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SENATE BILL

No. 384

Introduced by Senator Leyva

February 24, 2015

An act to add Section 980.7 to the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veteran housing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 384, as amended, Leyva. Veteran housing: multifamily units: underserved veterans.

Existing law provides various programs and bond issuances to provide housing for veterans, as defined, including law, the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014, which (*the act*) provides for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable multifamily supportive housing, affordable transitional housing, affordable rental housing, or related facilities for veterans and their families. Existing law, the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014 (*bond act*), an initiative measure enacted by the voters as Proposition 41 at the June 3, 2014, primary election, authorized \$600 million in bonds to provide multifamily housing to low-income veterans and supportive housing for homeless veterans, through the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014.

This bill would require, for all multifamily housing units acquired, constructed, rehabilitated, or preserved on or after January 1, 2017, for the purpose of housing veterans, that a percentage of the state *bond act* funds to be used ~~in~~ for purposes of the act be reserved for housing for

underserved veterans, as defined, the percentage of the ~~state bond act~~ funds to be determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 980.7 is added to the Military and
2 Veterans Code, to read:

3 980.7. (a) For all multifamily housing units acquired,
4 constructed, rehabilitated, or preserved on or after January 1, 2017,
5 for the purpose of housing veterans, a percentage of the state funds
6 to be used ~~in the act for purposes of the Veterans Housing and~~
7 ~~Homeless Prevention Act of 2014~~ shall be reserved for housing
8 for underserved veterans. The percentage reserved shall be
9 determined by the ~~department,~~ *department* in consultation with
10 the appropriate local agencies.

11 (b) For purposes of this section, “underserved veterans” means
12 those veterans either experiencing or at risk of experiencing
13 homelessness at a disproportionate rate to their veteran or
14 nonveteran counterparts, as determined by the most recent United
15 States Department of Housing and Urban Development Annual
16 Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) that includes an assessment
17 of veteran homelessness, or other similar source the department
18 deems appropriate.

19 (c) The department shall determine the percentage of funds *from*
20 *the Housing for Veterans Fund established pursuant to Section*
21 *998.44* to be reserved annually pursuant to subdivision (a), with
22 the first determination to be made on July 1, 2017, and thereafter
23 each year on July 1. The determination shall be made using the
24 most recently released AHAR that includes an assessment of
25 veteran homelessness, or other similar source that the department
26 deems appropriate.

27 (d) *If there are insufficient applications for proposed housing*
28 *projects meeting the requirements of subdivision (a), the reserved*
29 *funding shall revert back to the Housing for Veterans Fund and*
30 *be available for other purposes authorized by the act.*

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