services (DHS), provides an administrator and all other employees necessary for the functioning of the home. Originally, the state and DHS signed a 3-year contract, which was later renewed as a 4-year agreement.

Private contractors currently operate state veterans' homes in Alabama, Maryland, Mississippi, South Carolina and Virginia. Appendix L includes a copy of an article which appeared in the March 25, 1991, issue of *Fortune* magazine, titled "More Veterans' Homes Go Private."

E. STATE VETERANS' HOME OPERATED WITH NO STATE FUNDS

The Bill Nichols State Veterans Home opened in November 1989, in Alexander City, Alabama. As a part of the settlement of a lawsuit between the state's nursing home association and the State of Alabama, Governor Guy Hunt agreed to:

1. Propose a one-shot appropriation to fund the state share of the veterans' home construction in order to receive the federal matching money, and
2. Legislate that a private entity must operate the home with no future impact on state funds.

Following a selection process, Alabama contracted with PHP Health Care for the home's operations. The selection was permitted to be made without following the State Purchasing Department's regular bidding procedures.

In 1989, during construction of the home, various veterans organizations in Alabama raised \$400,000 in donations for the Veterans Home Trust Fund. This money is invested by the State Treasurer with all interest returned to the fund. The proceeds may only be used to cover the difference between the

cost of operating the home and earned income and other revenues.

The Veterans Home Trust Fund has grown since 1989. The state income tax form now hosts a check-off block where Alabama residents conveniently may make donations to the fund. In addition, a \$2 per day bed-lease fee is charged to the contractor operating the home. This fee generates approximately \$125,000 per year toward the trust fund.

To date, the home has not drawn against the trust fund. As the physical plant ages, however, the fund is expected to provide money for facility repairs, and so on.

VI. AVAILABILITY OF LAND FOR A STATE VETERANS' HOME

The subcommittee determined that the review of land suitable for the construction of a veterans' home in Nevada is a part of a larger planning process. Until demand patterns, size of facility, work force review, and other analyses are completed, the siting of a proposed home is not appropriate. Therefore, the subcommittee agreed not to address this portion of its charge.

VII. DISCUSSION OF SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

A. COORDINATOR OF VETERANS' HOME DEVELOPMENT

The experiences of various other states indicate that the responsibility involved with a state's efforts toward requesting and administering Federal funds, projecting the number of beds and types of services needed, working with various groups toward the design and development of a home, and coordinating the budgeting and funding mechanisms is a large task. If these duties were to be added to those of the Office of the Nevada Commissioner for Veteran Affairs, it is likely that at least one new full-time staff position will be necessary.

The subcommittee recommends the 67th session of the Nevada Legislature:

Appropriate from the State General Fund to the Office of the Nevada Commissioner for Veteran Affairs sufficient money for a new full-time professional staff position.

Add to the duties of the Office of the Nevada Commissioner for Veteran Affairs responsibility for the planning, resource gathering and coordination necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of one or more veterans' homes in Nevada. (BDR 37-252)

B. ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO HELP

Currently, a variety of private individuals and organizations coordinate and provide transportation services for veterans in the State. A number of other philanthropic gestures have been made in regard to offering veterans additional programs and services throughout Nevada.

There may be individuals, corporations or foundations who wish to assist the development of a State veterans' home in the form of grants, gifts, donations and bequests. Currently, there is no mechanism for receiving such assistance.

It is recommended that the 67th Nevada Legislature:

Create a fund for the construction, operation and maintenance of one or more veterans' homes in Nevada. Authorize the manager of the fund to apply for and receive grants, gifts and donations. Restrict that fund may be used only for programs and services related to veterans' homes of the State, although the education of the public, promotion of the opportunity to waive tax exemptions and solicitation of additional revenue are also acceptable uses. Appropriate "seed money" of \$200,000 from the State General Fund to the fund for the construction, operation and maintenance of one or more veterans' homes in Nevada. (BDR 37-249)

C. FUNDING FOR A VETERANS' HOME

One concern expressed during the course of the study was finding a source of funding, other than an appropriation from the State General Fund, for a veterans' home. Not only would a large expenditure be necessary for the State's 35 percent share of the construction of any size of facility, but the cost of operating and maintaining a State veterans' home would create a significant and ongoing expense.

According to information provided by the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), if residents were permitted to designate the veterans' exemption

to motor vehicle privilege taxes (for which they may be eligible) to a fund for the construction and operation of State veterans' homes, the revenue could be as much as \$4,799,500 annually. Although it would probably generate much less than that amount, permitting such a designation would allow access to a direct source of funding for veterans' programs other than a State General Fund appropriation.

The subcommittee understood that the promotion of this opportunity may encourage additional eligible veterans to apply for the exemption, thus reducing revenue to the general fund. However, the members recognized that the exemption is in place for eligible persons to claim, and that money rightfully belongs to those individuals.

The subcommittee recommends that the Legislature:

Allow Nevada residents who are eligible for a vehicle privilege tax exemption in *Nevada Revised Statutes* 371.103 to designate their entitlement as a donation to a fund for the construction, operation and maintenance of one or more State veterans' homes.
(BDR 32-250)

D. CHARITABLE LOTTERY TO BENEFIT VETERANS' HOMES

The subcommittee heard testimony regarding the limitations placed on charitable lotteries. According to the Legal Division of the LCB, current law prohibits a charitable lottery from being conducted statewide. Independent chapters of various national veterans' organizations are active throughout the State. Representatives of these organizations indicated an interest in operating a cooperative charitable lottery to benefit a State veterans' home.

It is recommended that the 67th Nevada Legislature:

Allow for a collectively run statewide charitable lottery once per year, coordinated by a nonprofit organization which is dedicated to veterans' issues in the State, to benefit a fund for the construction, operation and maintenance of one or more State veterans' homes in Nevada. (BDR 41-248)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 54, File No. 189,
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 54—Committee on Finance

FILE NUMBER. 189.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study of the feasibility of establishing veterans' homes, veterans' centers and motor vehicle pools for veterans.

WHEREAS, The spirit of freedom burned brightly in the hearts of men who have gone to war to defend our country; and

WHEREAS, The men of this nation who have fought in wars have demonstrated their courage by facing the possible loss of their lives every day while involved in a war; and

WHEREAS, This devotion to country should not be forgotten once a war is over; and

WHEREAS, There are approximately 146,000 veterans living in the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada presently has no homes to accommodate veterans should they be in need of housing, whether their need be temporary or permanent; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to conduct a comprehensive study of the feasibility of establishing veterans' homes, veterans' centers and motor vehicle pools for veterans in the State of Nevada to better meet the needs of veterans living in Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the study should include:

1. An identification of the needs of veterans living in the State of Nevada, and what, if any, programs are available to help meet those needs;
 2. A survey of facilities available for veterans in at least five other states that are similar to Nevada in population;
 3. A determination of the availability of land which could be used if a veteran's home were established;
 4. An estimate of the costs involved in establishing one or more veterans' homes, veterans' centers and motor vehicle pools for veterans; and
 5. Consultation with veterans' agencies and other research to determine whether money is available from the Federal Government for the establishment of such facilities;
- and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission submit a report of its findings and any recommendations for appropriate legislation to the 67th session of the Nevada Legislature.

