

(2) In appointing or employing staff, the [Veterans' Home Commission] DEPARTMENT shall give preference to a veteran who has an honorable discharge from the armed forces.

[(3) The Veterans' Home Commission shall set the salary for each official of the Home in an amount that does not exceed the salary paid by similar institutions for the service.]

[(4)] (3) The [Commandant] DIRECTOR shall:

(i) serve at the pleasure of the [Veterans' Home Commission] SECRETARY; and

(ii) perform any duty that the [Veterans' Home Commission] DEPARTMENT requires.

[(5) If the Veterans' Home Commission delegates to the Commandant responsibility for employing staff, the Commission shall hold the Commandant strictly accountable for the actions of each individual whom the Commandant employs.]

[9-928.] 9-911.

(a) In accordance with the regulations of the [Veterans' Home Commission] DEPARTMENT and applicable law, the Home shall be open [to a veteran who]:

(1) TO A VETERAN WHO:

[(1)] (I) has an honorable discharge from the armed forces; and

[(2)] (II) is a resident of the State AS DEFINED IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARY; OR

(2) TO A SPOUSE OF AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN.

(b) (1) The [Veterans' Home Commission] DEPARTMENT may charge an individual a reasonable fee for residence in the Home.

(2) The [Veterans' Home Commission] DEPARTMENT shall set the fee in accordance with the ability of an individual to pay. However, the fee may not exceed the cost of maintaining the resident in the Home and shall allow the resident enough money for necessary and incidental expenses.

(c) A resident may be discharged in accordance with the regulations of the [Veterans' Home Commission] DEPARTMENT and applicable law.

[9-929.] 9-912.

(a) To carry out the [purposes] RESPONSIBILITIES and goals of the [Veterans' Home Commission] DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE HOME, the [Commission] DEPARTMENT may acquire, hold, use, improve, and convey property.