

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2089

Introduced by Assembly Member Aanestad
(Principal coauthor: Senator Johannessen)

February 19, 2002

An act to add Section 1104.1 to the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2089, as introduced, Aanestad. Veterans' Home of California.

Existing law establishes homes for veterans in several cities and authorizes the construction of other homes in specified locations if designated conditions are met.

This bill would authorize the construction of a home for veterans in Shasta County.

The Veterans' Homes Bond Act of 2000 requires the proceeds from the sale of the bonds issued under that act to be deposited in a newly established Veterans' Home Fund. That act provides that upon appropriation by the Legislature, the moneys in that fund are to be allocated to the Department of Veterans Affairs first to meet state funding requirements for the renovation or construction of those veterans' homes identified by a specified statute.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to appropriate \$12,000,000 from the General Fund or from the Veterans' Home Fund, as prescribed, to the department to meet state funding requirements for the construction of a veterans' home, located in Shasta County.

This bill would condition the appropriations for the construction of the veterans' home, located in Shasta County, on the commitment of

matching federal funds from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. This bill would require the Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs to notify, in writing, the Secretary of the Senate, the Chief Clerk of the Assembly, and the Department of Finance when a matching commitment of federal funds is made. Upon receipt of this notification, the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly would be required to publish notice of the commitment of federal funds in their respective house journals.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) In order to better serve the thousands of
2 veterans who reside in the northernmost areas of California, it is
3 the intent of the Legislature to establish a Veterans' Home of
4 California in Shasta County, either in the City of Redding or
5 elsewhere in Shasta County, if it is not feasible for the home to be
6 constructed in the City of Redding.

7 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Veterans' Home of
8 California, Shasta, be constructed as a 400-bed facility to provide
9 the state's aged and disabled veterans with rehabilitative,
10 residential, medical, and living services in a homelike
11 environment. It is intended that the veterans' home offer
12 residential, licensed residential, intermediate, skilled nursing, and
13 acute care, with a special unit for the treatment, research, and
14 management of dementia, including Alzheimer's disease.

15 SEC. 2. Section 1104.1 is added to the Military and Veterans
16 Code, to read:

17 1104.1. (a) The department may establish and construct a
18 Veterans' Home of California, Shasta, that shall be situated in
19 Shasta County. The department may complete any preapplication
20 process necessary with the United States Department of Veterans
21 Affairs for the construction of this home.

22 (b) (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that funds in the
23 amount of twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) be appropriated
24 from the General Fund or from the Veterans' Home Fund, pursuant
25 to the provisions of the Veterans' Homes Bond Act of 2000



1 (Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 1100) of Division 5), to the
2 Department of Veterans Affairs for the funding of the state's
3 matching requirement for the construction of the Veterans' Home
4 of California, Shasta, as described in subdivision (a).

5 (2) These funds may be expended only upon the occurrence of
6 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs committing
7 matching federal funds for the construction of the Veterans' Home
8 of California, Shasta.

9 (c) (1) The Secretary of the California Department of Veterans
10 Affairs shall notify, in writing, the Secretary of the Senate, the
11 Chief Clerk of the Assembly, and the Department of Finance when
12 the federal matching funds described in paragraph (2) of
13 subdivision (b) have been committed.

14 (2) The Secretary of the Senate shall publish the notification
15 received pursuant to paragraph (1) in the Senate Journal and the
16 Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall publish the notification received
17 pursuant to paragraph (1) in the Assembly Journal.

18 SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
19 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety
20 within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go
21 into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

22 In order to meet the filing date for the eligibility list to receive
23 matching federal funds from the United States Department of
24 Veterans Affairs for the construction of the Veterans' Home of
25 California, Shasta, it is necessary that this act take effect
26 immediately.

