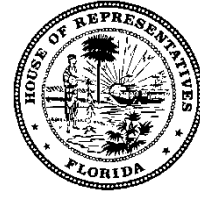


# THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



**Joe Negron**  
*President of the Senate*



**Richard Corcoran**  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives*

May 05, 2017

The Honorable Joe Negron  
President of the Senate

The Honorable Richard Corcoran  
Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on HB 5205, same being:

An act relating to Department of Veterans' Affairs.

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

- 1 That the Senate recede from its Amendment 398442.
- 2 That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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**Managers on the part of the House of Representatives**

May 05, 2017

The Conference Committee Amendment for HB 5205, relating to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, provides for the following:

**Section 1** terminates the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund; provides for the disposition of balances in, revenues of, and all outstanding appropriations of the trust fund; prescribes procedures for the termination of the trust fund.

**Section 2** amends s. 20.375, F.S., relating to the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund; specifies the use for the funds deposited in the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund; deletes language relating to the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund.

**Section 3** amends s. 296.11, F.S., relating to the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund; expands the allowable uses of the funds deposited in the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund to include supporting program operations that benefit veterans or the operation, maintenance, or construction of a home, subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

**Section 4** amends s. 296.37, F.S., relating to the personal needs allowance. The bill revises the personal needs allowance from \$35 to \$105 per month.

**Section 5** amends s. 296.38, F.S., relating to the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund; expands the allowable uses of the funds deposited in the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund to include supporting program operations that benefit veterans or the operation, maintenance, or construction of a home.

**Section 6** amends s. 320.02, F.S., relating to the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund; replacing reference to the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund with Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund.

**Section 7** amends s. 320.08058, F.S., relating to the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund; replacing reference to the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund with Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund.

**Section 8** amends s. 320.089, F.S., relating to the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund; replacing reference to the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund with Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund.

**Section 9** amends s. 320.0891, F.S., relating to the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund; removing reference to the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund.

**Section 10** amends s. 320.08, F.S., relating to the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund; removing reference to the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund.

**Section 10** provides an effective date of July 1, 2017.