

(9) He shall direct the operation of the G.A.R. Memorial Hall through the superintendent so as to make the memorial collection instructive and attractive to visitors to the state capitol and shall directly supervise the curator of the Hall.

(10) He shall formulate and present the department's budget to the legislature.

(11) He shall present to the legislature all proposed legislation recommended by the board. He shall make such reports to and appearances before the legislature on such other matters as it may request of him.

(12) He shall supervise all funds of the department and he shall see that proper records are kept, and shall account for all funds disbursed for any reason whatsoever.

(13) He shall make such regular reports to the board as the board may request of him.

(14) He shall conduct an adequate program of public relations for the department.

(15) He shall make and establish such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the statutes pursuant to the policies established by the board, and he shall make such publication and distribution of such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary.

(16) He shall attempt to obtain full collection of all loans and may take all available legal steps to effect collection provided, however, that he shall have the authority to approve compromise settlements in appropriate cases.

(17) He shall administer the functions of the department in a careful and businesslike manner.

(18) He may refer any problems arising from the discharge of the above duties to an appropriate committee appointed by the board for counsel and advice.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1965, No. 111, eff. 4-1-65; am. intro. par., (4), (5), r. (6), am. (7), Register, October, 1967, No. 142, eff. 11-1-67; am. (9), Register, November, 1971, No. 191, eff. 12-1-71.

VA 1.12 Applicant and income limitations. (1) **NUMBER OF APPLICANTS.** The department will not accept more than 2 applicants for any department loan and will not accept more than 2 signers as makers on credit instruments to be executed in connection with such loans. Guarantors will not be accepted by the department for the purpose of making housing loan applications creditworthy.

(2) **INCLUSION OF INCOME.** A person's income shall not be deemed to be available as regular and dependable for the purposes of s. 45.351 (2) or 45.71 (9), Stats., unless such person is the veteran applicant or is a co-applicant who is either residing with the veteran applicant or who will jointly own and occupy the homestead to be purchased or constructed by the veteran applicant with the assistance of a department loan.

(3) **CO-APPLICANTS.** Subject to the provisions of subs. (1) and (2), the department shall consider the income, assets and debts of any applicant who is willing to sign all required credit instruments to be executed in connection with the loan for which application has been made and upon

whom a complete application has been submitted to the department for the purposes of ss. 45.351 and 45.71 (9), Stats., as amended by chapters 26, 39 and 224, Laws of 1975, for the purpose of determining the creditworthiness of the application and for the purpose of determining its compliance with the provisions of ss. 45.351 (2), and 45.74 (1), (2), (3) and (5), Stats. An application must always be completed on the veteran applicant.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subs. (1) to (3), if a veteran applicant is married and not separated or in the process of obtaining a divorce, such applicant's spouse shall be a co-applicant for any department loan and must complete and sign the loan application and all credit instruments required to be executed in conjunction with the loan. If a veteran applicant is separated or in the process of obtaining a divorce, such veterans's spouse shall not be required to be a co-applicant for loan under s. 45.351 (2) or subch. II of ch. 45, Stats., and such spouse's income, assets and debts shall not be considered by the department. In order to be considered "separated" for the purposes of this subsection, a veteran and spouse must either be legally separated or must have been living in different dwellings for at least 3 months immediately next preceding the veteran's application for a loan. In order to be considered in the process of obtaining a divorce for the purposes of this subsection, a petition for a divorce of the veteran and spouse must have been filed with a court.

(5) **ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE LOANS.** There must be a minimum of 3 signers on guaranteed economic assistance loan notes, not more than 2 of whom may be makers and at least one of whom must be a guarantor.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1976, No. 250, eff. 11-1-76; r. (4), Register, December, 1979, No. 288, eff. 1-1-80; cr. (4), Register, February, 1981, No. 302, eff. 3-1-81.

VA 1.13 Discrimination prohibited. Discrimination against properly qualified persons in the provision of veterans assistance under ch. 45 on the basis of age, race, creed, color, handicap, sex, national origin or ancestry, is prohibited, and except that all persons employed by the department shall if possible be veterans as defined in s. 45.35 (5), Stats., and that preference shall be given to disabled veterans, discrimination against qualified persons in the employment of staff on the basis of age, race, creed, color, handicap, sex, national origin or ancestry is prohibited.

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