

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 60

BY REPRESENTATIVE GALLE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

VETERANS: Provides relative to healthcare facilities operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs for war veterans

## 1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:381, relative to war veterans healthcare facilities; to provide  
3 relative to the authorization and maintenance of war veterans healthcare facilities;  
4 to provide relative to eligibility; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 29:381 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §381. Authority to operate and maintain; definition of war veterans; eligibility of  
8 other veterans and nonveterans

9 The Department of Veterans Affairs is hereby authorized to operate and  
10 maintain ~~health-care~~ healthcare facilities for war veterans with psychiatric and  
11 geriatric conditions, ~~and other such~~ veterans and nonveterans as deemed eligible  
12 under Title 38 of the United States Code, and certain nonveterans, National Guard,  
13 or reservists who were not called to duty under Title 10 of the United States Code.

14 For the purpose of this Part, "war veterans" shall be construed to mean such  
15 ex-service persons as were discharged under other than dishonorable conditions; and  
16 who served in any branch of the armed forces of the United States during the period  
17 of any war in which the United States participated, including the Korean Conflict,  
18 or who performed such services after January 31, 1955, including the Vietnam era.

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DIGEST

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HB 60 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for the eligibility of nonveterans, National Guard, or reservists who were not called to duty under Title 10 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) to use state war veterans healthcare facilities.

Present law provides that certain war veterans and certain veterans and nonveterans are eligible to use state war veterans healthcare facilities.

Proposed law retains present law and expands eligibility to certain nonveterans, National Guard, or reservists who were not called to duty under Title 10 of the U.S.C.

(Amends R.S. 29:381)