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Bill 73

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

Mrs. J. Stevens

Private Member's Bill

1st Reading December 8, 2021

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2 Section 51 of the Act is repealed and the following substituted: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3 Clause 55 (2) (h) of the Act is repealed.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), 2021*.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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