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**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 639**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Pérez**

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An act to amend Sections 50408, 50501, 50505, 50510, and 50512 of the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Section 998.403 of, and to add Article 3.2 (commencing with Section 987.001), and Article 5y (commencing with Section 998.540), to Chapter 6 of Division 4 of, the Military and Veterans Code, relating to the financing of a program to provide housing and services to veterans through the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California and by providing for the handling and disposition of those funds, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 639, as amended, John A. Pérez. Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014: Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014.

Existing law, the Veterans' Bond Act of 2008, as approved by the voters, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$900,000,000, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, for purposes of financing the Cal-Vet program for farm, home, and mobilehome purchase assistance for veterans.

This bill would amend the Veterans' Bond Act of 2008 to reduce the amount of bonds that are authorized to be issued under the act from \$900,000,000 to \$300,000,000. The bill would enact the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014 (the bond act) to authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$600,000,000, as specified, for expenditure by the California Housing Finance Agency, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide multifamily housing ~~and services~~ to veterans pursuant to the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014 (VHHPA), also enacted by the bill. The bill would authorize the Legislature to amend the provisions of the bond act, by majority vote, for specified purposes. The bill would impose a specified reporting requirement on the Department of Housing and Community Development to evaluate, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs, any program established by the former pursuant to the VHHPA. The bill would authorize the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide specified assistance to veterans.

The bill would provide for submission of a specified section to the voters at the ~~November 4, June 3, 2014, general statewide primary~~ election, as specified.

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

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Article 5y (commencing with Section 998.540)
- 2 is added to Chapter 6 of Division 4 of the Military and Veterans
- 3 Code, to read:

1 Article 5y. The Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention  
2 ~~Bond Act~~ *Bond Act* of 2014  
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4 998.540. This article shall be known and may be cited as the  
5 Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014.

6 998.541. (a) California is home to almost two million veterans,  
7 more than any other state in the nation, and with the winding down  
8 of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, an unprecedented number of  
9 California veterans will return to our communities, many in need  
10 of housing, employment, mental health and drug treatment, and  
11 physical rehabilitation.

12 (b) Unfortunately, California also leads the nation in the number  
13 of homeless veterans, roughly 25 percent of the nation's homeless  
14 veterans live in California, approximately 19,000 veterans.  
15 According to the California Research Bureau, Los Angeles is  
16 number one in terms of the number of homeless veterans followed  
17 by the San Diego region at number three, and the San Francisco  
18 Bay Area at number nine.

19 (c) Moreover, the face of the nation's homeless veterans'  
20 population is changing as more OIF/OEF veterans find themselves  
21 in a downward spiral towards homelessness and, increasingly,  
22 female veterans and their children comprise more and more of the  
23 homeless veteran demographic.

24 (d) With their higher rates of ~~posttraumatic~~ *post-traumatic* stress  
25 disorder, substance abuse, and unemployment, as well as the higher  
26 incidence of sexual trauma experienced by our female veterans,  
27 the current homeless veteran, all too often, cycles in and out of  
28 our jails, hospitals, and treatment programs, disproportionately  
29 drawing down services without receiving the proper services to  
30 stabilize their lives.

31 (e) The Legislature must advance a comprehensive, coordinated,  
32 and cost-effective approach to respond to the housing ~~and services~~  
33 needs of our veterans. Such an approach should leverage public  
34 and private resources as well as align housing and services.

35 (f) Five years ago, Californians overwhelmingly affirmed their  
36 gratitude to our veterans by approving Proposition 12, a ~~\$900~~  
37 ~~million~~ *nine hundred million dollars (\$900,000,000)* general  
38 obligation bond intended to help veterans specifically purchase  
39 single family homes, farms, and mobilehomes through the CalVet  
40 Home Loan Program.

