

House Bill 1072

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to war veterans homes, so as to require the Veterans Service Board to  
3 apply for certification for the Georgia State War Veterans' Home to participate in the  
4 medicare and Medicaid programs; to provide for payment to the Department of Veterans  
5 Service from third-party payers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective  
6 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
10 relating to war veterans homes, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "38-4-56.

12 (a) No later than July 1, 2012, the Veterans Service Board shall submit an application to  
13 the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to obtain approval for  
14 certification for the Georgia State War Veterans' Home to participate in the medicare and  
15 Medicaid programs. Upon approval by CMS to participate in such programs, the Veterans  
16 Service Board shall utilize such programs as funding sources for paying a portion of the  
17 operating costs for the facilities of the Georgia State War Veterans' Home.

18 (b) The Department of Veterans Service is authorized to collect any moneys from veteran  
19 patients of the Georgia State War Veterans' Home directly or indirectly through a  
20 third-party payer, including Medicaid and medicare, or to receive the assignment of any  
21 third-party payer benefits by veteran patients."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
24 without such approval.

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**SECTION 3.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.