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Committee on Government Affairs

Good Morning, I am Chuck Fulkerson, Director of the Office of Veterans Services

AB 247 provides the authority for the Nursing Home Administrator to comply with Department of Veterans Affairs regulations. VA requires cash accounts be set up for each resident in a separate trust fund.

Section 2, Para 3 provide:

The reserve cash account kept at the nursing home shall not exceed \$500.00. A total of not more than \$50.00 will be established for each resident.

Request the total of the reserve cash account be increased to \$3,000.00. To adequately provide for the expected needs of 180 residents.

Section 3, Para 1 provides for the establishment of a revolving account not to exceed \$2,000.00 for the payment of bills requiring immediate payment.