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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS,  
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AN ACT

1 Authorizing the Department of Military Affairs to establish and  
2 maintain an additional home for military veterans.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Definitions.

6 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
7 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
8 context clearly indicates otherwise:

9 "Department." The Department of Military Affairs of the  
10 Commonwealth.

11 Section 2. Authorization to establish home for military  
12 veterans.

13 (a) Authority to construct and maintain.--In addition to the

1 military homes presently authorized by law, the department is  
2 authorized to and shall construct, maintain and operate an  
3 additional home for military veterans.

4 (b) Location.--The additional home for military veterans  
5 authorized by subsection (a) shall be constructed at a location  
6 within this Commonwealth determined by the Governor. The  
7 Governor's determination shall be based upon recommendations  
8 submitted to him by the Pennsylvania War Veterans' Council.

9 (c) Name of home.--After the location of the additional home  
10 for military veterans is established, the department shall give  
11 the military home an appropriate name or description.

#### 12 Section 3. Appointment of director and employees.

13 The department shall appoint a director to administer the  
14 home. The director shall be qualified and licensed in this  
15 Commonwealth as a nursing home administrator. The director shall  
16 appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary and fix  
17 their salaries in conformity with the standards established by  
18 the Executive Board.

#### 19 Section 4. Gifts and Federal funds.

20 The department may accept gifts, grants or payments for the  
21 use of the home. The department may, however, receive and accept  
22 Federal funds only to the extent they are appropriated to the  
23 department by the General Assembly.

#### 24 Section 5. Schedule of fees.

25 The department shall establish a schedule of fees to be  
26 charged to residents. The fees shall be based on the level of  
27 service or care required and the ability of the resident to pay.

#### 28 Section 6. Establishment of level of service.

29 The department shall establish the level of service to be  
30 provided in accordance with the Federal Veterans' Administration

- 1 standards of nursing and domiciliary care.
- 2 Section 7. Effective date.
- 3 This act shall take effect in 60 days.