

CHAPTER 198

MINNESOTA VETERANS HOME

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NOTE: See sections 137.20 and 137.21.

198.001 DEFINITIONS. Subdivision 1. For the purposes of this chapter, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. "Resident" means a person admitted to the Minnesota veterans home.

Subd. 3. "Veterans home board" means the Minnesota veterans home board of trustees.

[1965 c 643 s 1; 1967 c 148 s 2; 1971 c 619 s 1]

198.01 VETERANS HOME; ELIGIBILITY OF VETERANS. The Minnesota veterans home shall be maintained at Minneapolis, and shall provide a home for veterans of all wars, and their wives, widows, mothers and fathers, who meet eligibility and admission requirements, and who comply with the rules and regulations of the home. Persons who served in the armed forces of the United States during a period of war, and who were discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable, and who did not receive a bad conduct discharge, shall be eligible for admission to the Minnesota veterans home. "Period of war," as it refers to eligibility, is defined as follows:

(1) Active service in any campaign against the Indians in Minnesota in 1862 whether as soldiers of the United States or not.

(2) Civil War, or war between the states.

(3) Mexican War.

(4) Spanish-American War, April 21, 1898 through July 4, 1902.

(a) Includes Philippine Insurrection and Boxer rebellion.

(b) Includes service in Moro Province, April 21, 1898 through July 15, 1903.

(5) World War I, April 6, 1917 through April 1, 1920.

(a) Includes service in Russia, April 16, 1917 through April 1, 1920.

(b) Service through July 2, 1921 if active duty performed during basic war period.

(6) World War II, December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946.

(a) Through July 25, 1947 if continuous duty began on or before December 31, 1946.

(7) Korean Conflict, June 27, 1950 through January 31, 1955.

(8) Vietnam era, August 5, 1964 to a date as shall hereafter be determined by presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the Congress.

[R L s 1835; 1931 c 176 s 1; 1943 c 54 s 1; 1951 c 71 s 1; 1957 c 150 s 1; 1967 c 52 s 1; 1967 c 148 s 1; 1971 c 619 s 2] (4344)

198.02 [Repealed, 1953 c 117 s 2]

198.021 [Repealed, 1971 c 619 s 17]

198.022 ELIGIBILITY OF WIVES, WIDOWS, MOTHERS AND FATHERS. The veterans home board is hereby authorized to admit eligible wives with their husbands, widows, mothers, and fathers when accompanying mothers, of those veterans who are or if living would be, eligible for admission to the home.

(1) All applicants for admission to the Minnesota veterans home must be without adequate means of support and unable by reason of wounds, disease, old age, or infirmity to properly maintain themselves.

(2) Veterans must have served in a Minnesota regiment or have been credited to the state of Minnesota, or have served in any campaign against the Indians as

aforesaid, or have been a resident of the state for three years next preceding the date of application for admission.

(3) Wives, widows, mothers and fathers of eligible veterans must be at least 55 years of age, and have been residents of the state of Minnesota no less than five years next preceding the date of application for admission.

(4) A widow, eligible for admission except that the veteran did not serve in a Minnesota regiment or was not a resident of Minnesota at the time of his death may be eligible for admission provided she has resided in the state not less than 15 years next preceding the date of application for admission.

(5) A wife, widow, or mother of the veteran who has previously been a resident of Minnesota for not less than ten years and who lost her residency in the state by moving therefrom for the benefit of her health or the health of her husband or son, and who has returned to the state for the purpose of making it her home is eligible for admission to the veterans home provided she is otherwise eligible.

(6) A wife or widow of a veteran of the Civil War or of a veteran who served in any campaign against the Indians as aforesaid shall be eligible for admission if she was married to the veteran prior to the year 1905. A wife or widow of a veteran of the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, or the Boxer rebellion shall be eligible for admission if she was married to the veteran prior to December 31, 1937.

[1971 c 619 s 3]

198.03 MAINTENANCE CHARGES. Any person otherwise eligible for admission to the Minnesota veterans home, except that he has means of support, may, at the discretion of the veterans home board, be admitted to the Minnesota veterans home upon entering into and complying with the terms of a contract made by him with such board, providing for reasonable compensation to be paid by such person to the state of Minnesota for his care, support, and maintenance in the home.

