

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1989**

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**SENATE BILL 1379**

Short Title: Veterans Home Study.

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Sponsors: Senators Raynor, Tally; Ballance, Barker, Barnes, Basnight, Block, Conder, Daniel, Ezzell, Goldston, Guy, Harris, Johnson of Cabarrus, Johnson of Wake, Kaplan, Lee, Martin of Pitt, Martin of Guilford, Marvin, Murphy, Odom, Parnell, Plyler, Rauch, Richardson, Sands, Sherron, Soles, Speed, Staton, Swain, Taft, Walker, Ward, and Winner.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 24, 1990

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT CREATING A VETERANS HOME STUDY COMMISSION AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE STUDY.**

Whereas, North Carolina is one of 12 states that does not have a veterans home; and

Whereas, federal funds are available to assist the states in constructing veterans homes and the federal government is strongly encouraging those states that do not have veterans homes to establish them; and

Whereas, the construction of a veterans home involves complicated and difficult questions such as defining the need, the location, the size, and the design, which require careful study and consideration; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Veterans Home Study Commission is created. The Commission shall consist of 10 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each appoint one member from their respective body of the legislature and from the North Carolina American Legion, the North Carolina Veterans of Foreign Wars, the North Carolina Disabled American Veterans, and the North Carolina American Veterans of World War II (AMVETS) from a list submitted to each of them from the governing

1 body of each organization containing three recommendations for Commission  
2 membership. These lists of proposed members shall be submitted to the Speaker of the  
3 House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate on or before July  
4 15, 1990, and the appointments to the Commission shall be made on or before August 1,  
5 1990.

6 Sec. 2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one  
7 member of the Commission as cochairman and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
8 shall designate one member as cochairman. The cochairmen shall call the initial  
9 meeting of the Commission.

10 Sec. 3. a. The Commission shall study the construction of a State  
11 veterans home, the identification of a site for the home, and the operation, management  
12 and ongoing costs for a State veterans home.

13 b. The Commission may assist the State in making an application  
14 to secure federal grant matching funds for the construction of a  
15 State veterans home.

16 c. The Commission may visit veterans homes in other states, and  
17 may contract with consultants, architects, engineers, contractors  
18 and other experts in the field of veteran home construction.

19 d. The Commission shall formulate funding recommendations to  
20 the General Assembly that will fully implement a State veterans  
21 home program to adequately serve the veterans in North  
22 Carolina.

23 Sec. 4. The Commission shall submit a report of its findings and  
24 recommendations to the 1991 General Assembly.

25 Sec. 5. Upon the approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the  
26 Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional staff to assist in the work of the  
27 Commission. Clerical staff shall be furnished to the Commission through the offices of  
28 House and Senate Supervisors of Clerks. The expenses of employment of the clerical  
29 staff shall be paid by the Commission. The Commission may employ professional staff  
30 as necessary to perform its duties. The Commission may meet in the Legislative  
31 Building or the Legislative Office Building, upon the approval of the Legislative  
32 Services Commission.

33 Sec. 6. Members of the Commission shall be paid subsistence and travel  
34 allowances as follows:

35 (1) Commission members who are also General Assembly members at  
36 the rate established in G.S. 120-3.1;

37 (2) Commission members, if any, who are also officials or employees  
38 of the State at the rate established in G.S. 138-6;

39 (3) All other Commission members at the rate established in G.S. 138-  
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41 Sec. 7. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative  
42 Services Commission the sum of \$50,000 for fiscal year 1990-91 for the work of the  
43 Veterans Home Study Commission .

44 Sec. 8. This act shall become effective July 1, 1990.