APPENDIX B

1990 Census Data on Veterans



Department of
Veterans Affairs

1990 Census Data on Veterans

NEVADA

Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning
Management Sciences Service
Demographics Division (008B21)

Number of Veterans 16 Years and Over by County, Nevada: 1980 and 1990

Veterans	1980		1990		Change	Percent Change
	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	1980 - 1990	1980 - 1990
Nevada						
Total veterans.....	131,204	100.0	180,128	100.0	48,924	37.3
Counties						
Churchill.....	2,234	0.6	2,885	1.6	651	29.1
Clark.....	73,898	20.0	111,646	62.0	37,748	51.1
Douglas.....	3,398	0.9	4,208	2.3	810	23.8
Elko.....	2,828	0.8	4,002	2.2	1,174	41.5
Esmeralda.....	136	0.0	244	0.1	108	79.4
Eureka.....	159	0.0	218	0.1	59	37.1
Humboldt.....	1,522	0.4	1,584	0.9	62	
Lander.....	511	0.1	654	0.4	143	28.0
Lincoln.....	511	0.1	601	0.3	90	17.6
Lyon.....	2,061	0.6	3,367	1.9	1,306	63.4
Mineral.....	1,055	0.3	1,184	0.7	129	12.2
Nye.....	1,777	0.5	3,805	2.1	2,028	114.1
Pershing.....	529	0.1	585	0.3	56	10.6
Storey.....	285	0.1	414	0.2	129	45.3
Washoe.....	33,326	9.0	36,669	20.4	3,343	10.0
White Pine.....	1,308	0.4	1,390	0.8	82	6.3
Carson City.....	5,666	1.5	6,672	3.7	1,006	17.8

Demographics Division (008B21)
 Management Sciences Service
 Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning
 Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning

Number of Veterans* 16 Years and Over by Age and Sex for Counties, Nevada: 1990

State	All Veterans				Male				Female			
	Total	Less than 65 years	65 years and over	Percent 65 years and over	Total	Less than 65 years	65 years and over	Percent 65 years and over	Total	Less than 65 years	65 years and over	Percent 65 years and over
Nevada.....	180,128	139,150	40,978	22.7	170,965	132,157	38,808	22.7	9,163	6,993	2,170	23.7
Counties												
Churchill.....	2,885	2,123	762	26.4	2,689	1,998	691	25.7	196	125	71	36.2
Clark.....	111,646	86,445	25,201	22.6	105,918	81,900	24,018	22.7	5,728	4,545	1,183	20.7
Douglas.....	4,208	3,094	1,114	26.5	3,958	2,923	1,035	26.1	250	171	79	31.6
Eiko.....	4,002	3,463	539	13.5	3,858	3,335	523	13.6	144	128	16	11.1
Esmeralda....	244	199	45	18.4	229	186	43	18.8	15	13	2	13.3
Eureka.....	218	183	35	16.1	217	182	35	16.1	1	1	0	0.0
Humboldt....	1,584	1,263	321	20.3	1,523	1,207	316	20.7	61	56	5	8.2
Lander.....	654	599	55	8.4	622	567	55	8.8	32	32	0	0.0
Lincoln.....	601	444	157	26.1	582	425	157	27.0	19	19	0	0.0
Lyon.....	3,367	2,338	1,029	30.6	3,237	2,249	988	30.5	130	89	41	31.5
Mineral.....	1,184	839	345	29.1	1,125	787	338	30.0	59	52	7	11.8
Nye.....	3,805	2,899	906	23.8	3,668	2,843	825	22.5	137	56	81	59.3
Pershing.....	585	442	143	24.4	561	424	137	24.4	24	18	6	24.8
Storey.....	414	326	88	21.3	408	320	88	21.6	6	6	0	0.0
Washoe.....	36,669	28,499	8,170	22.3	34,677	27,063	7,614	22.0	1,992	1,436	556	27.9
White Pine....	1,390	1,148	242	17.4	1,366	1,131	235	17.2	24	17	7	29.4
Carson City...	6,672	4,846	1,826	27.4	6,327	4,617	1,710	27.0	345	229	116	33.6

* Number of veterans ages 16-64 exclude those who entered active duty military since September, 1980 but served less than two years. The number in this excluded group was not given by sex. Males and females might not add to total because of rounding error. (Numbers released by the Census Bureau might include those serving less than two years).

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Number of Veterans* 18 Years and Over by Period of Service for Counties, Nevada: 1990

State County	Total veterans**		Period of Service										Total peacetime veterans	Post Vietnam era			Service between Korean Conflict and Vietnam Era only	Other peace time	September 1980 or later only with less than 2 years of service			
	Total veterans**	Total wartime veterans	Vietnam era			Korean Conflict			World War II			World War I		Post Vietnam era								
			Total***	No prior wartime service	In Korean con- flict	Total****	Korean Conflict Only	In World War II	Total*****	World War II only	In Korean Conflict and Vietnam era			May 1975 to August 1980 only	Septem- ber 1980 or later only	Served in both Post Vietnam periods						
Nevada.....	180,128	136,214	60,825	53,824	4,063	36,877	23,971	5,705	54,112	45,409	2,938	244	43,914	8,554	12,093	2,574	19,635	1,058				
Counties																						
Churchill.....	2,685	2,112	856	751	99	544	316	123	938	809	6	8	773	143	277	120	213	20				31
Clark.....	111,646	83,952	38,019	32,786	3,049	23,085	14,346	3,786	33,624	27,654	2,184	147	27,694	5,366	8,092	1,811	11,770	655				1,199
Douglas.....	4,208	3,355	1,369	1,268	61	709	546	82	1,460	1,358	20	0	853	173	166	37	456	21				49
Elko.....	4,002	2,921	1,555	1,520	33	876	566	55	782	725	2	0	1,041	281	205	24	532	39				67
Esmeralda.....	244	189	87	79	8	64	33	23	69	46	0	0	55	6	12	2	35	0				0
Eureka.....	218	182	82	82	0	54	39	15	61	46	0	0	56	10	20	0	24	2				7
Humboldt.....	1,584	1,231	553	526	10	319	265	27	430	386	17	0	353	33	56	48	196	18				14
Lander.....	654	454	240	238	2	154	138	14	76	62	0	0	200	24	56	2	109	9				9
Lincoln.....	601	393	139	130	5	110	82	19	176	153	4	0	208	32	34	2	122	18				0
Lyon.....	3,367	2,700	927	848	41	743	496	168	1,313	1,107	38	2	667	112	86	42	351	66				32
Mineral.....	1,184	1,006	427	387	25	249	183	26	405	364	15	6	178	21	63	13	81	0				26
Nye.....	3,805	2,889	1,066	984	42	831	629	120	1,234	1,074	40	0	918	202	212	69	405	28				16
Perkins.....	585	453	155	145	2	120	81	28	213	176	8	12	132	53	27	4	48	0				12
Storey.....	414	343	158	155	2	70	67	0	119	118	1	0	71	7	17	0	43	4				0
Washoe.....	36,669	27,751	12,608	11,572	581	8,818	4,971	911	10,565	9,189	455	62	8,918	1,805	2,308	332	4,358	115				387
White Pine.....	1,390	1,037	507	490	17	214	170	27	360	333	0	0	353	105	109	0	115	24				21
Carson City.....	6,672	5,266	2,097	1,863	66	1,537	1,023	280	2,287	1,859	148	7	1,406	181	341	68	777	39				86

- * Number of veterans exclude those who entered active duty military after September, 1980 but served less than 2 years. Numbers released by the Bureau of the Census on veterans may include those serving less than 2 years.
- ** Total veterans are the sum of Vietnam Era (no prior service), Vietnam Era/Korean Conflict, Korean Conflict Only, World War II total, World War I, and total Peacetime.
- *** Includes Vietnam Era/Korean Conflict/World War II
- **** Includes Vietnam Era/Korean Conflict and Vietnam Era/Korean Conflict/World War II
- ***** Includes Korean Conflict/World War II

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APPENDIX C

Chart Of States With Similar Size State Population

VETERANS' HOMES IN STATES
WITH SIMILAR SIZE
STATE POPULATION
(1990)

<u>STATE</u>	<u>POPULATION IN THOUSANDS</u>	<u>NUMBER VETERANS' HOMES</u>	<u>NUMBER BEDS</u>
UTAH.....	1,723.....	0.....	0
NEBRASKA.....	1,578.....	4.....	641
NEW MEXICO.....	1,515.....	1.....	184
MAINE.....	1,228.....	3.....	280
NEVADA.....	1,202.....	0.....	0
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	1,109.....	0.....	0
HAWAII.....	1,108.....	0.....	0
IDAHO.....	1,007.....	*1.....	182
RHODE ISLAND.....	1,003.....	1.....	339

