

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB419**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday March 13, 2025  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Lonowski  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to admission to veterans homes and veterans aid

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Sanders, Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Wordekemper  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Dan Lonowski  
John Hilgert

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

The bill proposes changes to statutes governing eligibility for state veterans homes. It would reword the duty of the Department of Veterans' Affairs relating to such homes, redefining them as "long-term care" instead of "domiciliary and nursing home care and subsistence." It would simplify one eligibility element as being the need for long-term care that is available at Nebraska veterans homes, rather than the existing requirements relating to an analysis of service-related disability, old age, and their impact on the applicant's ability to earn a livelihood. The bill would also delete another eligibility requirement relating to an applicant's income level making them wholly or partially dependent on public charities. Finally, the bill would make it clear that an application referral could come from a state service officer and not only a recognized veterans organization or county veterans service officer.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 419 clarifies the permissible frequency of claims submissions (no more than one in a thirty day period) and provides an exception for claims relating to funeral expenses.

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Rita Sanders, Chairperson



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