[1923 c 13; 1967 c 148 s 2; 1971 c 619 s 4] (4346)

198.04 [Repealed, 1967 c 52 s 11]

198.05 NEW BUILDINGS. The department of administration shall have and exercise full authority in the erection and construction of new buildings at the veterans home. When new buildings are to be erected and constructed by authority of the state or old buildings to be remodeled it shall be the duty of the department of administration to cause to be prepared plans and specifications for the same, but in so doing it shall consult with the trustees of the veterans home in respect to these plans and specifications and shall adopt and carry out, so far as it deems practicable, their requests and desires in the matter.

[1913 c 88 s 1; 1967 c 148 s 2] (4348)

198.06 BOARD OF TRUSTEES; APPOINTMENT; DUTIES. The Minnesota veterans home shall be governed by and is under the management of nine trustees, one of whom shall be a woman, to be known as the veterans home board. The trustees shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate, each for a term of six years, and until his successor qualifies. There shall be one trustee appointed from each congressional district, and one at large. No two members of the board of trustees, except the one member appointed at large, shall reside, at the time of appointment, in the same congressional district. Vacancies shall be filled by like appointment for unexpired terms. Not more than five of the trustees shall be members of the same political party. In the selection of trustees, preference shall be given to honorably discharged veterans. The veterans home board shall determine policy and shall adopt and enforce rules for the government of the home and proper bylaws for the conduct of its business. It shall make rules not inconsistent with this chapter, respecting the admission, maintenance, conduct and discharge of residents of the home, and the disbursements of funds under its control.

[R L s 1836; 1907 c 326 s 1; 1917 c 188 s 1; 1919 c 131 s 1; 1951 c 265 s 1; 1957 c 150 s 3; 1963 c 495 s 1; 1965 c 643 s 2; 1967 c 52 s 2; 1967 c 148 s 2; 1971 c 619 s 5] (4349)

198.061 [Repealed, 1971 c 619 s 17]

198.07 OFFICERS; EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The veterans home board shall elect from its members a president, a treasurer, and an executive committee of three. The same person may hold the positions of president and treasurer. The

executive committee may exercise such powers as the bylaws adopted pursuant to section 198.06 shall permit.

[*R L s 1837; 1907 c 326 s 2; 1919 c 83 s 1; 1925 c 128; 1965 c 643 s 3; 1967 c 52 s 3; 1967 c 148 s 2; 1971 c 619 s 6*] (4350)

198.071 COMPENSATION. Veterans home board members shall receive as compensation for their services in attending meetings of the board and meetings of any committee thereof, the sum of \$25 per day for each such meeting day so attended, and in addition thereto shall receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Claims for such compensation shall be paid in accordance with section 6.21.

[*1971 c 619 s 7*]

198.072 BOND. Each trustee shall give a bond to the state in the sum of \$5,000, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties and economical expenditure of the funds provided for herein. The trustee selected as treasurer of the home shall give an additional bond to the state in such sum as may be designated by the board, conditional that such treasurer shall account for and pay over, according to the directions of the board, all moneys or other property which may come into his possession with the consent of the residents of the home from residents of such home. The surety on such treasurer's bond may be any surety company that is authorized to contract as such by the laws of the state of Minnesota, and the cost thereof shall be paid from funds appropriated to the veterans home.

[*1971 c 619 s 8*]

198.073 REPORTS. Every two years the veterans home board shall report to the governor all its proceedings during the preceding two years, which report, with such information and recommendations concerning its work as the board may deem proper, shall also be submitted to the legislature in print on or before November 15 in each even numbered year.

[*1971 c 619 s 9*]

198.08 MEETINGS. Meetings of the board shall be as set forth in the bylaws adopted pursuant to section 198.06. The annual meeting of the veterans home board shall be held on the second Tuesday of August. Special meetings for a designated purpose may be called at any time by the president or by any two of the trustees. The principal office of the board, and the usual place of its meetings, shall be at the home.

[*R L s 1838; 1965 c 643 s 4; 1967 c 148 s 2; 1971 c 619 s 10*] (4351)

198.09 ADMINISTRATOR. The veterans home board shall appoint an administrator for such term as it may deem proper, who, under its direction, shall have immediate charge of the day to day operation of the home.