* 2 more in planning stage

SOURCE: National Association of State Veterans' Homes 1990-
1991 and The State Policy Reference Book 1991

APPENDIX D

Chart Of States With Similar Size Veteran Populations

STATES WITH SIMILAR SIZE
VETERAN POPULATIONS
(100,000 to 200,000)

<u>STATE</u>	<u>VETERAN POPULATION</u>	<u>NUMBER VETERANS' HOMES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF BEDS</u>	<u>AVERAGE FEDERAL EXPENDITURES PER VETERAN</u>
IDAHO.....	106,000.....	*1.....	*182.....	\$1,018
MAINE.....	152,200.....	3.....	280.....	1,237
NEBRASKA.....	172,700.....	4.....	641.....	1,300
NEVADA.....	147,600.....	0.....	0.....	1,002
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	145,500.....	0.....	0.....	904
NEW MEXICO.....	171,000.....	1.....	184.....	1,512
RHODE ISLAND.....	114,100.....	1.....	339.....	1,264
UTAH.....	136,300.....	0.....	0.....	1,353

* 2 more in planning stage

- SOURCE:
- 1) Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau Survey, December 1991
 - 2) Department of Veterans Affairs, Veteran Population Estimates,
September 30, 1991
 - 3) Department of Veterans Affairs, Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures,
Fiscal Year 1990

APPENDIX E

Chart Of Veteran's Programs And Services Offered

VETERAN'S PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED

	CLAIM & TECH. ASSIST.	FIELD OFFICES	CEMETERY/ BURIAL ASSIST.	TAX EXEMPT.	CERTAIN LICENSES & PLATES	HOUSING ASSIST.	EMPLMNT. PREF.	EDUCATION BENEFITS
ALABAMA	X		X	X	X		X	X
ALASKA	X			X	X	X	X	X
ARIZONA	X	X		X	X		X	X
ARKANSAS	X	X			X			
CALIFORNIA	X	X		X	X	X	X	
COLORADO	**							
CONNECTICUT	X	X	X					
DELAWARE	**							
FLORIDA	X							
GEORGIA	**							
HAWAII	X		X	X		X	X	X
IDAHO	X							
ILLINOIS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
INDIANA	**							
IOWA	**							
KANSAS	**							
KENTUCKY	**							
LOUISIANA	X	X			X		X	X
MAINE	X		X					X
MARYLAND	**							
MASSACHUSETTS	**							
MICHIGAN	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
MINNESOTA	X	X	X				X	X
MISSISSIPPI	X	X		X	X	X	X	
MISSOURI	**							
MONTANA	X		X	X	X		X	X
NEBRASKA	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
NEVADA	X		X	X	X		X	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
NEW JERSEY	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
NEW MEXICO	X	X		X	X			X
NEW YORK	X	X		X	X	X	X	
NORTH CAROLINA	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
NORTH DAKOTA	X	X	X					
OHIO	**							
OKLAHOMA	X			X	X		X	
OREGON	X	X				X		X
PENNSYLVANIA	X		X		X		X	
RHODE ISLAND	X		X					
SOUTH CAROLINA	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
SOUTH DAKOTA			X					
TENNESSEE	X	X		X	X		X	X
TEXAS	X	X						
UTAH	**							
VERMONT			X					X
VIRGINIA	X							X
WASHINGTON	**							
WEST VIRGINIA	X				X			X
WISCONSIN	X	X			X	X		X
WYOMING	**							

** No response to survey

Source: Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau Survey, December 1991

APPENDIX F

Chart Of Veterans Homes By State

VETERANS HOMES BY STATE

STATE	NUMBER OF HOMES	DATE ESTAB.	NUMBER OF BEDS
Alabama	1	1989	150
Alaska	1 in progress		
Arizona	0		
Arkansas	1	1980	
California	1		
Colorado	3	1975	120
		1970	400
		1990	150
Connecticut	1	1864	650
Delaware	*		
Florida	1	1990	
Georgia	0		
Hawaii	0		
Idaho	1 open	1895	180
	2 in progress		
Illinois	3 open	1990	
	1 in progress	1986	300
		1886	800
		1895	800
Indiana	1		
Iowa	1	1887	825
Kansas	1	1899	300
Kentucky	*		
Louisiana	1	1967	225
Maine	3		280 (combined)
Maryland	1	1984	250
	1 in progress	1992	
Massachusetts	2	1952	350
		1877	650
Michigan	2	1980	250
		1885	800
Minnesota	2	1978	200
		1887	500
Mississippi	1	1989	150
Missouri	4		550 (combined)
Montana	1		150
Nebraska	4	1980	200
		1974	150
		1963	150
		1887	450
Nevada	0		
New Hampshire	1	1890	150
New Jersey	3	1886	350
		1932	400
		1899	300
New Mexico	1	1985	175
New York	2 open	1895	250
	1 in progress		
North Carolina	*		
North Dakota	1	1893	130
Ohio	1	1886	750
Oklahoma	7	1910(?)	1200
Oregon	*		
Pennsylvania	3	1986	
		1977	400
		1886	350
Rhode Island	1	1890	339
South Carolina	2	1971	100
		1991	220
South Dakota	1	1899	200
Tennessee	1	1930/91	120
Texas	0		
Utah	*		
Vermont	1	1884	250
Virginia	1 in progress		240
		1910	400
Washington	2	1891	200
		1981	200
West Virginia	1		200
Wisconsin	1	1887	700
Wyoming	1	1903	120

SOURCE: Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau Survey, December 1991 and National Association of State Veterans Homes, 1990-1991.
 *Did not respond to Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau Survey, December 1991.

APPENDIX G

Chart Of Number And Size Of Veterans' Homes

NUMBER AND SIZE OF VETERANS' HOMES 1990 - 1991

<u>STATE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF HOMES</u>	<u>SKILLED NURSING BEDS</u>	<u>INTERMEDIATE CARE BEDS</u>	<u>DOMICILIARY CARE BEDS</u>	<u>TOTAL BEDS</u>
ALABAMA.....	1	150			150
ALASKA.....	0				
ARIZONA.....	0				
ARKANSAS.....	1	116			116
CALIFORNIA.....	1	369	318	817	1,504
COLORADO.....	3	318	50	10	378
CONNECTICUT.....	2	350	325	325	1,000
DELAWARE.....	0				
FLORIDA.....	1 (4 more in progress)			150	150
GEORGIA.....	0				
HAWAII.....	0				
IDAHO.....	1 (2 more in progress)	136	36	10	182
ILLINOIS.....	3 (1 more in progress)	706	300	120	1,126
INDIANA.....	1	614	186		800
IOWA.....	1	717	113		830
KANSAS.....	1	88	125	82	295
KENTUCKY.....	0				
LOUISIANA.....	1 (1 more in progress)	136		100	236
MAINE.....	3	120	40	120	280
MARYLAND.....	1 (1 more in progress)	126		126	252
MASSACHUSETTS.....	2	520	355		875
MICHIGAN.....	2	514	299	192	1,005
MINNESOTA.....	2	346	194	200	740
MISSISSIPPI.....	1	28	100	22	150
MISSOURI.....	4	548			548
MONTANA.....	1	90	60		150
NEBRASKA.....	4	92	507	42	641
NEVADA.....	0				
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	0				
NEW JERSEY.....	3	352	648	40	1,040
NEW MEXICO.....	1		164	20	184
NEW YORK.....	2 (1 more in progress)	242			242
NORTH CAROLINA.....	0				
NORTH DAKOTA.....	1		130		130
OHIO.....	1	500		225	725
OKLAHOMA.....	7	1,089		96	1,185
OREGON.....	0				
PENNSYLVANIA.....	3	275	138	341	754
RHODE ISLAND.....	1	40	220	79	339
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	2	120	200		320
SOUTH DAKOTA.....	1		20	200	220
TENNESSEE.....	1	30	90		120
TEXAS.....	0				
UTAH.....	0				
VERMONT.....	1	135	50	24	209
VIRGINIA.....	1	60	120	60	240
WASHINGTON.....	2	425		201	626
WEST VIRGINIA.....	1			195	195
WISCONSIN.....	1	386	288	28	702
WYOMING.....	1			120	120
TOTAL.....	67	9,738	5,076	3,945	18,759