1 (g) As a result of the nation’s economic crisis and state’s housing  
2 downturn coupled with the changing demographics of our veterans,  
3 the Farm and Home Loan Program, as approved by Proposition  
4 12, has been significantly undersubscribed. Five years since its  
5 passage, the full ~~\$900~~ *nine hundred million dollars (\$900,000,000)*  
6 remains unspent as does a portion of the ~~\$500~~ *five hundred million*  
7 *dollars (\$500,000,000)* from Proposition 32, which was approved  
8 by the voters in 2000.

9 (h) Meanwhile, veterans in need of multifamily housing that is  
10 affordable, supportive, and transitional remains unmet and public  
11 and private resources available for these purposes remain  
12 underutilized.

13 (i) California voters should be granted the opportunity to  
14 restructure the Proposition 12 veterans’ bond program to better  
15 respond to the housing ~~and services~~ needs as well as the changing  
16 demographics of the current veteran *population*.

17 (j) The Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act  
18 of 2014 will restructure ~~\$600~~ *six hundred million dollars*  
19 *(\$600,000,000)* of the existing Proposition 12 bond moneys to  
20 allow for the construction and rehabilitation of multifamily housing  
21 for veterans and prioritize projects that align housing with services.  
22 Even with this restructuring of bond moneys, the act still preserves  
23 over half a billion dollars for the existing CalVet Farm and Home  
24 Loan Program.

25 (k) The Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act  
26 of 2014 will expand housing and service options for veterans,  
27 cost-effectively leverage public dollars, reduce the number of  
28 homeless veterans and its attendant public costs, and place  
29 California at the forefront of our nation’s efforts to end ~~veterans~~  
30 *veterans’* homelessness by 2015.

31 998.542. (a) The State General Obligation Bond Law (Chapter  
32 4 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of  
33 Title 2 of the Government Code), as amended from time to time,  
34 except as otherwise provided herein, is adopted for the purpose of  
35 the issuance, sale, and repayment of, and otherwise providing with  
36 respect to, the bonds authorized to be issued by this article, and  
37 the provisions of that law are included in this article as though set  
38 out in full in this article. All references in this article to “herein”  
39 refer both to this article and that law.

1 (b) For purposes of the State General Obligation Bond Law, ~~the~~  
2 ~~California Housing Finance Agency, the Department of Housing~~  
3 ~~and Community Development, and the Department of Veterans~~  
4 Affairs is designated the board. *The Department of Veterans Affairs*  
5 *shall carry out the board duties in consultation with the California*  
6 *Housing Finance Agency and the Department of Housing and*  
7 *Community Development.*

8 998.543. As used herein, the following terms have the following  
9 meanings:

10 (a) “Board” means ~~the California Housing Finance Agency, the~~  
11 ~~Department of Housing and Community Development, and the~~  
12 Department of Veterans Affairs.

13 (b) “Bond” means a veterans’ bond, a state general obligation  
14 bond, issued pursuant to this article adopting the provisions of the  
15 State General Obligation Bond Law.

16 (c) “Bond act” means this article authorizing the issuance of  
17 state general obligation bonds and adopting the State General  
18 Obligation Bond Law by reference.

19 (d) “Committee” means the Housing for Veterans Finance  
20 Committee, established pursuant to Section 998.547.

21 (e) “Fund” means the Housing for Veterans Fund, established  
22 pursuant to Section 998.544.

23 998.544. (a) Bonds in the total amount of six hundred million  
24 dollars (\$600,000,000), or so much thereof as is necessary, not  
25 including the amount of any refunding bonds, or so much thereof  
26 as is necessary, may be issued and sold to provide a fund to be  
27 used for carrying out the purposes expressed in subdivision (b)  
28 and to reimburse the General Obligation Bond Expense Revolving  
29 Fund pursuant to Section 16724.5 of the Government Code. The  
30 bonds, when sold, shall be and constitute a valid and binding  
31 obligation of the State of California, and the full faith and credit  
32 of the State of California is hereby pledged for the punctual  
33 payment of both principal of, and interest on, the bonds as the  
34 principal and interest become due and payable.

