

No. 147. An act relating to services provided by the Vermont Veterans' Home.

(H.794)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 1714 is amended to read:

§ 1714. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the Board shall have all powers necessary and convenient for governing the Home, providing services to veterans and other residents of the Home, providing services to veterans living in Vermont who do not reside in the Home, and otherwise performing its duties under this chapter, including the authority to:

(1) Adopt policies, procedures, and bylaws regarding the operation of the Board ~~and~~, the operation and management of the Home, and the operation and management of any services provided by the Home to Vermont veterans who do not reside at the Home.

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(5) Contract for professional services necessary and appropriate for the management and operation of the Home, as well as the provision of care to Vermont veterans who do not reside in the Home, in a manner consistent with 3 V.S.A. chapter 14.

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(13) Provide or coordinate the provision of services and supports in a home or community setting other than a nursing home to Vermont veterans who do not reside in the Home.

(14) Provide or coordinate the provision of housing to Vermont veterans who do not reside in the Home.

(15) Contract or partner with public and private entities to provide housing, and services and supports to Vermont veterans who do not reside in the Home.

(16) Establish a nursing home in Vermont to provide services and supports to Vermont veterans who do not reside at the Home, provided that the nursing home shall comply with all applicable State and federal licensing and regulatory requirements.

Sec. 2. 20 V.S.A. § 1717 is amended to read:

§ 1717. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS

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(b)(1) There are created one or more funds to be held in trust. To these funds shall be credited donations and endowments to the Home with and without specific restrictions on their use. Interest and earnings accruing to the funds created by this subsection shall be credited to the respective fund. The funds deposited pursuant to this subsection shall not be considered funds of the State and shall be used solely for the purposes of this chapter, subject to the

terms and conditions of the gift and to the terms and conditions of the donation or endowment.

(2) Upon deposit with the State Treasurer's Office, the Home may request from the State Treasurer's Office and may retain locally up to \$10,000.00 of donations and endowments, which may be expended consistent with their applicable terms and conditions, for supporting residents of the ~~home~~ Home or providing care and services to Vermont veterans who do not reside in the Home pursuant to subdivisions 1714(5), (13), (14), (15), and (16) of this chapter.

(3) The funds shall be maintained in an account pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 431.

(4) The Chief Executive Officer shall make a report at each scheduled Board meeting of the locally retained donations and endowments. The report shall include any amounts requested by the Home from the State Treasurer's Office, the nature of the funds, the account balance, and any expenditures.

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(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 1, the Home is authorized to retain funds when acting in a trustee capacity for individual residents of the Home. Establishment and maintenance of accounts for this purpose shall be pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 431 and any other relevant provisions of law.

(f) Grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other things of value may be accepted pursuant to the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 5.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

Date Governor signed bill: June 3, 2024