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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the resident advocate committee at the
2 veterans home.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 135C.25, subsection 1, Code 2001, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. Each health care facility shall have a resident
4 advocate committee whose members shall be appointed by the
5 director of the department of elder affairs or the director's
6 designee. A person shall not be appointed a member of a
7 resident advocate committee for a health care facility unless
8 the person is a resident of the service area where the
9 facility is located. The resident advocate committee for any
10 facility caring primarily for persons with mental illness,
11 mental retardation, or a developmental disability shall only
12 be appointed after consultation with the administrator of the
13 division of mental health and developmental disabilities of
14 the department of human services on the proposed appointments.
15 The majority of the members of the resident advocate committee
16 for the Iowa veterans home shall be current residents of the
17 Iowa veterans home. Recommendations to the director or the
18 director's designee for membership on resident advocate
19 committees are encouraged from any agency, organization, or
20 individual. The administrator of the facility shall not be
21 appointed to the resident advocate committee and shall not be
22 present at committee meetings except upon request of the
23 committee.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill provides that the majority of the membership of
26 the resident advocate committee of the Iowa veterans home are
27 to be current residents of the Iowa veterans home.

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