35 (b) The proceeds of bonds issued and sold pursuant to this  
36 section shall be made available to the board for the purposes of  
37 creating a fund to provide multifamily housing ~~and services~~ to  
38 veterans and their families pursuant to the Veterans Housing and  
39 Homeless Prevention Act of 2014 (Article 3.2 (commencing with  
40 ~~Section 987.001~~) 987.001)), and any subsequent statutory

1 enactment that amends that act or enacts or amends any successor  
2 act *for the purpose of providing housing to veterans and their*  
3 *families.*

4 (c) The Legislature may, from time to time, by majority vote,  
5 amend the provisions of this act for the purpose of improving  
6 program efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability, or for the  
7 purpose of furthering overall program goals.

8 (d) The proceeds of bonds issued and sold pursuant to this article  
9 shall be deposited in the Housing for Veterans Fund, which is  
10 hereby created.

11 ~~(e) The proceeds of the bonds deposited in the Housing for~~  
12 ~~Veterans Fund shall be subject to annual appropriation, as~~  
13 ~~determined by the Legislature.~~

14 998.546. The bonds authorized by this article shall be prepared,  
15 executed, issued, sold, paid, and redeemed as provided in the State  
16 General Obligation Bond Law (Chapter 4 (commencing with  
17 Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government  
18 Code), and all of the provisions of that law, except subdivisions  
19 (a) and (b) of Section 16727 of the Government Code, shall apply  
20 to the bonds and to this article and are hereby incorporated in this  
21 article as though set forth in full in this article.

22 998.547. Solely for the purpose of authorizing the issuance  
23 and sale pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law of  
24 the bonds authorized by this article, the Housing for Veterans  
25 Finance Committee is hereby created. For purposes of this article,  
26 the Housing for Veterans Finance Committee is “the committee”  
27 as that term is used in the State General Obligation Bond Law.  
28 The committee consists of the Controller, Treasurer, Director of  
29 Finance, Secretary of Business, Consumer Services, and Housing,  
30 and Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or their designated  
31 representatives. The Treasurer shall serve as chairperson of the  
32 committee. A majority of the committee may act for the committee.

33 998.548. The committee shall determine whether or not it is  
34 necessary or desirable to issue bonds authorized pursuant to this  
35 article in order to carry out the actions specified in Section 998.544  
36 and, if so, the amount of bonds to be issued and sold. Successive  
37 issues of bonds may be authorized and sold to carry out those  
38 actions progressively, and it is not necessary that all of the bonds  
39 authorized to be issued be sold at any one time.

1 998.549. There shall be collected each year and in the same  
2 manner and at the same time as other state revenue is collected,  
3 in addition to the ordinary revenues of the state, a sum in an amount  
4 required to pay the principal of, and interest on, the bonds each  
5 year. It is the duty of all officers charged by law with any duty in  
6 regard to the collection of the revenue to do and perform each and  
7 every act that is necessary to collect that additional sum.

8 998.550. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government  
9 Code, there is hereby appropriated from the General Fund in the  
10 State Treasury, for the purposes of this article, an amount that will  
11 equal the total of the following:

12 (a) The sum annually necessary to pay the principal of, and  
13 interest on, bonds issued and sold pursuant to this article, as the  
14 principal and interest become due and payable.

15 (b) The sum necessary to carry out Section 998.551,  
16 appropriated without regard to fiscal years.

17 998.551. For the purposes of carrying out this article, the  
18 Director of Finance may authorize the withdrawal from the General  
19 Fund of an amount not to exceed the amount of the unsold bonds  
20 that have been authorized by the committee to be sold for the  
21 purpose of carrying out this article. Any amounts withdrawn shall  
22 be deposited in the fund. Any money made available under this  
23 section shall be returned to the General Fund from proceeds  
24 received from the sale of bonds for the purpose of carrying out  
25 this article.

