

By: Representative Holland

To: Military Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 348

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 35-1-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROHIBIT THE MISSISSIPPI VETERANS BOARD FROM DENYING A VETERAN
3 ADMISSION INTO A STATE VETERANS' HOME SOLELY BECAUSE THE VETERAN
4 HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH POST TRAUMATIC STRESS SYNDROME; TO
5 AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD TO DESIGNATE ONE
6 OF ITS HOMES OR A PORTION THEREOF TO HOUSE VETERANS WHO HAVE BEEN
7 DIAGNOSED WITH POST TRAUMATIC STRESS SYNDROME; AND FOR RELATED
8 PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 SECTION 1. Section 35-1-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
11 amended as follows:

12 35-1-27. The Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board shall
13 determine and set conditions and standards for admission and
14 dismissal of all persons to and from the Mississippi State
15 Veterans Home and any additional homes as may be constructed. In
16 addition, the board shall promulgate such rules and regulations as
17 it deems necessary for the government of the Mississippi State
18 Veterans Home and any additional homes as may be constructed. The
19 rules and regulations shall include the establishment of rates for
20 patient care within the patient's ability to pay. However, the
21 Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board shall not deny any veteran
22 admission into any state veterans' home solely because the veteran
23 has been diagnosed with post traumatic stress syndrome or suffers
24 from symptoms associated with post traumatic stress syndrome, if
25 the veteran is otherwise eligible. The Mississippi Veterans
26 Affairs Board may designate one of its homes or a portion thereof
27 to be used to provide domiciliary care and other related services
28 to veterans who have been diagnosed with post traumatic stress
29 syndrome or who suffer from symptoms associated with post

30 traumatic stress syndrome.

31 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after July 1, 1999.