

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 854

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 854 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Veterans Affairs Act is
5 amended by changing Section 2.01 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/2.01) (from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 67.01)

7 Sec. 2.01. Any honorably discharged veteran is entitled
8 to admission to an Illinois Veterans Home, if the applicant:

9 (a) (1) Has served in the armed forces of the United
10 States at least 1 day in the Spanish American War, World War
11 I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Viet Nam Campaign,
12 or the Persian Gulf Conflict between the dates recognized by
13 the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or between any other
14 present or future dates recognized by the U.S. Department of
15 Veterans Affairs as a war period, or has served in a hostile
16 fire environment and has been awarded a campaign or
17 expeditionary medal signifying his or her service, for
18 purposes of eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home care;
19 or

20 (2) Has (i) served on active duty in the armed forces
21 for one year for purposes of eligibility for domiciliary care
22 only or (ii) served in the National Guard or Reserve Forces

1 of the United States and completed 20 years of satisfactory
2 service, is otherwise eligible to receive reserve or active
3 duty retirement benefits, and has been an Illinois resident
4 for at least one year before applying for admission for
5 purposes of eligibility for domiciliary care only; and

6 (b) Has service accredited to the State of Illinois or
7 has been a resident of this State for one year immediately
8 preceding the date of application; and

9 (c) For admission to the Illinois Veterans Homes at Anna
10 and Quincy, is disabled by disease, wounds, or otherwise and
11 because of the disability is incapable of earning a living;
12 or

13 (d) For admission to the Illinois Veterans Homes at
14 LaSalle and Manteno and for admission to the John Joseph
15 Kelly Veteran's Home, is disabled by disease, wounds, or
16 otherwise and, for purposes of eligibility for nursing home
17 care, requires nursing care because of the disability.

18 (Source: P.A. 91-634, eff. 8-19-99.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
20 January 1, 2002."