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SB-1195 Veterans homes. (2021-2022)

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Senate Bill No. 1195

CHAPTER 194

An act to add Section 1075 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1195, Grove. Veterans homes.

Existing law establishes veterans homes in the State of California, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Existing law requires the department to review the use of each home no later than 5 years before the expiration of the use restriction imposed on the home by federal law to determine the best continued use of the home. In making that determination, existing law requires the department to review, among other things, the current needs of the regional veteran population.

When the department reviews the use of each home, this bill would require the department to assess, among other things, the potential for the Veterans Health Administration to place satellite medical clinics on state veteran home campuses and within a 30-minute drive of a state veteran home campus, to serve both residents of the veteran homes and nonresident veterans in the communities where state veteran homes are located. The bill would require the department to meet and confer with officials of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs on the possibility of locating satellite clinics on state veteran home campuses and within a 30-minute drive of a state veteran home campus.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 1075 is added to the Military and Veterans Code, to read:

1075. When the department reviews the use of each home to determine the best continued, unrestricted use of the home, pursuant to Section 1074, the department shall additionally assess all of the following:

- (a) The need by residents of state veteran homes in accessing care at a Veterans Health Administration medical center.
- (b) The need by nonresident veterans in the communities where state veteran homes are located in accessing care at a Veterans Health Administration medical center.
- (c) The potential for the Veterans Health Administration to place satellite medical clinics on the state veteran home campuses to serve both residents of the veteran homes and nonresident veterans in the communities where state veteran homes are located. In making this assessment, the department shall meet and confer with officials of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs on the possibility of locating satellite clinics on state veteran home campuses.

(d) The potential for the Veterans Health Administration to place satellite medical clinics within a 30-minute drive of a state veteran home campus to serve both residents of the veteran homes and nonresident veterans in the communities where state veteran homes are located. In making this assessment, the department shall meet and confer with officials of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs on the possibility of locating satellite clinics within a 30-minute drive of a state veteran home campus.