

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB419

Chairperson: Senator Rita Sanders

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: March 13, 2025

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB419 harmonizes provisions relating to eligibility for admission to state veterans' homes and creates more options for veterans to apply for state veterans' aid. The bill, as introduced, is cost neutral to the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs (Agency 28) and does not present a fiscal impact for any state agency. The bill would eliminate subjective requirements for admission to State Veteran Homes, such as "disabled due to service, old age, or otherwise to an extent that it would prevent such applicant from earning a livelihood" as well as the age requirement for the spouse of a veteran to have attained the age of fifty years. The bill would further remove language in statute requiring the applicant to be "dependent wholly or partially upon public charities or the type of care needed is available only at a state institution." The bill would also provide more access options for veterans to apply for veterans' aid by allowing veterans to submit an application for aid at the Nebraska State Service Office or at outreach events attended by a State Veteran Service Officer.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dan Lonowski, District 33