

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 486

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO VETERANS; AMENDING SECTION 66-906, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PRO-
2 VISIONS REGARDING THE SUCCESSION TO PROPERTY OF DECEASED RESIDENTS OF
3 VETERANS HOMES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
4 DATE.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 66-906, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 66-906. SUCCESSION TO PROPERTY OF DECEASED RESIDENT. Hereafter, the
10 application of any person for membership in a veterans home of this state,
11 and the admission of the applicant thereunder shall be and constitute a valid
12 and binding contract between such applicant and the administrator of the di-
13 vision of veterans services in the department of self-governing agencies of
14 the state of Idaho. Each applicant must agree prior to admission to any vet-
15 erans home that on the death of said applicant, while a member of such home,
16 and leaving no heirs at law next of kin, all personal intangible property
17 owned by said applicant at the time of his death, including money or choses in
18 action held by him and not disposed of by will, whether such property be the
19 proceeds of pensions or otherwise derived, shall vest in and become the prop-
20 erty of said division of veterans services in the department of self-govern-
21 ing agencies of the state of Idaho for the sole use and benefit of said home,
22 the proceeds to be disposed of in such manner as may be ordered by the admin-
23 istrator of the division, and that all personal property of said applicant
24 which, upon his death, while a member, shall at once pass to and vest in said
25 administrator, subject to be delivered to the unclaimed property division
26 within the office of the state treasurer within one (1) year after the mem-
27 ber's death pursuant to section 14-513, Idaho Code. The applicant's prop-
28 erty may be reclaimed by any legatee or person entitled to take the same by
29 inheritance at any time within five (5) years after the death of such member,
30 unless the member directs in writing that such property be donated to the di-
31 vision of veterans services after the member's death. A certificate of death
32 for the resident is required for the division of veterans services to accept
33 the donation. Any tangible property unclaimed within thirty (30) days of the
34 death or discharge of said applicant is exempt from the unclaimed property
35 act, chapter 5, title 14, Idaho Code, and shall be assigned to the state vet-
36 erans home. The administrator of the division of veterans services is di-
37 rected to so change the form of application for membership as to give reason-
38 able notice of this provision to each applicant, and as to contain the con-
39 sent of the applicant to accept membership upon the conditions herein pro-
40 vided.

1 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
2 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
3 July 1, 2024.