26 998.552. All money deposited in the fund that is derived from  
27 premium and accrued interest on bonds sold, in excess of any  
28 amount of premium used to pay costs of issuing the bonds, shall  
29 be reserved in the fund and shall be available for transfer to the  
30 General Fund as a credit to expenditures for bond interest.

31 998.553. Pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section  
32 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code,  
33 all or a portion of the cost of bond issuance may be paid out of the  
34 bond proceeds, including any premium derived from the sale of  
35 the bonds. These costs shall be shared proportionally by each  
36 program funded through this bond act.

37 998.554. The board may request the Pooled Money Investment  
38 Board to make a loan from the Pooled Money Investment Account,  
39 including other authorized forms of interim financing that include,  
40 but are not limited to, commercial paper, in accordance with

1 Section 16312 of the Government Code, for purposes of carrying  
2 out this article. The amount of the request shall not exceed the  
3 amount of the unsold bonds that the committee, by resolution, has  
4 authorized to be sold for the purpose of carrying out this article.  
5 The board shall execute any documents required by the Pooled  
6 Money Investment Board to obtain and repay the loan. Any  
7 amounts loaned shall be deposited in the fund to be allocated by  
8 the board in accordance with this article.

9 998.555. The bonds may be refunded in accordance with Article  
10 6 (commencing with Section 16780) of Chapter 4 of Part 3 of  
11 Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code, which is a part of  
12 the State General Obligation Bond Law. Approval by the voters  
13 of the state for the issuance of the bonds described in this article  
14 includes the approval of the issuance of any bonds issued to refund  
15 any bonds originally issued under this article or any previously  
16 issued refunding bonds.

17 998.556. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article,  
18 or of the State General Obligation Bond Law, the Treasurer may  
19 maintain separate accounts for the investment of bond proceeds  
20 and for the investment of earnings on those proceeds. The Treasurer  
21 may use or direct the use of those proceeds or earnings to pay any  
22 rebate, penalty, or other payment required under federal law or  
23 take any other action with respect to the investment and use of  
24 those bond proceeds required or desirable under federal tax law  
25 or to obtain any other advantage under federal law on behalf of  
26 the funds of this state.

27 998.557. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that,  
28 inasmuch as the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by  
29 this article are not “proceeds of taxes” as that term is used in Article  
30 XIII B of the California Constitution, the disbursement of these  
31 proceeds is not subject to the limitations imposed by that article.

32 SEC. 2. Section 998.403 of the Military and Veterans Code is  
33 amended to read:

34 998.403. For the purpose of creating a fund to provide farm  
35 and home aid for veterans in accordance with the Veterans’ Farm  
36 and Home Purchase Act of 1974 (Article 3.1 (commencing with  
37 Section 987.50)), and of all acts amendatory thereof and  
38 supplemental thereto, the committee may create a debt or debts,  
39 liability or liabilities, of the State of California, in the aggregate  
40 amount of not more than three hundred million dollars

1 (\$300,000,000), exclusive of refunding bonds, in the manner  
2 provided herein.

3 SEC. 3. Article 3.2 (commencing with Section 987.001) is  
4 added to Chapter 6 of Division 4 of the Military and Veterans  
5 Code, to read:

6  
7 Article 3.2. The Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention  
8 Act of 2014  
9

10 987.001. This article may be cited as the Veterans Housing  
11 and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014.

12 987.002. (a) The purpose of this article is to provide the  
13 acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of  
14 affordable multifamily supportive housing, affordable ~~multifamily~~  
15 transitional housing, *affordable rental housing*, or related facilities  
16 ~~and services~~ for veterans and their families *to allow veterans to*  
17 *access and maintain housing stability.*

18 (b) A program established under this article shall be restricted  
19 to veterans and their families.

