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SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE ENGROSSED NO. **SB 14** - 02/01/2006

Introduced by: The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain residency requirements regarding the
2 eligibility for admission to the State Veterans' Home.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 33-18-22 be amended to read as follows:

5 33-18-22. Any veteran as defined by § 33-17-1, who has an honorable discharge, who has
6 ~~been a resident of~~ maintained a residence in the state ~~for a period of one year next~~ at any time
7 in the five years preceding the date of the application, and who has no income in excess of one
8 thousand dollars per year above the maximum income limitation for pension benefits as
9 determined by the veterans administration, is eligible for admission to the State Veterans' Home.
10 For the purposes of this section, a residence is a physical structure in which a person resides and
11 the term does not include a post office box or address of another mail service purchased by the
12 veteran. A war veteran who meets the residence requirements and has a rating of total disability
13 as defined by the veterans administration for pension and compensation purposes is also eligible
14 for admission. Membership status at the State Veterans' Home is not affected because of a
15 medical leave of absence either in a veterans' administration facility or other hospital. A veteran



1 who has honorably served in a South Dakota regiment during a wartime period meets the
2 residency requirement. Any veteran who is an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian
3 tribe located wholly or partially in the state meets the residency requirement.