

By: Turner of Tarrant

H.B. No. 3950

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 UNIVERSITY 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 university housing facility 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 200 miles from the hospital, health clinic, or other facility providing health care services to the veteran.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.