20 (c) *The California Housing Finance Agency, the Department*  
21 *of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of*  
22 *Veterans Affairs, herein after “departments,” shall work*  
23 *collaboratively pursuant to the memorandum of understanding,*  
24 *as specified in Section 987.006, to carry out the duties and*  
25 *functions of this article.*

26 987.003. As used in this article:

27 (a) ~~“Board” means the California Housing Finance Agency, the~~  
28 ~~Department of Housing and Community Development, and the~~  
29 ~~Department of Veterans Affairs.~~

30 (b)

31 (a) “Supportive housing” has the same meaning as defined in  
32 paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) (b) of Section ~~1504.5~~ *50675.14*  
33 of the Health and Safety Code, *but is not restrictive to only projects*  
34 *with five or more units.*

35 (e)

36 (b) “Transitional housing” has the same meaning as defined in  
37 subdivision (h) of Section 50675.2 of the Health and Safety Code,  
38 *but is not restrictive to only projects with five or more units.*

39 (c) “Affordable rental housing” shall mean a rental housing  
40 development, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 50675.2 of

1 *the Health and Safety Code, with affordable rents, as defined in*  
 2 *subdivision (a) of Section 50675.2 of the Health and Safety Code,*  
 3 *but neither definition is restrictive to only projects with five or*  
 4 *more units.*

5 (d) “Veteran” means any person who served in the active  
 6 military, naval, or air service of the United States, or as a member  
 7 of the National Guard who was called to and released from active  
 8 duty or active service, for a period of not less than 90 consecutive  
 9 days or was discharged from the service due to a service-connected  
 10 disability within that 90-day period.

11 987.004. The administration of this article is vested solely in  
 12 ~~the board~~ departments. Total costs of administering this article  
 13 shall not exceed 5 percent of the bond funds issued.

14 987.005. (a) ~~The board departments shall do all of the~~  
 15 ~~following:~~

16 ~~(1) Establish~~ *establish* and implement programs pursuant to the  
 17 purposes of this article that focus on veterans at risk for  
 18 homelessness or experiencing temporary or chronic homelessness.  
 19 To the extent feasible, ~~the board departments~~ shall establish and  
 20 implement programs that, among other things, do the following:

21 ~~(A)~~

22 (1) Leverage public (federal, state, and local), private, and  
 23 nonprofit program and fiscal resources.

24 ~~(B)~~

25 (2) Prioritize projects that combine housing and supportive  
 26 services, ~~such as including, but not limited to,~~ job training, mental  
 27 health and drug treatment, *case management, care coordination,*  
 28 *or physical rehabilitation.*

29 ~~(C)~~

30 (3) Promote public and private partnerships.

31 ~~(D)~~

32 (4) Foster innovative financing opportunities.

33 ~~(2) Approve issuance of Notices of Funding Availability.~~

34 ~~(3) Review and score responses from the Notices of Funding~~  
 35 ~~Availability.~~

36 ~~(4) Score project applications.~~

37 (5) *Ensure program guidelines and terms provide threshold*  
 38 *requirements or scoring criteria, or both, to advance applicants*  
 39 *with experience in combining permanent or transitional housing,*  
 40 *or both, with supportive services for veterans, or for partnering*

1 with housing developers or service providers with experience  
2 offering housing or services to veterans.

3 (b) The departments shall ensure at least 50 percent of funds  
4 awarded for capital development under this article provide housing  
5 to veteran households with extremely low incomes, as defined in  
6 Section 50106 of the Health and Safety Code.

7 (1) In determining whether a potential tenant is eligible for  
8 supportive, affordable, or transitional housing targeted to  
9 extremely low income households under this provision, eligibility  
10 shall take into consideration all of a household's income sources  
11 upon initial tenancy.

12 (2) At least 60 percent of units funded targeting extremely  
13 low-income households shall be supportive housing.

14 (3) This section shall not deter the departments from funding  
15 projects serving mixed-income populations.

