

HOUSE BILL NO. 459

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A STATE VETERANS' HOME TO ADMIT PARENTS OF
5 VETERANS WHO DIED WHILE SERVING; AMENDING SECTIONS 10-2-401 AND 10-2-403, MCA; AND
6 PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 **Section 1.** Section 10-2-401, MCA, is amended to read:
11 **"10-2-401. Location and function of homes ~~persons admitted.~~** (1) The institutions at Columbia
12 Falls, in eastern Montana, and in southwestern Montana are the Montana veterans' homes; ~~and their~~
13 (2) The primary function of a veterans' home is to provide a home and subsistence for veterans. The
14 department of public health and human services may also admit ~~spouses or surviving spouses of veterans to the~~
15 homes other persons eligible under 10-2-403 if space allows."

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17 **Section 2.** Section 10-2-403, MCA, is amended to read:
18 **"10-2-403. Eligibility for residence in home.** (1) To be eligible for residence in a Montana veterans'
19 home under rules prescribed by the department of public health and human services, a person must be a veteran,
20 ~~or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran,~~ or the parent of a veteran who died while serving in the United
21 States armed forces.

22 (2) Consideration must also be given to:
23 (1)(a) the person's age;
24 (2)(b) the person's physical and mental status;
25 (3)(c) the person's ability or inability to locate suitable alternative accommodations;
26 (4)(d) the person's term of residence in Montana;
27 (5)(e) the person's gender as it relates to availability of appropriate living space;
28 (6)(f) the ability of the Montana veterans' home to meet the person's needs; and
29 (7)(g) other admission requirements established by the department."
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