

1 AN ACT relating to disabled veterans.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 40 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 (1) As used in this section:

6 (a) "Accessibility ramp" means a modular or custom-built ramp, including  
7 appurtenant parts thereto such as landings and railings, all of which are:

8 1. Constructed in accordance with and otherwise comply with all  
9 pertinent parts of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, 42  
10 U.S.C. sec. 12101 et seq.; the Kentucky Residential Building Code  
11 adopted under KRS Chapter 198B; any local government ordinances;  
12 and any homeowners association covenants; and

13 2. Constructed and installed by a contractor or other person registered  
14 with the Kentucky Secretary of State and whose business would  
15 encompass the construction and installation of accessibility ramps;

16 (b) "Disabled veteran" means an individual, domiciled in Kentucky, who has  
17 served in the Armed Forces, has been separated therefrom under honorable  
18 or general conditions, and has established the present existence of a service-  
19 connected disability or is receiving compensation, disability retirements  
20 benefits, or pension because of a public statute administered by the United  
21 States Department of Veterans Affairs or Department of Defense, or was  
22 separated by the Department of Defense because of a disability;

23 (c) "Immediate family member" means a disabled veteran's father, mother,  
24 brother, sister, spouse, son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, grandchild,  
25 aunt, uncle, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law; and

26 (d) "Residence" means a single-family home owned by a disabled veteran or an  
27 immediate family member of a disabled veteran which is the principal place

1 of residence of the disabled veteran.

2 (2) There is established in the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs the  
3 Residential Ease of Access for Disabled Veterans Program for the purpose of  
4 funding the construction and installation of accessibility ramps on residences of  
5 disabled veterans.

6 (3) In developing an application procedure, the Kentucky Department of Veterans'  
7 Affairs shall require persons applying to the program for the construction and  
8 installation of an accessibility ramp for a disabled veteran to first contact the  
9 nearest veterans' service organization which shall then transmit applications to  
10 the department.

11 (4) There is hereby established in the State Treasury a trust and agency account to be  
12 known as the Residential Ease of Access for Disabled Veterans Program grant  
13 fund, which shall consist of moneys received from state appropriations, gifts,  
14 grants, and federal funds.

15 (5) The fund shall be administered by the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs.

16 (6) Amounts deposited in the fund shall be used for the purposes set forth in  
17 subsection (2) of this section.

18 (7) Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, fund amounts not expended at the close of a fiscal  
19 year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year.

20 (8) The Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs may promulgate administrative  
21 regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to implement this section.