16 ~~(b)~~

17 (c) ~~The board~~ departments may ~~review and adopt~~ review, adopt,  
18 amend, and repeal guidelines or ~~regulations~~, terms, or both, to  
19 implement this article. Any guidelines or terms adopted to  
20 implement this article shall not be subject to Chapter 3.5  
21 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title  
22 2 of the Government Code.

23 (d) Nothing in this article permits the departments or the board  
24 to purchase, operate, or manage properties except in the event of  
25 a foreclosure on a borrower or grantee.

26 987.006. (a) No later than ~~March 4, 2015; August 15, 2014,~~  
27 ~~the Department of Veterans Affairs~~ departments shall enter into  
28 a memorandum of understanding ~~with the Department of Housing~~  
29 ~~and Community Development and the California Housing Finance~~  
30 ~~Agency~~ to address their respective and shared responsibilities in  
31 implementing, overseeing, and evaluating this article.

32 (b) No later than ~~March 4, 2015; August 15, 2014,~~ the ~~board~~  
33 departments shall submit the memorandum of understanding to  
34 the Senate and Assembly Budget Committees.

35 987.007. The ~~board~~ departments shall convene a stakeholder  
36 process to inform the development of guidelines for the  
37 implementation of any program pursuant to this article.  
38 Stakeholders represented shall include, but not be limited to,  
39 organizations that have experience providing housing or homeless

1 services, or both, to veterans, housing developers, and public and  
2 private agencies that serve the veteran population.

3 987.008. (a) Pursuant to guidelines or ~~regulations~~ *terms*  
4 developed pursuant to this article, ~~nothing in this article shall~~  
5 ~~preclude~~ a housing provider ~~from redesignating~~ or *sponsor may*  
6 *redesignate* units within a project, so long as the same number of  
7 units financed under this act remain restricted to veterans and their  
8 families.

9 (b) Pursuant to guidelines or ~~regulations~~ *terms* pursuant to this  
10 article, any units financed as supportive or transitional housing  
11 units *for veterans* may be redesignated as affordable *rental* or  
12 supportive *housing* to allow a veteran resident to remain housed  
13 in the project.

14 987.009. *Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government*  
15 *Code, the proceeds of bonds deposited in the Housing for Veterans*  
16 *Fund pursuant to Section 998.544 shall be subject to annual*  
17 *appropriation, as determined by the Legislature.*

18 SEC. 4. Section 50408 of the Health and Safety Code is  
19 amended to read:

20 50408. (a) On or before December 31 of each year, the  
21 department shall submit an annual report to the Governor and both  
22 houses of the Legislature on the operations and accomplishments  
23 during the previous fiscal year of the housing programs  
24 administered by the department, including, but not limited to, the  
25 Emergency Housing and Assistance Program and Community  
26 Development Block Grant activity.

27 (b) The report shall include all of the following information:

- 28 (1) The number of units assisted by those programs.
- 29 (2) The number of individuals and households served and their  
30 income levels.
- 31 (3) The distribution of units among various areas of the state.
- 32 (4) The amount of other public and private funds leveraged by  
33 the assistance provided by those programs.
- 34 (5) Information detailing the assistance provided to various  
35 groups of persons by programs that are targeted to assist those  
36 groups.
- 37 (6) The information required to be reported pursuant to Section  
38 17031.8.
- 39 (7) An evaluation, in collaboration with the Department of  
40 Veterans Affairs, of any program established by the department

1 pursuant to Article 3.2 (commencing with Section 987.001) of  
2 Chapter 6 of Division 4 of the Military and Veterans Code.

