



Veterans of foreign wars, Department of Missouri

RESOLUTION

SUBJECT; Support for establishing a dedicated funding source, sufficient to replace the General Revenue {GR} funding requirements for 100% funding of the Veterans Commission programs, the Missouri Veterans Homes and Missouri Veterans cemeteries.

WHEREAS; for the past five budget years GR appropriations sufficient to meet the budgetary requirements of the Veterans Commission and Programs have not been requested or appropriated and expenditure of money from the Veterans Commission Capital Improvement Trust Fund (TF) has been necessary to make up the short fall in GR, and

WHEREAS; the TF will be at a zero dollar balance in the last part of fiscal year 2012 and all of 2013, and

WHEREAS; if additional funding is not made available during Legislative Year 2012 (January thru May 2012) it will become necessary to begin the process of closing beds, wings, and, possibly close one or more homes and cemeteries, and

WHEREAS; the current waiting list for admission to Missouri Veterans homes is over 1600 and if such closings are permitted to happen the number waiting will increase, and

WHEREAS; if homes are closed, Missouri State will owe the Department of Veterans Affairs for the Federal share of 65% of the unappreciated costs of the homes, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED; by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Missouri (VFW) that the VFW URGE the 2nd Session of the 96th General Assembly while convened in Jefferson City to enact legislation approving a one dollar (\$1) addition to the Entry Fee to all Missouri Gaming Boats and that the entire one dollar (\$1) be deposited in a dedicated Veterans Commission Fund, and be it further

RESOLVED: that the VFW and its entire membership be instructed that this is the highest priority and that this be communicated to the Governor, all members of the Legislature and the Executive Director and Commissioners of the Missouri Veterans Commission.

Approved by the 91st Department Convention assembled on June 11, 2011

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