[*R L s 1839; 1951 c 713 s 19; 1967 c 52 s 4; 1967 c 148 s 2; 1971 c 619 s 11*] (4352)

198.10 [Repealed, 1967 c 886 s 15]

198.11 [Repealed, 1967 c 886 s 15]

198.12 [Repealed, 1967 c 886 s 15]

198.13 [Repealed, 1967 c 52 s 11; 1967 c 886 s 15]

198.14 [Repealed, 1971 c 619 s 17]

198.15 [Repealed, 1971 c 619 s 17]

198.16 DONATIONS; GENERAL PURPOSES. The veterans home board is hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the state any gift, grant, bequest, or devise made for the purposes of this chapter, and administer the same as directed by the donor. All proceeds therefrom including moneys derived from the sale of any real or personal property shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the Minnesota veterans home endowment, bequest, and devises fund. Said fund shall consist of two accounts, one of which shall include any trusts prescribed by the donor, the other shall include any currently expendable proceeds. Disbursements from this fund shall be made by the state treasurer upon warrants of the state auditor in the manner provided for the issuance of other state warrants.

Whenever the veterans home board shall deem it advisable, in accordance with law, to sell or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property thus acquired, the commissioner upon the request of the board shall sell or otherwise dispose of said property in the manner provided by law for the sale or disposition of other state property by the commissioner of administration.

[*R L s 1846; 1913 c 170 s 1; 1945 c 444 s 1; 1967 c 148 s 2; 1969 c 540 s 10; 1971 c 619 s 12*] (4359)

198.161 DONATIONS; PARTICULAR PURPOSES. The veterans home board may accept donations and gifts of money for the benefit of the residents of the home. All moneys so received shall be deposited in a separate account at the home and records shall be kept, clearly showing the identity of the donor, the purpose of the donation and the ultimate disposition of the donation. Each donation shall be duly receipted and shall be expended or used by the veterans home board as nearly in accordance with the condition of the gift or donation as is compatible with the best interests of the residents of the home. The donations so received to the extent they are made to the state of Minnesota are hereby appropriated to the veterans home board for the purposes of this chapter.

[1971 c 619 s 13]

198.17 [Repealed, 1967 c 52 s 11]

198.18 [Repealed, 1971 c 619 s 17]

198.19 [Repealed, 1967 c 52 s 11]

198.20 [Repealed, 1971 c 619 s 17]

198.21 [Repealed, 1967 c 52 s 11]

198.22 [Repealed, 1967 c 886 s 15]

198.23 PERSONAL PROPERTY OF RESIDENTS; WILLS. As a condition of admission to the home, every person shall execute his will, and deposit the same with the administrator of the home, disposing of any personal property of which he may die possessed. Upon the decease of any such testator, the veterans home board shall cause such of his personal estate as may be left in his possession to be disposed of pursuant to the will. All property of the deceased resident of the home not so bequeathed by will, and remaining at the home, unclaimed, for one year after his death, shall be inventoried, appraised, and sold, and the proceeds thereof paid into the state treasury to the credit of the Minnesota veterans home endowment, bequest and devises fund.

[R L s 1848; 1965 c 643 s 10; 1967 c 148 s 2; 1971 c 619 s 14] (4366)

198.26 [Repealed, 1969 c 1153 s 16]

198.261 CANTEN AND COFFEE SHOP. Any profits derived from the operation of the canteen and coffee shop at the Minnesota veterans home shall be used by the veterans home board only for the direct benefit of the residents of the home.

[1969 c 1153 s 14; 1971 c 619 s 15]

198.265 DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS. The Minnesota veterans home may accept moneys from residents for safe keeping purposes to be returned to such residents on demand. Sufficient money shall be retained at the home to satisfy normal demand withdrawal requests of the residents and other anticipated needs. Residents' deposits shall otherwise be deposited in the state treasury to a separate investment account provided by the state auditor, which shall be invested by the state board of investment in accordance with section 11.17. Residents' moneys on deposit in this account may be placed in this account only after the member has signed an agreement that he is willing to have the money in an account that does not draw interest directly to the resident himself.

There is annually appropriated from the account established by this section a sufficient amount to return to the Minnesota veterans home, upon written request, sufficient money to satisfy the demand of residents for the return of their money and other requirements.

The interest earned from the investment of the deposits is annually appropriated to the Minnesota veterans home from the account established by this section to be used by the veterans home board only for the direct benefit of the residents of the home, and the interest shall be available to the home not less than twice each year.

[1969 c 1153 s 15; 1971 c 619 s 16]