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Introduced by Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Arrison of
Weathersfield, Austin of Colchester, Bartley of Fairfax, Beck of
St. Johnsbury, Bongartz of Manchester, Bos-Lun of
Westminster, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester,
Brownell of Pownal, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair
Haven, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Casey of Montpelier, Chase of
Chester, Christie of Hartford, Clifford of Rutland City,
Corcoran of Bennington, Cordes of Lincoln, Demar of
Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dodge of Essex,
Dolan of Essex Junction, Elder of Starksboro, Emmons of
Springfield, Galfetti of Barre Town, Garofano of Essex, Goslant
of Northfield, Graham of Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield,
Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Headrick of
Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of
Rutland City, Hyman of South Burlington, Labor of Morgan,
Laroche of Franklin, Lipsky of Stowe, Maguire of Rutland City,
Marcotte of Coventry, Mattos of Milton, McCoy of Poultney,
McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan of Milton, Morris of
Springfield, Mrowicki of Putney, Oliver of Sheldon, Page of
Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Peterson of Clarendon,

1 Roberts of Halifax, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury,
2 Sibilia of Dover, Stone of Burlington, Taylor of Milton, Taylor
3 of Colchester, Templeman of Brownington, Toof of St. Albans
4 Town, Troiano of Stannard, Walker of Swanton, Whitman of
5 Bennington, Williams of Granby, and Wilson of Lyndon

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Internal security and public safety; Vermont Veterans' Home;
9 statewide provision of services

10 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to grant the
11 Board of Directors of the Vermont Veterans' Home the authority to begin
12 providing services to veterans throughout Vermont.

13 An act relating to services provided by the Vermont Veterans' Home

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

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

16 § 1714. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

17 Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the Board shall have all
18 powers necessary and convenient for governing the Home, providing services
19 to veterans and other residents of the Home, providing services to veterans

1 living in Vermont who do not reside in the Home, and otherwise performing its
2 duties under this chapter, including the authority to:

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

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8 (5) Contract for professional services necessary and appropriate for the
9 management and operation of the Home, as well as the provision of care to
10 Vermont veterans who do not reside in the Home, in a manner consistent with
11 3 V.S.A. chapter 14.

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

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

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

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

2 § 1717. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS

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

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

19 (3) The funds shall be maintained in an account pursuant to 32 V.S.A.
20 § 431.

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

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

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

13 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.