

My Testimony on H-5128 (not in favor)

Good afternoon Chairman Azzinaro and members of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

My name is John P Gallo and I am here to testify against House bill H-5128 as written.

I am testifying as the current chairman of the United Veterans Council Legislation Committee and current President of the United Veterans Council of Rhode Island.

We believe this bill would allow veterans who served during the Cold War, veterans who are receiving veteran administration service connected disability, and any retired Rhode Island National Guard member with less than ninety (90) days of active service to be allowed admission into the Rhode Island Veterans' Home.

It is our belief that the veterans' home property was deeded to the state for the use of "War Veterans" in need of care and housing.

We feel that overall this is not a good bill and would allow veterans of the Cold War and retired members of the National Guard and Reserve Forces that have not served in a war to qualify for admission to the Rhode Island Veterans Home.

Thank You,

**John P Gallo, President
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