

HOUSE BILL NO. 181

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to a state veterans' home; directing the Department of Administration
2 to apply for federal grants available for construction of a state veterans' home; and
3 providing for an effective date."

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 44.21.035(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) The Department of Administration shall apply for federal assistance to
7 establish and operate state veterans' home facilities that provide domiciliary care and
8 nursing home care with related medical services. The department, within available
9 funds, shall establish and operate veterans' homes at sites selected by the
10 commissioner of administration after consultation with the adjutant general and
11 veterans' organizations. A site selected under this subsection must meet the
12 requirements for receiving federal construction assistance under 38 U.S.C. 8131 -
13 8136 and applicable federal regulations.

14 * **Sec. 2.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to

1 read:

2 APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE. By January 1, 2004, the
3 Department of Administration shall, under the authority granted in AS 44.21.035, submit to
4 the federal Secretary of Veterans Affairs an application for federal assistance to construct a
5 state veterans' home with a capacity of 150 beds or the maximum bed capacity that is eligible
6 for federal assistance under 38 U.S.C. 8131 - 8136, whichever is less. The application must
7 include all of the information required under applicable federal laws and regulations.

8 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).