SOURCE: Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau Survey, December 1991
and National Association of State Veterans' Homes 1990-1991

APPENDIX H

Chart Of Federal Distribution Of VA Funds To States

**FEDERAL DISTRIBUTION OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION FUNDS TO STATES
RANKED BY AVERAGE EXPENDITURE PER VETERAN**

<u>RANK</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>*TOTAL VETERAN POPULATION</u>	<u>**TOTAL DVA EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>AVERAGE EXPENDITURE PER VETERAN</u>	<u>VETERANS' HOME?</u>
1.	SOUTH DAKOTA	75,300	156,124,531	2,073	X
2.	MISSISSIPPI	225,500	440,035,357	1,951	X
3.	ARKANSAS	247,300	476,056,642	1,925	X
4.	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	53,300	913,992,150	1,715	
5.	WEST VIRGINIA	209,000	340,036,150	1,627	X
6.	ALABAMA	396,700	632,802,616	1,595	X
7.	NEW MEXICO	171,000	258,606,773	1,512	X
8.	WYOMING	52,200	76,129,380	1,458	X
9.	KENTUCKY	345,500	495,177,688	1,433	X
10.	MASSACHUSETTS	637,700	912,857,870	1,431	X
11.	OKLAHOMA	370,200	524,917,224	1,418	X
12.	TENNESSEE	522,300	739,367,772	1,416	X
13.	NEBRASKA	172,700	224,576,099	1,300	X
14.	VERMONT	63,500	88,739,400	1,397	X
15.	LOUISIANA	407,100	552,040,924	1,356	X
16.	UTAH	136,300	184,377,696	1,353	
17.	ALASKA	64,200	81,478,827	1,269	
18.	RHODE ISLAND	114,100	144,225,456	1,264	X
19.	COLORADO	390,700	491,318,400	1,258	X
20.	NORTH DAKOTA	60,900	76,554,976	1,257	X
21.	OREGON	346,900	431,561,406	1,244	
22.	VIRGINIA	655,000	811,069,600	1,238	X
23.	MAINE	152,200	188,343,028	1,237	X
24.	GEORGIA	668,100	825,898,960	1,236	
25.	TEXAS	1,740,300	2,142,304,200	1,231	
26.	NEW YORK	1,719,800	2,071,515,453	1,205	X
27.	NORTH CAROLINA	678,800	817,352,745	1,204	
28.	ARIZONA	427,800	513,750,800	1,201	
29.	FLORIDA	1,550,200	1,851,875,306	1,195	X
30.	SOUTH CAROLINA	353,200	414,944,424	1,175	X
31.	KANSAS	273,800	318,020,140	1,162	X
32.	MISSOURI	616,700	687,643,680	1,115	X
33.	MINNESOTA	481,900	526,309,166	1,092	X
34.	HAWAII	98,800	106,457,845	1,078	
35.	IOWA	314,400	334,167,450	1,063	X
36.	MONTANA	98,200	100,830,979	1,027	X
37.	WASHINGTON	590,700	604,715,910	1,024	X
38.	IDAHO	106,000	107,894,101	1,018	X
39.	DELAWARE	78,800	80,065,208	1,016	
40.	CALIFORNIA	2,749,800	2,776,136,046	1,010	X
41.	NEVADA	147,600	147,869,751	1,002	
42.	ILLINOIS	1,173,800	1,161,819,868	990	X
43.	WISCONSIN	549,400	541,524,200	986	X
44.	PENNSYLVANIA	1,462,000	1,388,320,816	950	X
45.	MARYLAND	532,100	489,926,354	921	X
46.	OHIO	1,254,000	1,149,346,000	917	X
47.	NEW HAMPSHIRE	145,500	131,599,388	904	
48.	CONNECTICUT	371,600	302,418,518	814	X
49.	INDIANA	621,500	481,876,840	775	X
50.	NEW JERSEY	842,200	629,529,802	747	X
51.	MICHIGAN	989,600	785,102,614	793	X

SOURCE: *DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VETERAN POPULATION ESTIMATES, SEPTEMBER 30, 1991
 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES, FISCAL YEAR 1990

APPENDIX I

Survey Of State Veterans' Programs
Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau
November 1991

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October 3, 1991

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of the Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study the Feasibility of Establishing Veterans' Homes, Veterans' Centers and Motor Pools for Veterans (S.C.R. 54)

FROM: Caren Jenkins, Senior Research Analyst *Caren*

SUBJECT: Request For Information

Senator R. Hal Smith, Chairman of the SCR 54 Committee, seeks information from any interested Nevadan regarding the topics of the study.

Enclosed are 10 copies of a letter inviting public participation in the process. This letter was mailed to approximately 35 individuals, and was distributed to various groups through the Commission of Nevada Veterans' Organizations. Please consider offering a copy to anyone you know may be interested in providing input.

Chairman Smith will call the subcommittee's first meeting for sometime in January 1992. At that time, any information received regarding the study topics will be compiled and presented to the committee.

I hope this information is helpful. Please contact me if I may be of any further assistance.

CJ/cr: CW91-1960, VETS, L3
Encs.

SURVEY OF STATE VETERANS' PROGRAMS
Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau
November 1991

Please type or print legibly. If you would be willing to provide additional information, please attach the necessary pages.
Thank you!

1. Your name and title _____

Telephone number, for further information _____

2. What is the annual budget for your State Veterans' agency?

3. Please list the services your state provides to veterans.
For example: claims assistance, veterans' home(s),
transportation services, cemetery(ies), etc.
PLEASE ENCLOSE A BROCHURE IF ONE IS AVAILABLE.

4. How does your state support veterans' programs? Straight
appropriation? Special assessment? Dedicated tax?
A combination of the above? Another method?

SURVEY OF STATE VETERANS' PROGRAMS
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IF YOUR STATE DOES NOT HAVE A STATE VETERANS' HOME, THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT. PLEASE RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IN THE ENCLOSED RETURN ENVELOPE. IF YOUR STATE HAS A STATE VETERANS' HOME, PLEASE CONTINUE WITH THE NEXT QUESTION.

5. If you have a state veterans' home, when was it established?

- What was the original state appropriation for its development?

