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Brief Description: Authorizing housing for homeless veterans.

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Declares it is the policy of this state and the purpose of this act to facilitate and support the development and operation of housing for homeless mentally ill veterans who possess significant barriers to their social reintegration due to mental illness, and the effects of long-term homelessness that render them unable to share housing with the general homeless population.

Authorizes the provision of housing exclusively for mentally ill veterans who possess significant barriers to social reintegration and employment and shall not be considered unlawful discrimination, notwithstanding any other provision of law.

Directs the mental health division of the department of social and health services to establish a pilot program to provide housing for fifty mentally ill, homeless veterans. The pilot program shall be financed through the capturing of moneys that otherwise would be spent on criminal justice, hospital emergency room, and other sources to serve mentally ill, homeless veterans.