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# Bill 17

**An Act to amend the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007  
to give preference to veterans for access to beds**

**Ms C. Forster**

**Private Member's Bill**

1st Reading      March 22, 2018

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



**An Act to amend the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007  
to give preference to veterans for access to beds**

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

**1 Subsection 2 (1) of the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007* is amended by adding the following definition:**

“veteran” means,

- (a) a veteran as defined in subsection 2 (1) of the *War Veterans Allowance Act* (Canada), and
- (b) a person who was an officer as defined in subsection 2 (1) of the *National Defence Act* (Canada) or who was a non-commissioned member as defined in that subsection; (“ancien combattant”)

**2 Section 51 of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:**

**Preference for veterans**

**51** The Minister shall ensure that preference is given to veterans for access to beds.

**3 Clause 55 (2) (h) of the Act is repealed.**

**Commencement**

**4 This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.**

**Short title**

**5 The short title of this Act is the *Long-Term Care Homes Amendment Act (Preference for Veterans), 2018*.**

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill amends the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007* to require the Minister to ensure that preference in admission to long-term care homes is given to veterans. The Bill also amends the Act by enacting a definition of “veteran” that includes former officers and former non-commissioned members of the Canadian Forces.