- How many beds were provided? Skilled Nursing _____
Intermediate Care _____ Residential Only _____

- How were these numbers developed? _____

PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE ENABLING LEGISLATION FOR YOUR VETERANS' HOME.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

**PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES OR INFORMATION,
AND RETURN BY NOVEMBER 30, 1991 TO:**

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APPENDIX J

Priority List Of Federal Assistance Requests
Pending Approval Of State Home Construction
Grants As Of August 15, 1991

PRIORITY LIST OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS PENDING
 APPROVAL OF STATE HOME CONSTRUCTION GRANTS 1/
 AS OF AUGUST 15, 1991

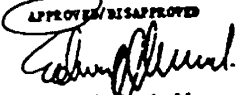
RANK NO.	PRIORITY GROUP	FAI No.	STATE (Locality)	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED GRANT AMOUNT (\$000)
* 1	1	04-001	AZ (Phoenix)	200 HHC	9,223
* 2	1	24-003	ND (Charlotte Hall)	126 HHC/D	5,369
* 3	1	12-002	FL (Daytona Beach)	120 HHC	4,441
* 4	1	34-004	NY (NYC St Albans)	230 HHC	20,990
* 5	1	29-007	MO (St Louis)	200 HHC	8,123
* 6	1	06-008	CO (Walsenburg)	120 HHC	3,032
* 7	1	16-004	IB (Louisiana)	64 HHC	3,343
* 8	1	35-012	VI (King)	204 HHC	10,096
* 9	1	27-010	NH (Leverse)	83 HHC	4,179
10	1	30-002	NY (Glendon)	100 HHC	3,699
11	1	23-003	NE (Caribou)	40 HHC Rainbows	1,203
12	1	35-032	MA (Holyoke)	Handicap Ac HHC	147
13	1	35-013	VI (King)	Fire Alm Sys HHC	115
14	1	33-022	VA (Retail)	Asbestos Rem HHC	489
15	1	33-023	VA (Orting)	Asbestos Rem HHC	68
16	1	34-015	NJ (Hemle Park)	HHC Link	72
17	1	34-016	NJ (Hemle Park)	Ach Patio HHC	34
18	1	31-006	NE (Omaha)	Con Renov HHC	1,941
19	1	31-008	NE (Norfolk)	Con Renov HHC	420
20	1	35-014	VI (King)	Air Cond HHC	1,919
21	1	35-003	NH (T or C)	Kit Ren HHC	170
22	1	16-005	IB (Belize)	Kit Ren HHC	117
23	1	21-001	KY (Wilmore)	Grant Inc HHC	615
24	1	27-012	NH (Winn)	Air Cond HHC	347
25	1	42-015	PA (Erie)	Heat Sys R/HHC	1,202
26	1	31-007	NE (Scottsbluff)	Con Ren/Den	1,826
27	1	36-003	NY (Buffalo)	Air Cond Den	288
28	1	09-010	CT (Rocky Hill)	LSC/Handicap Den	618
29	1	27-011	NH (Hastings)	Air Cond Den	104
30	1	06-037	CA (Yountville)	Ren Sec Bkx Den	3,283
31	1	27-013	NH (Hastings)	Con Ren LSC other	1,030
32	1	09-009	CT (Rocky Hill)	Except Asbestos	361
33	2	41-001	OR (Pendling)	New 151-Bed HHC	8,325
34	2	72-001	FL (Juana Diaz)	250 Den (HHC etd)	7,303
35	3	24-004	ND (Charlotte Hall)	126 HHC/D	5,294
36	3	01-002	AL (Montville)	New 120 Bed HHC	5,289
37	3	01-003	AL (Bay Minette)	New 120 Bed HHC	5,516
38	3	06-024	CA (Yountville)	Ren HHC 1-3C-D	3,120
39	3	06-026	CA (Yountville)	Ren Annex I	2,441
40	3	06-027	CA (Yountville)	Ren Annex II	2,441
41	3	06-029	CA (Yountville)	Ren Storage Den	195
42	3	06-035	CA (Yountville)	Ren Adm Bldg Den	325
43	3	36-003	NY (Oxford)	Ren PT/OT HHC	1,217
44	4	29-004	ND (St. James)	Add 50 HHC	2,420
45	4	29-006	ND (DUF)	New 150 Bed HHC	7,800
46	4	19-026	IA (Clarinda)	68 HHC	2,647
47	4	17-014	IL (Anna)	New 60 Bed HHC	2,525
48	4	33-024	MA (Orting)	Ren + Bl HHC Bede	2,878
49	4	33-025	MA (Orting)	+32 HHC Alzheimer	2,262
50	4	35-011	VI (King)	Ren HHC Unit	3,187
51	4	19-027	IA (Marshalltown)	Dietary HHC	4,173
52	4	42-012	PA (Spring City)	Dietary Den	2,373
53	4	34-014	NJ (Hemle Park)	Laund/Warshs HHC	1,168
54	4	33-020	VA (Orting)	Main Bldg HHC	102
55	4	34-017	NJ (Vineland)	Laund/Warshs HHC	770
56	4	34-018	NJ (Hemle Park)	Fire Protec HHC	2,006
57	4	34-019	NJ (Vineland)	Fire Protec HHC	1,206
58	4	34-020	NJ (Vineland)	Thermal Wind HHC	158
59	4	17-015	IL (Quincy)	Laundry HHC	81
60	4	19-028	IA (Marshalltown)	Con Renov HHC	2,731
61	4	17-016	IL (Quincy)	Therapy Bldg HHC	2,421
62	4	06-021	CA (Yountville)	Ren Den J	933
63	4	06-023	CA (Yountville)	Ren Den L	812
64	4	06-036	CA (Yountville)	Sprinkler Den E	121
65	4	33-021	VA (Retail)	Thermal Windows/D	13
66	5	06-032	CA (Yountville)	Ren Food Svc Boop	46

TOTAL: \$177,527

1/ Applications have not been approved but have been received and ranked pursuant to Title 38, United States Code, Section 5035, and Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 17.170 through 17.183.

* Indicates application was on the August 15, 1990, priority list, and is scheduled for obligation before September 30, 1991. If funds for these grants are not obligated before September 30, 1991, applications will be funded in Fiscal Year 1992 in the order which they appear on this list, subject to the availability of Federal funds and compliance with all Federal requirements.

This priority list, established as of August 15, 1991, is hereby:

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED

 Edward J. Marvinski
 Secretary
 SEP 09 1991

APPENDIX K

U.S. Department Of Veterans Affairs
State Home Program Questions and Answers

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
STATE HOME PROGRAM

Questions & Answers

1. What is a State Home?

The term "State Home" means a home established by a State for a veterans disabled by age, disease, or otherwise, who by reason of such disability are incapable of earning a living. It also includes a home which furnishes nursing home care for such veterans.

2. Can a State Home furnish more than one level of care?

Yes. A State Home may furnish domiciliary, nursing home and hospital levels of care. A home which furnishes more than one level of care must provide such care in clearly designated areas within that home so that the levels of care are not intermingled.

3. Who establishes a State Home?

The establishment, control, and administration of a State home is the responsibility of the State which it serves.

4. How is State Home established?

Generally, veterans service organizations and interested State officials encourage the State legislature to enact legislation for establishment of a State Veterans Home and to appropriate funds for its operation.

5. What assistance from VA is available in the establishment of a State Home?

a. VA will provide guidance and consult with representatives of the State to insure that the facility will meet regulations for VA recognition and federal aid payments under provision of Title 38 U.S.C. 641.

b. VA cannot participate in the cost of land.

6. Can a building in an existing State facility be approved as a State Home?

A building or buildings in an existing facility may qualify provided that they are established and operated as a separate entity (State Home). It is permissible to purchase services, i.e., dietetic, engineering, laundry, and professional care from an existing facility.

7. Can a facility providing only hospital care be recognized by VA as a State Home?

No. A State Home must provide primarily domiciliary and/or nursing home care for veterans.

8. What are the veteran admission requirements to a State Home?

a. Admission requirements are determined by the State.

b. Following admission, an "Application for Medical Benefits", VA Form 10-10M, is forwarded to VA to establish a veterans eligibility for payment of VA per diem.

9. What Federal funds are available to a State for the operation of a State Home?

Under provisions of Title 38 U.S.C. 641, VA participates by making per diem payments to the States for the three levels of care furnished veterans as determined on an annual basis. The current payments are as follows:

a. Domiciliary Care - up to one-half of the cost of care not to exceed \$9.59 per day.

b. Nursing Home Care - up to one-half of the cost of care not to exceed \$22.44 per day.

c. Hospital Care - up to one-half of the cost of care not to exceed \$22.44 per day.

10. Can the State assess or charge veterans for the cost of their care?

Yes. The state operated facility may establish a maintenance charge system and collect from the pension, compensation, or other income of veterans.