3 SEC. 5. Section 50501 of the Health and Safety Code is  
4 amended to read:

5 50501. The department may furnish counseling and guidance  
6 services to aid any governmental agency or any private or nonprofit  
7 organization or persons in securing the financial aid or cooperation  
8 of government agencies in the undertaking, construction,  
9 maintenance, operation, or financing of housing for Indians, farm  
10 laborers and their families, persons and families displaced by action  
11 of any state or local public entity, workers engaged in cutting,  
12 processing, milling, handling, or shipping lumber or lumber  
13 products, the families of such workers, veterans, the elderly and  
14 handicapped, and persons and families of low or moderate income.  
15 The department may contract for or sponsor, subject to the  
16 availability of federal funds, experimental or demonstration projects  
17 for permanently fixed or mobile housing designed to meet the  
18 special needs of agricultural workers, persons displaced by action  
19 of any local public entity, the handicapped, the elderly, veterans,  
20 Indians, and persons and families of low or moderate income. Such  
21 contracts or sponsorship agreements may be between the  
22 department and local public entities, private enterprise, or nonprofit  
23 organizations.

24 SEC. 6. Section 50505 of the Health and Safety Code is  
25 amended to read:

26 50505. The department may enter into agreements to provide  
27 staffing to assist government agencies in the conduct of federal  
28 loan and grant programs for the provision of housing for veterans  
29 and persons and families of low or moderate income in this state.

30 SEC. 7. Section 50510 of the Health and Safety Code is  
31 amended to read:

32 50510. The department shall develop and, subject to specific  
33 authorization and appropriation by the Legislature or the  
34 availability of federal subsidies, implement demonstration subsidy  
35 programs to test the effectiveness of one or more housing subsidy  
36 programs for veterans, very low income households, or other  
37 persons and families of low or moderate income. Such programs  
38 may include housing allowance payments, homeownership  
39 downpayment assistance, homeownership interest subsidy, leased  
40 housing subleased to very low income households, rent supplement

1 payments on behalf of very low income households, or other types  
2 of subsidy programs.

3 SEC. 8. Section 50512 of the Health and Safety Code is  
4 amended to read:

5 50512. The department may provide technical assistance and  
6 aid to governmental agencies, nonprofit corporations, and housing  
7 sponsors for the purpose of providing the benefits of assisted  
8 housing to veterans, very low income households, and persons and  
9 families of low or moderate income which are handicapped or in  
10 which the head of household has been previously confined to  
11 institutional care. Subject to the availability of staff resources, the  
12 department shall coordinate its technical assistance activities and  
13 loan and grant programs in order to increase participation and  
14 understanding of those activities and programs by public and  
15 private groups and individuals seeking to expand or improve  
16 housing opportunities for veterans, the elderly, or the handicapped.

17 SEC. 9. Section 1 of this act shall take effect upon the approval  
18 by the voters of the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention  
19 Bond Act of 2014, as set forth in that section.

20 SEC. 10. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 9040, 9043, 9044,  
21 9061, 9094, and 13115 of the Elections Code or any other law, a  
22 ballot measure that sets forth Section 1 of this act shall be submitted  
23 to the voters at the ~~November 4, June 3, 2014, general statewide~~  
24 *primary* election.

25 (b) The Secretary of State shall ensure the placement of the  
26 ballot measure as set forth in Section 1 of this act on the ~~November~~  
27 ~~4, June 3, 2014, general statewide primary~~ election ballot, in  
28 substantial compliance with any statutory time requirements  
29 applicable to the submission of statewide measures to the voters  
30 at a statewide election.

31 (c) The Secretary of State shall include, in the ballot pamphlet  
32 mailed pursuant to Section 9094 of the Elections Code, the  
33 information specified in Section 9084 of the Elections Code  
34 regarding the provisions contained in Section 1 of this act.

35 SEC. 11. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the  
36 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within  
37 the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into  
38 immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

39 In order that Section 1 of this act be included on the ~~November~~  
40 ~~4, June 3, 2014, general statewide primary~~ election ballot for

- 1 purposes of assisting veterans at the earliest possible time, it is
- 2 necessary that this act take effect immediately.

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