

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to veteran guardians; amending s. 744.604; providing for
3 definitions; providing for an effective date.

4 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

5 Section 1. s. 744.604, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

6 744.604 Definitions.--As used in this part, the term:

7 (1) "Adjudication by a court of competent jurisdiction" means a judicial decision
8 or finding that a person is or is not incapacitated as provided in s. 744.331.

9 (2) "Adjudication by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs" means a
10 determination or finding that a person is competent or incompetent on examination in
11 accordance with the laws and regulations governing the United States Department of
12 Veterans Affairs.

13 (3) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Veterans Affairs as head of the United
14 States Department of Veterans Affairs or her or his successor.

15 (4) "Benefits" means arrears of pay, bonus, pension, compensation, insurance,
16 and all other moneys paid or payable by the United States through the United States
17 Department of Veterans Affairs by reason of service in the Armed Forces of the
18 United States and any other moneys due from the United States Government, payable
19 through its agencies or entities.

20 (5) "Estate" means income on hand and assets acquired in whole or in part with
21 income.

(6) "Guardian" means any person acting as a fiduciary for a ward's person or the ward's estate, or both.

(7) "Income" means moneys received from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and any other moneys due from the United States Government, payable through its agencies or entities as benefits, and revenue or profit from any property acquired in whole or in part with such moneys.

(8) "Person" means an individual, a partnership, a corporation, or an association.

(9) "United States Department of Veterans Affairs" means the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessors or successors.

(10) "Ward" means a beneficiary of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.