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H.B. No. 3950

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3950:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the temporary housing in a housing facility of a public  
university of certain veterans receiving health care treatment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is  
amended by adding Section 51.9112 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.9112. VETERAN'S TEMPORARY HOUSING IN INSTITUTION  
HOUSING FACILITY. (a) In this section, "institution of higher  
education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) A veteran receiving health care services from a  
hospital, health clinic, or other facility operated by the Veterans  
Health Administration of the United States Department of Veterans  
Affairs may stay, free of charge, in a vacant room of a housing  
facility located at and operated by an institution of higher  
education while the veteran is receiving the health care services  
if:

(1) the institution is able to accommodate and  
approves the veteran's request for temporary housing and the  
institution is located a reasonable distance from the hospital,  
health clinic, or other facility providing health care services to  
the veteran; and

(2) the veteran resides more than 100 miles from the  
hospital, health clinic, or other facility providing health care  
services to the veteran.

1       (c) The primary or other necessary caregiver to a veteran  
2 described by Subsection (b) may stay, free of charge, in a vacant  
3 room of a housing facility located at and operated by an institution  
4 of higher education while the veteran is receiving health care  
5 services from a facility operated by the Veterans Health  
6 Administration of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs  
7 if:

8               (1) the institution is able to accommodate and  
9 approves the caregiver's request for temporary housing and the  
10 institution is located a reasonable distance from the facility  
11 providing health care services;

12               (2) Subsection (b)(2) applies; and

13               (3) the veteran is staying either at an institution  
14 housing facility as provided by Subsection (b) or at the facility  
15 providing health care services.

16       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.