
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6910

AN ACT ESTABLISHING WAITING LIST EXCEPTIONS FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED VETERANS IN CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

SUMMARY

This bill adds an exception to the requirement that a nursing home that accepts state funds to care for indigents admit people from its waiting list in the order that they submitted completed applications. The bill's exception requires a nursing home to admit a veteran regardless of the waiting list if the:

1. nursing home has a contract with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (US DVA) to provide care for veterans and
2. veteran applicant (a) meets the US DVA's service-connected and other applicable eligibility criteria and (b) is eligible for care at the nursing home.

As under current law, a nursing home does not have to accept an indigent on the waiting list under certain circumstances and must accept certain transfers from a nursing home that is closed or closing regardless of the list. If a nursing home skips over an applicant on the waiting list, it must, by law, make a dated notation on the list explaining the decision.

The bill also makes various technical and minor changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (02/18/2025)