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Susan K. Livio - For The Star-ledger, 'New laws give veterans homes more rights in emergencies', South Jersey Times
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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 221, *approved September 16, 2021*
Assembly, No. 5856 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services
2 in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and
3 amending P.L.1987, c.444.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. Section 31 of P.L.1987, c.444 (C.38A:3-2c) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 31. a. The Division of Veterans' **[Administrative]** ¹Healthcare¹
11 Services shall be under the immediate supervision of a director who
12 shall be ¹**[an honorably discharged veteran]**¹ qualified by training
13 and experience to direct the work of the division¹, and shall have
14 prior work experience in a clinical or long-term care facility
15 setting¹. The director shall be appointed by the Adjutant General,
16 with the approval of the Governor, and shall serve at the pleasure of
17 the Adjutant General.

18 As used in this subsection, "clinical" means directly pertaining to
19 the observation, diagnosis, treatment, or rehabilitation of an
20 individual in a hospital, long-term care facility, rehabilitation
21 center, or other similar facility and not through research; and

22 "long-term care facility" means a nursing home, assisted living
23 residence, comprehensive personal care home, residential health
24 care facility, or dementia care home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971,
25 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

26 (cf: P.L.1987, c.444, s.31)
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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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33 Requires Director of Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services
34 in DMVA to have prior clinical and long-term care experience.

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:

¹Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted June 14, 2021.

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(CORRECTED COPY)

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C.38A:3-2c Director of Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services.

31. The Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services shall be under the immediate supervision of a director who shall be qualified by training and experience to direct the work of the division, and shall have prior work experience in a clinical or long-term care facility setting. The director shall be appointed by the Adjutant General, with the approval of the Governor, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Adjutant General.

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Approved September 16, 2021.

ASSEMBLY, No. 5856

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 3, 2021

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ANDREW ZWICKER

District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)

Assemblywoman ANGELICA M. JIMENEZ

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Assemblyman HERB CONAWAY, JR.

District 7 (Burlington)

Co-Sponsored by:

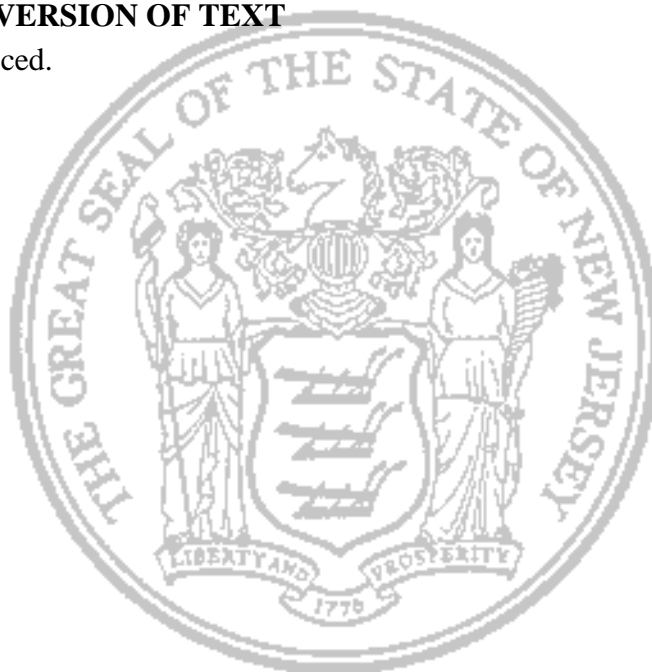
Assemblyman Tully, Assemblywoman Swain, Assemblymen Armato and Mejjia

SYNOPSIS

Requires Director of Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services in DMVA to have prior clinical and long-term care experience.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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STATEMENT

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ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 5856

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. 5856.

As amended, this bill requires the Director of the Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to have prior work experience in a clinical or long-term care facility setting.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to update the name of the division, and remove reference to the director being an honorably discharged veteran to increase the pool of applicants for the position.

SENATE, No. 3909

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 10, 2021

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE

District 19 (Middlesex)

Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.

District 18 (Middlesex)

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SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3909

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. 3909.

As amended, this bill requires the Director of the Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to have prior work experience in a clinical or long-term care facility setting.

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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