

SENATE NO. 2135

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RETENTION OF CERTAIN REVENUES BY THE SOLDIERS' HOME IN HOLYOKE

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. SECTION 1. Section 71 of Chapter 6 of Massachusetts General Law, as appearing in the
2 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new paragraph:-

3 “The State Treasurer shall establish on the books of the commonwealth a trust fund to receive gifts,
4 grants and donations to the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke, as well as income generated from the
5 licensing or rental of the Home’s property for the placement of telecommunications antennae or other
6 equipment. The trustees may expend said money from the fund, without further appropriation, for the
7 benefit of inpatient and outpatient veterans residing in or using the facilities of the Home.”

8 SECTION 2. Section 2E of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition,
9 is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

10 (d) Upon the issuance of motor vehicle registration plates bearing the word “VETERAN” pursuant to
11 section 2 and after payment of the appropriate fee as provided, the registrar shall deduct the costs
12 directly attributable to the issuance of such plates and the balance remaining shall be distributed
13 pursuant to this subsection. Sixty percent of the total revenues shall be deposited into a retained

14 revenue account at the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea, Massachusetts, and 40 percent of the total revenues
15 shall be deposited into a retained revenue account at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke. The funds
16 generated by the sale of VETERAN plates shall be used by the soldiers' homes for facility
17 maintenance and patient care, including personnel costs. At no time shall any portion of the revenues
18 be paid into the general fund.

19 SECTION 3. Section 34 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out
20 this paragraph.