11. Is there a limit on the amount collected from veterans?

No. However, income collected from veterans is subtracted from the total allowable costs during fiscal verifications. VA aid payments may not exceed this difference nor may the VA aid payments exceed one-half the aggregate cost of maintaining veterans in a home.

12. If a veteran in a State Home requires hospitalization in a VA facility, can VA continue per diem payments?

No. VA per diem payments are not made if a veteran in a State Home is transferred to a VA Medical Center for hospital care or to a non-VA hospital at VA expense.

*Provision - VA per diem payments are continued up to 96 hours for a veteran transferred from a State Home to a hospital at non-VA expense.

13. Can VA participate with States in the construction or acquisition of State Home facilities?

Yes. Under Title 38 U.S.C. 5031-5037, VA is authorized to participate in up to 65% of the cost of acquisition and construction of new domiciliary or nursing home buildings, and/or the expansion, remodeling, or alteration of existing domiciliary, nursing or hospital care buildings, provided VA standards and regulations are met. Acquisition and renovation costs may not exceed the cost of construction of an equivalent new facility.

b. Such cost may include architect fees, supervision, inspection, cost of final audit, and initial equipment, which is not included in the construction contract, not to exceed 10 percent of the cost of construction.

c. The VA may not participate in projects for maintenance and repair except as they are involved inextricably in remodeling projects.

14. Can the VA reimburse a State for the Federal share of completed construction project? What are the conditions?

Yes, providing VA receives a preapplication/application and approves all bid documents (drawings and specifications) before construction begins or early in the construction phase.

15. How can a State obtain VA regulations, instruction and application forms for construction projects?

Write to: ACMD for Geriatrics and Extended Care (145B)
Veterans Health Services and Research Administration
U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Washington, DC 20420

16. Is there a limit on the number of beds that can be constructed with VA participation?

Yes. Nursing home care beds cannot exceed 4 beds per 1,000 veteran population in the State. The State must provide justification, acceptable to the Secretary, for nursing home beds in excess of the 2 1/2 per 1,000 veteran population of a State. Domiciliary beds cannot exceed 2 beds per 1,000 veteran population in the State.

17. Who is responsible for a construction project?

The State is primarily responsible.

The State employs an architect and submits plans for review and approval by VA prior to awarding the contract. During construction, which is supervised by the State, reimbursement claims may be submitted to VA for payment based on incurred costs.

18. May other than veterans occupy facilities constructed under Title 38 U.S.C. 5031-5037.

Yes. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the bed occupants at any one time may be veteran related family members, i.e. spouses, surviving spouses, and or gold star parents who are not entitled to payment of VA aid. When a State home accepts grant assistance for a construction project, 75% of the bed occupants at the facility must be veterans.

19. How are construction grants awarded?

VA establishes a priority list of applications as of August 15 for funding the next Fiscal Year beginning October 1. After the appropriation for the construction grant program, projects will be funded from the priority list until Federal funds are spent.

20. What is the first priority on the August 15 list?

First priority is accorded to applications for which States have provided sufficient State funds so that the project may proceed upon award of the grant without further State action being required to make such funds available.

21. Is there a deadline for consideration for the August 15 priority list?

Yes. Preapplications must be received by April 15. Applications must be received by August 15.

22. What are "sufficient" funds for purposes of being ranked in priority 1? Are there other requirements for being ranked in priority 1?

"Sufficient" funds are at least one-half of the State's 35 percent matching share. These funds must be available and an authorized State official must certify that these funds are available, that no further State action is required to make these funds available, and how long the funds will remain available. A copy of the approved legislation appropriating the funds for the specific project must accompany the certification.

23. What are the other priority categories?

Second priority is accorded to States which have not received a construction or acquisition grant; third priority is based on an unmet need of 91 to 100 percent as determined by regulations; fourth priority is based on an unmet need of 0 to 90 percent as determined by regulations; fifth priority is hospital renovations; and sixth priority is hospital expansion. Hospitals cannot be assigned values for ranking on the priority list.

24. Where can I find the Federal regulations for the priority system?

Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, 17.170 through 17.183.

APPENDIX L

"More Veterans' Homes Go Private"
Fortune, March 25, 1991

MORE VETERANS' HOMES GO PRIVATE

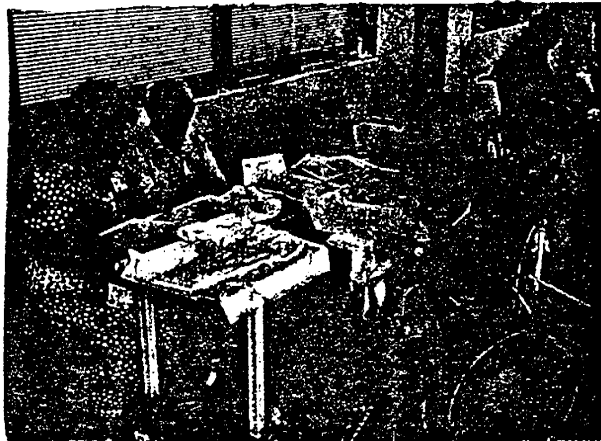
■ South Carolina has become the fourth state to subcontract nursing-home care for some of its ailing military veterans. The others: Alabama, Maryland, and Mississippi.

More may follow. The number of U.S. veterans age 65 and over has more than doubled to 6.7 million since 1980 and will reach an estimated 8.6 million in the year 2015 as Vietnam-era vets begin to reach retirement age. However, the Department of Veterans Affairs gives those with service-related

126 facilities have 13,000 beds.

But the states find the homes expensive to run, even with VA contributions, Medicaid, Medicare, and any private insurance patients may have. South Carolina, for example, built a 220-bed nursing home in Anderson. To operate it would have cost the state an estimated \$6.8 million a year, or \$85 per vet each day. PHP Healthcare, a public company in Alexandria, Virginia, will now do the job for less than \$75, saving the state about \$800,000 a year. PHP operates another nursing home for veterans in Alexander City, Alabama.

Not every state likes this approach. Says Richard Heuckendorf, veterans' affairs director in Oklahoma, which has six homes with more than 1,100



Vets paint T-shirts in an Alabama home.

problems priority for nursing-home care. What about the others?

Washington wants the states to help. Congress is likely to increase fiscal 1992's matching-fund program that pays 65% of new nursing-home construction costs, raising it 27% over 1991 to \$85 million. Since this program began in 1960, 32 states have built 57 homes for veterans with a total of 12,500 beds. The VA's

beds: "Though it may be economical initially, a private company will keep raising contract prices. By then, it would be too late for the state to get back into the game."

- Tricia Welsh

APPENDIX M

Suggested Legislation

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SUMMARY--Authorizes operation by veterans' organizations of annual statewide lottery to obtain money for veterans' homes.
(BDR 41-248)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Yes.

AN ACT relating to lotteries; authorizing the operation of an annual statewide lottery by veterans' organizations to obtain money for veterans' homes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 462 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. A veteran's organization that is not operated for profit may conduct a statewide charitable lottery if:

(a) The veteran's organization:

(1) Is approved by the executive director pursuant to NRS 462.150.

(2) Obtains from the executive director a written exemption from the provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 462.180. The executive director may grant such an exemption for not more than one statewide charitable lottery in each calendar year.

