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To: Veterans and Military
Affairs;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2780

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 35-1-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL
3 STATE VETERANS HOMES TO PROVIDE NURSING/DOMICILIARY CARE AND OTHER
4 RELATED SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE VETERANS OF THE STATE OF
5 MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 35-1-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:[JMR1]

9 35-1-19. (1) There is hereby authorized to be established
10 by the State Veterans Affairs Board, the Mississippi State
11 Veterans Home on a site to be determined by the State Veterans
12 Affairs Board, with the approval of the Bureau of Building,
13 Grounds and Real Property Management of the Governor's Office of
14 General Services, when funds are made available for such purpose
15 by any agency of the federal government or other sources. The
16 object and purpose of the establishment of the Mississippi State
17 Veterans Home shall be to provide domiciliary care and other
18 related services for eligible veterans of the State of
19 Mississippi.

20 (2) One or more additional veterans homes or domiciliaries
21 are hereby authorized to be established by the State Veterans
22 Affairs Board on sites in northern, central or southern
23 Mississippi, to be determined by the State Veterans Affairs Board,
24 with the approval of the Department of Finance and Administration,
25 when funds are made available for such purpose by any agency of
26 the federal government or other sources. The Veterans Affairs
27 Board shall give the three (3) regions, northern, southern and

28 central priority as to where the veterans home shall be located,
29 with the northern region having first priority, the southern
30 region having the next level priority and the central region being
31 third in order of priority. The object and purpose of the
32 establishment of such additional homes or domiciliaries shall be
33 to provide domiciliary care and other related services for
34 eligible veterans of the State of Mississippi. The State Veterans
35 Affairs Board shall not be required to obtain certificates of need
36 to carry out the intent and purpose of this section.

37 (3) The State Veterans Affairs Board is hereby authorized to
38 establish additional state veterans homes (nursing/domiciliary) on
39 sites to be determined by the State Veterans' Affairs Board, with
40 the approval of the Department of Finance and Administration, when
41 funds are made available for such purpose by any agency of the
42 federal government or other sources. The purpose of the
43 establishment of the additional homes shall be to provide
44 nursing/domiciliary care and other related services for eligible
45 veterans of the State of Mississippi. The State Veterans Affairs
46 Board is not required to obtain certificates of need to carry out
47 the provisions of this section.

48 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
49 and after July 1, 2000.