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H.B. NO. 788

A Bill for an Act Relating to Veterans Rights and Benefits.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 363-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“§363-1 Definitions. Unless the context clearly requires a different meaning, when used in this chapter:

“Veteran” means any person who has served in any of the armed services of the United States, or any person who is now a citizen of the United States who has served in any of the armed services of any country which was an ally of the United States in any war or campaign in which the United States was also engaged.

“Dependent” of a veteran means any person who received from a veteran his principal support prior to entry of the veteran into any of the armed services. It includes a dependent of a person currently serving in the service and a former dependent of a deceased veteran and of a person who has died in such service.

“Family” of a veteran means members of the immediate family of the veteran, or of a person currently serving in any of the armed services, or of a person who has died in the service, or of a deceased veteran.

“Department” means the department of social services and housing.”

SECTION 2. Section 363-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“§363-11 Special housing for disabled veterans. The department shall develop rules to specify the amount to be provided a veteran for the purpose of bearing the cost not borne by the federal government for a specially designed home for disabled veterans. The veteran must have been a bona fide resident of the State before entering active service with the armed forces and must qualify for a federal grant under the Veterans Administration’s Specially Adapted Housing program. In no event shall

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the State pay a qualified veteran a share greater than the federal government toward the purchase or remodeling of such home.

The moneys provided shall be expended only on vouchers drawn by the comptroller based on application therefor approved by the department of social services and housing in accordance with this section, to the extent permitted by the applicable appropriation.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 20, 1981.)

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.