(3) *Complies with the remaining provisions of this chapter and the regulations of the commission.*

(b) *The expenses incurred in the operation of the statewide charitable lottery do not exceed a maximum percentage, established by regulation of the commission, of the total amount of money collected from the sale of tickets or chances for the lottery.*

(c) *The net proceeds of the statewide charitable lottery are distributed, in a manner specifically approved by the Nevada commissioner for veteran affairs, for expenditure solely on the construction, operation and maintenance of veterans' homes in this state.*

2. *A veteran's organization that is not operated for profit may provide local assistance in the operation of a statewide charitable lottery conducted pursuant to subsection 1 if the veteran's organization providing that assistance:*

(a) *Enters into a written agreement with the veteran's organization authorized to conduct the lottery setting forth the particular activities it will undertake in the provision of that assistance, and provides the executive director with a copy of that agreement.*

(b) *Complies with the provisions of this chapter and the regulations of the commission to the same extent as if its assistance were the operation of a separate charitable lottery.*

(c) *Remits the total amount of money it collects from the sale of tickets or chances for the lottery, less the direct expenses it necessarily incurs to provide its assistance, to the veteran's organization authorized to conduct the lottery. The expenses incurred by a veteran's organization in the provision of assistance*

pursuant to this subsection must not exceed a maximum percentage, established by regulation of the commission, of the total amount of money it collects from the sale of tickets or chances for the lottery.

Sec. 2. NRS 462.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

462.130 1. The board and commission shall administer the provisions of this chapter for the protection of the public and in the public interest in accordance with the policy of this state.

2. The commission, upon the recommendation of the board:

(a) *Shall adopt such regulations as it deems desirable to administer and enforce the provisions of section 1 of this act;*

(b) May adopt such regulations as it deems desirable to enforce the *other* provisions of this chapter; and

[(b)] (c) Shall adopt regulations providing a procedure to appeal the denial of the approval of the executive director pursuant to NRS 462.150, pursuant to the procedure set forth in NRS 463.145.

Sec. 3. NRS 462.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:

462.180 A qualified organization shall not:

1. [Sell] *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1 of section 1 of this act, sell* any ticket or chance for a charitable lottery outside of:

(a) The primary county in which the charitable lottery is being conducted; and

(b) Any counties that border on the primary county.

2. If the organization has been approved by the executive director, conduct more than one charitable lottery in any calendar quarter without the specific authorization of the executive director.

Sec. 4. Chapter 417 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

The commissioner, in cooperation with the deputy commissioner, shall adopt regulations establishing standards for the distribution of the net proceeds of a statewide charitable lottery conducted pursuant to section 1 of this act, to ensure that the net proceeds of the lottery are expended solely for the construction, operation and maintenance of veterans' homes in this state.

SUMMARY--Creates fund for veterans' homes and makes appropriation to fund. (BDR 37-249)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Contains Appropriation.

AN ACT relating to veterans' homes; creating a fund for veterans' homes; specifying the permissible uses of money in the fund; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 417 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. *There is hereby created in the state treasury the fund for veterans' homes. The commissioner shall administer the fund.*
2. *The commissioner may accept any gift, grant or contribution made for the use of the fund. All such gifts, grants or contributions of:*
 - (a) *Money must be deposited with the state treasurer for credit to the fund.*
 - (b) *Property other than money may be sold or exchanged if:*
 - (1) *It is determined by the commissioner that the sale or exchange would help to achieve the purposes for which the fund was established; and*

(2) The sale or exchange is approved by the state board of examiners.

All money received from a sale or exchange of property pursuant to this paragraph must be deposited with the state treasurer for credit to the fund.

3. Money in the fund may only be used for:

(a) The construction, operation and maintenance of veterans' homes;

(b) Programs and services related to veterans' homes;

(c) The solicitation of other sources of money for funding veterans' homes;

and

(d) Efforts to inform the public about issues concerning the establishment and uses of veterans' homes.

4. The interest and income earned on the money in the fund, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the fund.

Sec. 2. NRS 417.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

417.220 1. Money received by the commissioner or the deputy commissioner from:

(a) Fees pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 417.210;

(b) Allowances for burial from the Veterans' Administration or the Social Security Administration;

(c) Appropriations made by the legislature for veterans' cemeteries; and

(d) [Gifts] *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, gifts of money or proceeds derived from the sale of gifts of personal property he is authorized to accept,*

must be deposited with the state treasurer for credit to the account for a veterans' cemetery in northern Nevada or the account for a veterans' cemetery in southern Nevada, whichever is appropriate, in the state general fund.

2. The interest and income earned on the money in the accounts, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the accounts.

3. The money in each account must only be used for the operation and maintenance of the cemetery for which the account was created.

4. Gifts of personal property which the commissioner or the deputy commissioner is authorized to receive but which are not appropriate for conversion to money may be used in kind.

Sec. 3. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the fund for veterans' homes the sum of \$200,000.

2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 1995, and reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have been made.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 1993.

SUMMARY--Authorizes certain persons to waive their exemptions from motor vehicle privilege tax and designate additional amount paid to be credited to fund for veterans' homes. (BDR 32-250)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

AN ACT relating to veterans; creating a fund for veterans' homes; specifying the permissible uses of the money in the fund; authorizing persons who are qualified for certain exemptions from the motor vehicle privilege tax to waive their exemptions and designate any additional amount paid to be credited to the fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 371 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Any person who qualifies for an exemption pursuant to NRS 371.103 or 371.104 may, in lieu of claiming his exemption:

(a) Pay to the department all or any portion of the amount by which the tax would be reduced if he claimed his exemption; and

(b) Direct the department to deposit that amount for credit to the fund for veteran's homes created pursuant to section 6 of this act.

2. Any person who wishes to waive his exemption pursuant to subsection 1 shall designate the amount to be credited to the fund on a form provided by the department.

3. The department shall deposit any money received pursuant to this section with the state treasurer for credit to the fund for veterans' homes.

Sec. 2. NRS 371.103 is hereby amended to read as follows:

371.103 1. Vehicles, to the extent of \$1,000 determined valuation, registered by any actual bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who:

(a) Has served a minimum of 90 days on active duty, who was assigned to active duty at some time between April 21, 1898, and June 15, 1903, or between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, or between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, or between June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955;

(b) Has served a minimum of 90 continuous days on active duty none of which was for training purposes, who was assigned to active duty at some time between January 1, 1961, and May 7, 1975; or

(c) Was assigned to active duty or who served on active duty outside of the United States in connection with carrying out the authorization granted to the President of the United States in Public Law 102-1, and who received, upon severance from service, an honorable discharge or certificate of satisfactory service from the Armed Forces of the United States, or who, having so served, is still serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, is exempt from taxation.

2. For the purpose of this section the first \$1,000 determined valuation of vehicles in which such a person has any interest shall be deemed to belong to that person.

3. A person claiming the exemption shall file annually with the department in the county where the exemption is claimed an affidavit declaring that he is an actual bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who meets all the other requirements of subsection 1, and that the exemption is claimed in no other county within this state. After the filing of the original affidavit, the county assessor shall mail a form for :

(a) The renewal of the exemption ; and

(b) The designation of any amount to be credited to the fund for veterans' homes,

to the person each year following a year in which the exemption was allowed for that person. The form must be designed to facilitate its return by mail by the person claiming the exemption.

4. Persons in actual military service are exempt during the period of such service from filing annual affidavits of exemption and the department shall grant exemptions to those persons on the basis of the original affidavits filed. In the case of any person who has entered the military service without having previously made and filed an affidavit of exemption, the affidavit may be filed in his behalf during the period of such service by any person having knowledge of the facts.

5. Before allowing any veteran's exemption pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the department shall require proof of status of the veteran, and

for that purpose shall require production of an honorable discharge or certificate of satisfactory service or a certified copy thereof, or such other proof of status as may be necessary.

6. If any person files a false affidavit or produces false proof to the department, and as a result of the false affidavit or false proof a tax exemption is allowed to a person not entitled to the exemption, he is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 3. NRS 371.104 is hereby amended to read as follows:

371.104 1. An actual bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who has incurred a permanent service-connected disability and has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States, or his surviving spouse, is entitled to a veteran's exemption from the payment of vehicle privilege taxes on vehicles of the following determined valuations:

(a) If he has a disability of 100 percent, the first \$10,000 of determined valuation;

(b) If he has a disability of 80 to 99 percent, inclusive, the first \$7,500 of determined valuation; or

(c) If he has a disability of 60 to 79 percent, inclusive, the first \$5,000 of determined valuation.

