



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5296**

February Session, 2014



**AN ACT CONCERNING ADMISSIONS TO THE VETERANS' HOME OR TO A HOSPITAL.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 27-108 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

3 (a) Any veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, who  
4 meets active military, naval or air service requirements, as [defined]  
5 described in 38 USC 101, may apply for admission to the home; and  
6 any such veteran who has no adequate means of support, and who,  
7 from disease, wounds or accident, needs medical or surgical care and  
8 treatment or who has become mentally ill, [and who has no adequate  
9 means of support,] may be admitted to any hospital and receive  
10 necessary food, clothing, care and treatment therein, at the expense of  
11 the state. [, unless other funds or means of payment are available.]  
12 Whenever a person is admitted to a hospital, such person shall be  
13 asked if he or she is a veteran. When a hospital submits a bill for  
14 services pursuant to this section, such hospital shall certify that it has  
15 taken sufficient steps to determine that no other funds or means of  
16 payment are available to cover the cost of services rendered to the  
17 veteran. The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall make available to  
18 hospitals a general list of funds or means of payment available to cover  
19 hospital costs of veterans.

20 (b) Any member or former member of the armed forces, as defined  
21 in subsection (a) of section 27-103, who is a resident of this state and is  
22 entitled to retirement pay under 10 USC Chapter 1223, may apply for  
23 admission to the home.

24 (c) Any such veteran desiring care or treatment under the  
25 provisions of this chapter shall make application under oath to the  
26 Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs; but, if, by reason of his or her  
27 physical condition, he or she is unable to make such application, some  
28 other veteran may make such application in his or her behalf. Said  
29 commissioner, or his or her designee, shall have sole power to  
30 determine whether such veteran is entitled to admission to the home,  
31 [or to a hospital, and such] Such veteran, if admitted to the home, or to  
32 a hospital as provided in subsection (a) of this section, may, upon  
33 application to the commissioner, receive transportation at the expense  
34 of the state from his or her place of residence to the home or such  
35 hospital. No veteran so admitted shall be discharged from the home  
36 except upon the approval of the commissioner or his or her designee.  
37 [The commissioner shall have sole power to remove any veteran  
38 whose care and treatment is paid for by the state from any hospital to  
39 another and shall appoint] In the case of veterans admitted to a  
40 hospital as provided in subsection (a) of this section, the commissioner  
41 may designate such agents as are necessary to [see that veterans  
42 admitted to hospitals] determine if such veterans are receiving  
43 necessary food, clothing, care and treatment. Any veteran admitted to  
44 a hospital as provided in this section shall execute a release permitting  
45 the commissioner or his or her agents to determine if the veteran has  
46 received the necessary food, clothing, care and treatment.

47 (d) Such veterans who are able to pay in whole or in part for such  
48 program or services, as determined by the applicable fee schedule  
49 adopted pursuant to subsection (d) of section 27-102l, shall receive a  
50 monthly bill for such services rendered.

51 (e) In the event that a bill of a veteran remains unpaid and past due,  
52 the chief fiscal officer, with the approval of the commissioner, shall

53 require the veteran to assign his or her right to receive payment of  
54 income, from whatever source, to the commissioner until (1) such  
55 account is made current, and (2) the veteran demonstrates to the  
56 satisfaction of the commissioner a reasonable likelihood of more  
57 prudent financial management for the future. Any veteran shall be  
58 provided an opportunity for a hearing when an order of assignment is  
59 issued.

60 (f) Payment of amounts determined by the commissioner as  
61 provided by subsection (c) of this section shall be deposited in the  
62 institutional general welfare fund of the Veterans' Home established in  
63 accordance with sections 4-56 to 4-58, inclusive, and shall be available  
64 for expenditure from said fund for the operation of the Veterans'  
65 Home in accordance with procedures prescribed by the commissioner  
66 and the Comptroller.

67 (g) In the event that a veteran dies, still owing money for services  
68 rendered, the commissioner, with the aid of the Attorney General's  
69 office, may submit a claim against such veteran's estate and any  
70 amounts collected shall be deposited in the institutional general  
71 welfare fund in accordance with section 4-56.

72 Sec. 2. Section 27-109 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
73 *October 1, 2014*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	27-108
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	Repealer section

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*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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