

**NINETY-NINTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Reno, Nevada
August 22, 23, 24, 2017**

Resolution No. 3: WWII Veterans Hospital and Medical Eligibility

Origin: Kentucky

Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

WHEREAS, Through working with World War II veterans throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the department service director has discovered a disservice to the veterans who served during that war; and

WHEREAS, Of the sixteen million Americans serving in World War II, less than one million survive today; and

WHEREAS, Those World War II veterans served honorably and continue to serve us today; and

WHEREAS, Many of those veterans were in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) system prior to activation of a means test or the setting up of the priority groups and some have subsequently been dropped from the VA system or are now being subjected to a means test; and

WHEREAS, HR 3118, Veterans Health Care Eligibility 1996, was passed exempting all Spanish American War and World War I veterans from the means test required by the VA; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the American Legion in National Convention assembled in Reno, Nevada, August 22, 23, 24, 2017, That The American Legion shall support legislation to amend HR 3118, Veterans Health Care Eligibility 1996, to extend the exemption from a means test to World War II veterans; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Department of Veteran Affairs be urged to place all World War II veterans in Category 5.