

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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

"38-4-57.

(a) No later than July 1, 2013, the Veterans Service Board shall submit an application to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to obtain approval for certification for the Georgia State War Veterans' Home to participate in the medicare and Medicaid programs. Upon approval by CMS to participate in such programs, the Veterans Service Board shall utilize such programs as funding sources for paying a portion of the operating costs for the facilities of the Georgia State War Veterans' Home.

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

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

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.