

A bill for an act

relating to veterans homes; requiring an application for federal certification of veterans homes; providing a schedule for applications; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 198.003, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 198.003, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. **Medicare certification.** (a) The commissioner shall apply to the federal government under the following schedule for certification of the veterans homes for participation as providers in the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act:

(1) the veterans homes in Fergus Falls, Luverne, and Silver Bay by October 1, 2009; and

(2) the veterans home in Minneapolis by July 1, 2010.

(b) Upon certification of a facility, the commissioner shall seek to maximize Medicare reimbursements under Medicare part A and part B for services to eligible residents.