

1 AN ACT relating to veterans centers, making an appropriation therefor, and
2 declaring an emergency.

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

4 ➔Section 1. There is hereby authorized to the Kentucky Department of Veterans'
5 Affairs for the Bowling Green Veterans Center \$10,500,000 of Bond Funds in fiscal year
6 2016-2017, for the construction of a state veterans nursing home. This authorization is the
7 required matching funds that complement the \$19,500,000 provided by the United States
8 Department of Veterans Affairs and, upon enactment, no other action is necessary to
9 authorize these funds.

10 ➔Section 2. If any debt service is required for the issuance of bonds for the
11 construction of the Bowling Green Veterans Center authorized in Section 1 of this Act, it
12 shall be deemed a necessary government expense and shall be paid from the general fund
13 surplus account (KRS 48.700) or the budget reserve trust fund account (KRS 48.705).

14 ➔Section 3. It is the desire of the General Assembly that any future beds allocated
15 from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or reallocated from the Kentucky
16 Department of Veterans' Affairs be dedicated to a state veterans nursing home in
17 Magoffin County to serve that area.

18 ➔Section 4. Whereas the veterans of this Commonwealth deserve the best
19 possible care, as near to their homes and families as is practicable, and whereas this bill
20 will advance that highly important public purpose in this time of urgent need, an
21 emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by
22 the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.