2. For the purpose of this section, the first \$10,000 determined valuation of vehicles in which an applicant has any interest shall be deemed to belong entirely to that person.

3. A person claiming the exemption shall file annually with the department in the county where the exemption is claimed an affidavit declaring that he is

an actual bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who meets all the other requirements of subsection 1, and that the exemption is claimed in no other county within this state. After the filing of the original affidavit, the county assessor shall mail a form for :

(a) The renewal of the exemption ; and

(b) The designation of any amount to be credited to the fund for veterans' homes,

to the person each year following a year in which the exemption was allowed for that person. The form must be designed to facilitate its return by mail by the person claiming the exemption.

4. Before allowing any exemption pursuant to the provisions of this section, the department shall require proof of the applicant's status, and for that purpose shall require production of:

(a) A certificate from the Veterans' Administration that the veteran has incurred a permanent service-connected disability, which shows the percentage of that disability; and

(b) Any one of the following:

(1) An honorable discharge;

(2) A certificate of satisfactory service; or

(3) A certified copy of either of these documents.

5. A surviving spouse claiming an exemption pursuant to this section must file with the department in the county where the exemption is claimed an affidavit declaring that:

(a) The surviving spouse was married to and living with the disabled veteran for the 5 years preceding his death;

(b) The disabled veteran was eligible for the exemption at the time of his death; and

(c) The surviving spouse has not remarried.

The affidavit required by this subsection is in addition to the certification required pursuant to subsections 3 and 4. After the filing of the original affidavit required by this subsection, the county assessor shall mail a form for renewal of the exemption to the person each year following a year in which the exemption was allowed for that person. The form must be designed to facilitate its return by mail by the person claiming the exemption.

6. If a tax exemption is allowed under this section, the claimant is not entitled to an exemption under NRS 371.103.

7. If any person makes a false affidavit or produces false proof to the department, and as a result of the false affidavit or false proof, the person is allowed a tax exemption to which he is not entitled, he is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 4. NRS 371.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

371.105 Claims under NRS 371.101, 371.102, 371.103 or 371.104 for tax exemption on the vehicle privilege tax [shall] *and designations of any amount to be credited to the fund for veterans' homes must* be filed annually at any time on or before the date when payment of such tax is due. All exemptions provided for in this section [shall] *may* not be in an amount which gives the

taxpayer a total exemption greater than that to which he is entitled during any fiscal year.

Sec. 5. NRS 371.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

371.230 [Moneys] *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, money collected by the department for privilege taxes and penalties under the provisions of this chapter [shall] must be deposited with the state treasurer to the credit of the motor vehicle fund.*

Sec. 6. Chapter 417 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the fund for veterans' homes. The commissioner shall administer the fund.

2. The commissioner may accept any gift, grant or contribution made for the use of the fund. All such gifts, grants or contributions of:

(a) Money must be deposited with the state treasurer for credit to the fund.

(b) Property other than money may be sold or exchanged if:

(1) It is determined by the commissioner that the sale or exchange would help to achieve the purposes for which the fund was established; and

(2) The sale or exchange is approved by the state board of examiners.

All money received from a sale or exchange of property pursuant to this paragraph must be deposited with the state treasurer for credit to the fund.

3. Money in the fund may only be used for:

(a) The construction, operation and maintenance of veterans' homes;

(b) Programs and services related to veterans' homes;

(c) The solicitation of other sources of money for funding veterans' homes; and

(d) Efforts to inform the public about issues concerning the establishment and uses of veterans' homes.

4. The interest and income earned on the money in the fund, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the fund.

Sec. 7. NRS 417.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

417.220 1. Money received by the commissioner or the deputy commissioner from:

(a) Fees pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 417.210;

(b) Allowances for burial from the Veterans' Administration or the Social Security Administration;

(c) Appropriations made by the legislature for veterans' cemeteries; and

(d) [Gifts] *Except as otherwise provided in section 6 of this act, gifts of money or proceeds derived from the sale of gifts of personal property he is authorized to accept,*

must be deposited with the state treasurer for credit to the account for a veterans' cemetery in northern Nevada or the account for a veterans' cemetery in southern Nevada, whichever is appropriate, in the state general fund.

2. The interest and income earned on the money in the accounts, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the accounts.

3. The money in each account must only be used for the operation and maintenance of the cemetery for which the account was created.

4. Gifts of personal property which the commissioner or the deputy commissioner is authorized to receive but which are not appropriate for conversion to money may be used in kind.

Sec. 8. This act becomes effective on July 1, 1993.

SUMMARY--Requires Nevada commissioner for veteran affairs to take actions that are necessary to establish veterans' homes and authorizes employment of coordinator to carry out this duty. (BDR 37-252)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
 Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Contains
 Appropriation.

AN ACT relating to veterans; creating a fund for veterans' homes; specifying the permissible uses of the money in the fund; directing the Nevada commissioner for veteran affairs to take necessary actions to establish a veterans' home; authorizing the commissioner to hire a coordinator to assist him in carrying out this duty; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 417 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

Sec. 2. *1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the fund for veterans' homes. The commissioner shall administer the fund.*

2. The commissioner may accept any gift, grant or contribution made for the use of the fund. All such gifts, grants or contributions of:

(a) Money must be deposited with the state treasurer for credit to the fund.

(b) Property other than money may be sold or exchanged if:

(1) It is determined by the commissioner that the sale or exchange would help to achieve the purposes for which the fund was established; and

(2) The sale or exchange is approved by the state board of examiners.

All money received from a sale or exchange of property pursuant to this paragraph must be deposited with the state treasurer for credit to the fund.

3. Money in the fund may only be used for:

(a) The construction, operation and maintenance of veterans' homes;

(b) Programs and services related to veterans' homes;

(c) The solicitation of other sources of money for funding veterans' homes; and

(d) Efforts to inform the public about issues concerning the establishment and uses of veterans' homes.

4. The interest and income earned on the money in the fund, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the fund.

Sec. 3. 1. The commissioner shall:

(a) Take such actions as are necessary for the establishment, maintenance and operation of veterans' homes in this state; and

(b) Apply for federal grants and other sources of money available for establishing a veterans' home. Any money received pursuant to this paragraph must be deposited with the state treasurer for credit to the fund for veterans' homes.

2. *The commissioner may employ, within the limits of legislative appropriations, a coordinator to assist him in the performance of his duties pursuant to this section.*

3. *A coordinator employed pursuant to this section is in the classified service of the state.*

Sec. 4. NRS 417.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

417.220 1. Money received by the commissioner or the deputy commissioner from:

(a) Fees pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 417.210;

(b) Allowances for burial from the Veterans' Administration or the Social Security Administration;

(c) Appropriations made by the legislature for veterans' cemeteries; and

(d) [Gifts] *Except as otherwise provided in sections 2 and 3 of this act, gifts of money or proceeds derived from the sale of gifts of personal property he is authorized to accept,*

must be deposited with the state treasurer for credit to the account for a veterans' cemetery in northern Nevada or the account for a veterans' cemetery in southern Nevada, whichever is appropriate, in the state general fund.

2. The interest and income earned on the money in the accounts, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the accounts.

3. The money in each account must only be used for the operation and maintenance of the cemetery for which the account was created.

4. Gifts of personal property which the commissioner or the deputy commissioner is authorized to receive but which are not appropriate for conversion to money may be used in kind.

Sec. 5. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the Nevada commissioner for veteran affairs for the salary and operational expenses related to the employment of a coordinator pursuant to section 3 of this act:

For the fiscal year 1993-94.....	\$51,234
For the fiscal year 1994-95.....	\$53,220

Sec. 6. Any balance of the sums appropriated by section 5 of this act remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 and reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have been made.

Sec. 7. This act becomes effective on July 1, 1993.