

**By** the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Senator Sharief

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Veterans Dental Care Grant Program; amending s. 295.157, F.S.; revising the purpose of the Veterans Dental Care Grant Program; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 295.157, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

295.157 Veterans Dental Care Grant Program.—

(3) The Veterans Dental Care Grant Program is established within the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The purpose of the program is to provide oral health care to veterans who reside in this state and who have incomes of up to 400 percent of the federal poverty level.

Section 2. For the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the recurring sum of \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the purpose of funding the Veterans Dental Care Grant Program established by s. 295.157, Florida Statutes.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.