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Yes

Susan K. Livio - For The Star-ledger, 'New laws give veterans homes more rights in emergencies', South Jersey Times (online), 18 Sep 2021 007

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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 215, *approved September 16, 2021*  
Assembly, No. 5850 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning regular meetings with guardians of veterans  
2 residing in Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs  
3 memorial homes and supplementing P.L.1993, c.281 (C.38A:3-  
4 2b2 et seq.).

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. The Division of Veterans' <sup>1</sup>**[Administrative]** Healthcare<sup>1</sup>  
10 Services in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall  
11 ensure that each veterans' memorial home shall hold quarterly town  
12 hall meetings with all veterans' guardians appointed pursuant to  
13 section 1 of P.L.1993, c.281 (C.38A:3-2b2 et seq.), and persons  
14 otherwise having the veteran's power of attorney. <sup>2</sup>The meetings may  
15 take place in-person or remotely using the Internet or other electronic  
16 means.<sup>2</sup>

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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23 Requires DMVA veterans' memorial homes to hold quarterly  
24 town hall meetings with veterans' guardians.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[ thus ]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted June 14, 2021.

<sup>2</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted June 21, 2021.

**CHAPTER 215**  
**(CORRECTED COPY)**

**AN ACT** concerning regular meetings with guardians of veterans residing in Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs memorial homes and supplementing P.L.1993, c.281 (C.38A:3-2b2 et seq.).

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.38A:3-2b2.1 Quarterly town hall meetings with veterans' guardians.

1. The Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall ensure that each veterans' memorial home shall hold quarterly town hall meetings with all veterans' guardians appointed pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1993, c.281 (C.38A:3-2b2), and persons otherwise having the veteran's power of attorney. The meetings may take place in-person or remotely using the Internet or other electronic means.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved September 16, 2021.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 5850

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 3, 2021

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman JOHN ARMATO**

**District 2 (Atlantic)**

**Assemblyman VINCENT MAZZEO**

**District 2 (Atlantic)**

**Assemblyman HERB CONAWAY, JR.**

**District 7 (Burlington)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman Tully, Assemblywomen Swain and Reynolds-Jackson**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DMVA veterans' memorial homes to hold quarterly town hall meetings with veterans' guardians.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/9/2021)**

A5850 ARMATO, MAZZEO

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STATEMENT

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21 Under current law, a family member or other person may be  
22 appointed as the guardian of a veteran residing in a Department of  
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24 This bill requires the Division of Veterans' Administrative  
25 Services in the DMVA to ensure that each veterans' memorial home  
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27 persons otherwise having the veteran's power of attorney.

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 5850**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 14, 2021

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 5850.

Under current law, a family member or other person may be appointed as the guardian of a veteran residing in a Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) memorial home.

As amended, this bill requires the Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services in the DMVA to ensure that each veterans' memorial home holds quarterly town hall meetings with all veterans' guardians, and persons otherwise having the veteran's power of attorney.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to update the name of the division that will carry out the duties as specified in the bill.

STATEMENT TO  
[First Reprint]  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 5850**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Assemblyman ARMATO)

ADOPTED: JUNE 21, 2021

These Assembly amendments clarifies that the required quarterly town hall meetings under the bill may take place in-person or remotely using the Internet or other electronic means.

# SENATE, No. 3906

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 10, 2021

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator VIN GOPAL**

**District 11 (Monmouth)**

**Senator JOSEPH A. LAGANA**

**District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Connors and Cruz-Perez**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DMVA veterans' memorial homes to hold quarterly town hall meetings with veterans' guardians.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/15/2021)**

S3906 GOPAL, LAGANA

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27 persons otherwise having the veteran's power of attorney.

SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 3906**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 15, 2021

The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3906.

Under current law, a family member or other person may be appointed as the guardian of a veteran residing in a Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) memorial home.

As amended, this bill requires the Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services in the DMVA to ensure that each veterans' memorial home holds quarterly town hall meetings with all veterans' guardians, and persons otherwise having the veteran's power of attorney.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to update the name of the division that will carry out the duties as specified in the bill.

STATEMENT TO  
[First Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 3906**

with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Senator GOPAL)

ADOPTED: JUNE 21, 2021

These Senate amendments clarifies that the required quarterly town hall meetings under the bill may take place in-person or remotely using the Internet or other electronic means.

# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

09/16/2021

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

**A-5121/S-3287 (Coughlin, Zwicker, Karabinchak/Singleton, Smith)** – Concerns provision of energy to certain manufacturing facilities by providing exemptions to certain energy related taxes

**A-5849/S-3918 (Carter, Tucker, Vainieri Huttle/Lagana, Turner)** – Requires Adjutant General of DMVA send weekly reports to Commissioner of DOH on status of veterans' homes in State during every future public health emergency; requires such reports through December 31, 2021

**A-5850/S-3906 (Armato, Mazzeo, Conaway/Gopal, Lagana)** – Requires DMVA veterans' memorial homes to hold quarterly town hall meetings with veterans' guardians

**A-5851/S-3905 (Swain, Tully, Freiman/Gopal, Lagana)** – Allows veteran's guardian to remove veteran from DMVA veterans' memorial home under certain emergency circumstances

**A-5852/S-3904 (Houghtaling, Johnson, Chaparro/Gopal, Lagana)** – Requires DMVA veterans' memorial homes to communicate with veterans' guardians via at least two communication means

**A-5853/S-3903 (Danielsen, Mejia, Jimenez/Diegnan, Vitale)** – Requires administrator and assistant administrator at State veterans' memorial home have prior work experience in clinical setting

**A-5854/S-3907 (Mazzeo, Armato, Chaparro/Gopal, Lagana)** – Requires position of resident advocate at each State veterans' memorial home

**A-5855/S-3908 (Tucker, Speight, Vainieri Huttle/Cruz-Perez)** – Requires DMVA veterans' facilities provide payroll-based journal information to NJ Long-Term Care Ombudsman

**A-5856/S-3909 (Zwicker, Jimenez, Conaway/Vitale, Diegnan)** – Requires Director of Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services in DMVA to have prior clinical and long-term care experience