

SENATE BILL 5035

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By Senators Rasmussen, Madsen and Nelson.

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1 AN ACT Relating to a skilled nursing care center for veterans;
2 adding a new section to chapter 43.60A RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is a
5 dramatic increase in the number of senior veterans among the total
6 Washington population, and that eastern Washington veterans are
7 underserved because there is no state long-term care facility
8 available.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.60A RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 The department of veterans affairs shall complete planning and
12 design work for a skilled nursing care center for veterans in time for
13 the project to be submitted for federal veterans affairs matching funds

1 in August 1992. The facility shall be constructed at a site in eastern
2 Washington and shall contain between one hundred twenty and one hundred
3 eighty skilled nursing care beds. The department of veterans affairs
4 shall operate the facility providing a service level no less than that
5 provided at the state veterans' home and the state soldiers' home.