

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2038

Introduced by Assembly Member Yamada

February 23, 2012

An act to amend Section 1047 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans' homes.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2038, as introduced, Yamada. Veterans' homes: residents: general welfare.

Existing law requires the administrator of a veterans' home to maintain a Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund to be used for the general welfare of the residents of veterans' homes. Existing law requires the fund established for the Yountville facility to maintain a reserve in the amount of \$2,000,000.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1047 of the Military and Veterans Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 1047. (a) The administrator shall maintain a Morale, Welfare,
- 4 and Recreation Fund that shall be used, at the discretion of the
- 5 administrator and subject to the approval of the secretary, to
- 6 provide for the general welfare of the veterans, including, but not
- 7 limited to, providing for operations of the Veterans' Home

1 Exchange, hobby shop, motion picture theater, library, band, and
2 any other function that is operated for the morale, welfare, and
3 recreation of the veterans, and to pay for newspapers, chapel
4 expenses, welfare and entertainment expenses, sport activities,
5 celebrations, and any other activity that is for the morale, welfare,
6 and recreation of the veterans.

7 (b) Money in the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund may
8 not be expended for any of the following:

- 9 (1) Medical treatments or any other related treatment.
- 10 (2) Maintenance of the physical plant of the home.
- 11 (3) Any function, operation, or activity that is not directly related
12 to the morale, welfare, or recreation of the veterans.

13 (c) Appropriations from the General Fund for the purposes
14 described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) may not be reduced
15 for the purpose of, or to have the effect of, requiring increased
16 expenditures from the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund for
17 those described purposes.

18 (d) The administrator shall prepare an itemized report that is
19 organized by category and accounts for all expenditures made from
20 the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund during the previous
21 fiscal year and shall submit the report on or before August 20 of
22 each year to all of the following:

- 23 (1) The secretary.
- 24 (2) The fiscal committees of the Assembly and the Senate.
- 25 (3) The committees of the Assembly and the Senate that have
26 subject matter jurisdiction over veterans’ affairs.
- 27 (4) The Veterans’ Home Allied Council.

28 (e) The Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund for the Veterans’
29 Home of California, Yountville, shall maintain a reserve ~~in the~~
30 ~~amount~~ of two million dollars (\$2,000,000). The reserve shall be
31 invested in securities, upon the advice of the Morale, Welfare, and
32 Recreation Fund Advisory Committee and with the approval of
33 the administrator and the secretary.