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ENROLLED ACT NO. 21, SENATE

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AN ACT relating to veterans; authorizing planning and design for a skilled nursing center for veterans; providing an appropriation; requiring reporting; and providing for an effective date.

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

## Section 1.

- (a) With assistance from the veterans' commission and the department of health, the state construction department is authorized to conduct level I and level II planning and design pursuant to W.S. 9-5-108 for a veterans' skilled nursing center.
- (b) There is appropriated up to three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) from the general fund to the state construction department for the level I and level II planning and design authorized in subsection (a) of this section. This appropriation shall be a continuing appropriation available from the effective date of this act until the level I and level II planning and design are completed. Appropriated funds under this subsection shall be expended only on the project specified in subsection (a) of this section and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining at completion of the project shall revert to the general fund.
- (c) The veterans' commission and department of health shall provide assistance to the state construction department necessary to assure that the veterans' skilled nursing center is planned and designed in a manner that considers impacts on available federal funding.

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- (d) Any contract required for the level I and level II planning and design authorized in this section shall be in accordance with W.S. 9-2-1016(b).
- (e) The state construction department in consultation with the veterans' commission and the department of health shall report on the level I and level II planning and design authorized under this section not later than October 15, 2018 to the state building commission, the joint transportation, highways and military affairs interim committee and the joint appropriations committee.
- (f) During the 2018 interim, the labor, health and social services interim committee and the department of health shall conduct a joint study examining the availability of personnel to staff a veterans' skilled nursing center, the availability of nursing home beds in various locations of the state and the potential demand by veterans for a skilled nursing center in various locations of the state. The labor, health and social services interim committee shall present a report on its study to the joint transportation, highway and military affairs interim committee by October 15, 2018.

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**Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House	President of the Senate
Governor	
TIME APPROVED:	
DATE APPROVED:	
I hereby certify that this act origi	nated in the Senate.
Chief Clerk	