



2026 HF 3522 (Duran) Veterans Home Closure Statutory Clarification

WHAT DOES THIS BILL DO?

This bill creates a new subsection in Minnesota Statute 198.01 allowing for additional procedures in the unlikely event that a Minnesota Veterans Home must be temporarily closed due to an involuntary termination notice.

WHY IS THIS BILL IMPORTANT?

This addition to statute is necessary for the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs to comply with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) requirements. Currently, under Minnesota law, the Commissioner may not close a Veterans Home unless the legislature passes a law authorizing them to do so.

This creates a conflict with the US Code of Federal Regulations which requires homes to close if ordered to do so after an "immediate jeopardy" tag from CMS and requires nursing homes to have a "closure plan." This proposal adds a notwithstanding clause authorizing the closure for this specific circumstance once all residents are moved to suitable locations so that all eight Minnesota Veterans Homes are compliant.

HOW WILL MINNESOTANS BE BETTER OFF IF WE PASS THIS BILL?

Ensuring compliance with regulators will reassure residents of Veterans Homes and their families that the care they receive meets the necessary standards as required by state and federal law.

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