

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 22

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO STATE VETERANS HOMES; AMENDING SECTION 56-1004, IDAHO  
2 CODE, TO REMOVE ADMINISTRATORS IN CHARGE OF STATE VETERANS  
3 HOMES FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE DIRECTOR POWERS  
4 AND DUTIES.  
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 56-1004, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 56-1004. DIRECTOR – ADDITIONAL POWERS AND DUTIES. (1) The director  
10 shall exercise the following powers and duties in addition to all other powers and duties  
11 inherent in the position:

12 (a) Prescribe such rules as may be necessary for the administration of the department, the  
13 conduct and duties of the employees, the orderly and efficient management of department  
14 business, and the custody, use and preservation of department records, papers, books and  
15 property belonging to the state;

16 (b) Employ such personnel as may be deemed necessary, prescribe their duties and fix  
17 their compensation within the limits provided by the state personnel system law;

18 (c) Administer oaths for all purposes required in the discharge of his duties;

19 (d) Prescribe the qualifications of all personnel of the department on a nonpartisan merit  
20 basis, in accordance with the Idaho personnel system law, provided however, that the  
21 administrators in charge of any division of the department, and the administrators in  
22 charge of the ~~state veterans homes~~, state hospital north, state hospital south, and Idaho  
23 state school and hospital shall serve at the pleasure of the director;

24 (e) Create such units, sections and subdivisions as are or may be necessary for the proper  
25 and efficient functioning of the department.

26 (2) The department is empowered to acquire, by purchase, lease or exchange, any  
27 property which in the judgment of the department is needful for the operation of the facilities  
28 and programs for which it is responsible and to dispose of, by sale, lease or exchange, any  
29 property which in the judgment of the department is not needful for the operation of the same.