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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021**

#### AN ACT

## RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- VETERANS' HOME IN HOUSE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Introduced By: Senators de la Cruz, Paolino, and Morgan

Date Introduced: January 26, 2021

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 30-17.1-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 30-17.1 entitled "Veterans'

Affairs" is hereby amended to read as follows:

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#### <u>30-17.1-1. Appropriations.</u>

The general assembly shall annually appropriate such sums as it may deem necessary for the support of the veterans' home in the town of Bristol, which support shall include the provision of in-house necessary occupational therapy services and physical therapy services for the residents of the Veterans' home, any veterans' cemetery authorized and established by the general assembly, and the assistance of the widows, widowers, and dependent children of deceased veterans, known as the "veterans' assistance fund", for the assistance of worthy dependent veterans, and the dependent-worthy families of those veterans who served in the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, and air force of the United States and were honorably discharged from that service, and for such clerical assistance as may be required in connection with the administration of that program; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw an order upon the general treasurer for the payment of such sums as may be from time to time required, upon receipt by the state controller of proper vouchers approved by the director of veterans' affairs.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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## **EXPLANATION**

#### BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

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This act would require the general assembly to appropriate necessary funds for the furnishing of in-house occupational and physical therapy services for all residents of the Bristol Veterans' home.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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