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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2309

Introduced by Assembly Member Fletcher
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Salas)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Block, Harkey, Jeffries, Lieu,
V. Manuel Perez, and Saldana)

February 19, 2010

An act to amend Section 1011 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2309, as amended, Fletcher. Veterans' Home of California.

Existing law provides for the establishment and operation of the Veterans' Home of California at various sites, and declares that there is in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Veterans' Home of California, Yountville.

This bill would update that provision to declare that additionally there are in the department a Veterans' Home of California, Barstow, a Veterans' Home of California, Chula Vista, a Veterans' Home of California, Lancaster, and a Veterans' Home of California, Ventura. This bill would provide for the Veterans' Home of California, Chula Vista, to also be known as the "John Smith Memorial Veterans' Home." *This bill would authorize the department to complete any preapplication process necessary with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for construction of the homes.*

This bill would also make other conforming changes.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 1011 of the Military and Veterans Code is amended to read:

1011. (a) There is in the department a Veterans' Home of California, Yountville, situated ~~at Veterans' Home,~~ in Napa County.

(b) There is in the department a Veterans' Home of California, Barstow, situated in San Bernardino County.

(c) There is in the department a Veterans' Home of California, Chula Vista, situated in San Diego County. This veterans' home shall also be known as the "John Smith Memorial Veterans' Home."

(d) There is in the department a Veterans' Home of California, Lancaster, situated in Los Angeles County.

(e) There is in the department a Veterans' Home of California, Ventura, situated in Ventura County.

(f) *The department may complete any preapplication process necessary with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for construction of the homes.*

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(g) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the homes are a new state function. The department may perform any or all work in operating the homes by independent contractors, except the overall administration and management of the homes. Any and all actions of the department taken before September 17, 1996, that are consistent with this subdivision are hereby ratified and confirmed, it having at all times been the intent of the Legislature that the department be so authorized.

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(h) There shall be an administrator for each home or homesite, who shall be recommended by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and appointed by the Governor, and shall be located at that home or homesite. The salary for each administrator shall be subject to the approval of the Department of Personnel Administration.