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To amend sections 5907.04 and 5910.031 of the Revised Code to remove a word from the Revised Code that may be perceived as derogatory toward veterans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 5907.04 and 5910.031 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5907.04. Subject to the following paragraph, all veterans, who served during a period of conflict as determined by the United States department of veterans affairs or any person who is awarded either the armed forces expeditionary medal established by presidential executive order 10977 dated December 4, 1961, or the Vietnam service medal established by presidential executive order 11231 dated July 8, 1965, who have been honorably discharged or separated under honorable conditions therefrom, or any discharged members of the Polish and Czechoslovakian armed forces who served in armed conflict with an enemy of the United States in World War II who have been citizens of the United States for at least ten years, provided that the above-mentioned persons have been citizens of this state for one year or more at the date of making application for admission, are disabled by disease, wounds, or otherwise, and are by reason of such disability ~~incapable of~~

~~earning~~ unable to earn their living, and all members of the Ohio national guard or naval militia who have lost an arm or leg, or their sight, or become permanently disabled from any cause, while in the line and discharge of duty, and are not able to support themselves, may be admitted to a veterans' home under such rules as the director of veterans services adopts.

A veteran who served in the armed forces of the United States as defined in division (E)(7) of section 5903.11 of the Revised Code is eligible for admission to a veterans' home under the preceding paragraph only if the person has the characteristics defined in division (B)(1) of section 5901.01 of the Revised Code.

Veterans' homes may reserve a bed during the temporary absence of a resident or patient from the home, including a nursing home within it, under conditions prescribed by the director, to include hospitalization for an acute condition, visits with relatives and friends, and participation in therapeutic programs outside the home. A home shall not reserve a bed for more than thirty days, except that absences for more than thirty days due to hospitalization may be authorized.

Sec. 5910.031. War orphans' scholarships provided in sections 5910.01 to 5910.06 of the Revised Code, shall be granted to children of members of the Ohio national guard and the reserve components of any of the armed services of the United States who are killed or permanently and totally disabled while on active duty pursuant to bona fide orders of the governor or the president of the United States, or who are killed or permanently and totally disabled while at a scheduled training assembly, a field training period of any duration or length, or active duty for training, pursuant to bona fide orders issued by a competent authority. Such scholarships shall be granted within the total number of scholarships provided under section 5910.05 of the Revised Code

and are available only to children who further qualify pursuant to 52
divisions (A), (B), and (C), ~~and (D)~~ of section 5910.03 of the 53
Revised Code. 54

As used in this section, "permanently and totally disabled" 55
means having a disability which renders the person ~~incapable of~~ 56
~~engaging~~ unable to engage in substantially gainful employment and 57
which is presumed to be permanent, as determined by a special 58
board of three officers of the Ohio national guard named by the 59
governor, one of whom shall be a medical officer licensed to 60
practice in this state. 61

Section 2. That existing sections 5907.04 and 5910.031 of the 62
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 63