

38A:3-2b2.3
LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST
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LAWS OF: 2021 **CHAPTER:** 217

NJSA: 38A:3-2b2.3 (Requires DMVA veterans' memorial homes to communicate with veterans' guardians via at least two communication means.)

BILL NO: A5852 (Substituted for S3904 (1R))

SPONSOR(S) Houghtaling, Eric and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 6/3/2021

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Military & Veterans' Affairs

SENATE: ---

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** 6/24/2021

SENATE: 6/30/2021

DATE OF APPROVAL: 9/16/2021

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (First Reprint enacted) Yes

A5852

INTRODUCED BILL (INCLUDES SPONSOR'S STATEMENT): Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

SENATE: No

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

S3904 (1R)

INTRODUCED BILL (INCLUDES SPONSOR'S STATEMENT): Yes

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SENATE: Yes

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

VETO MESSAGE: No

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING: Yes

FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:

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REPORTS: No

HEARINGS: No

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: 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

RH/CL

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 217, *approved September 16, 2021*
Assembly, No. 5852 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning means of communication with guardians of
2 veterans residing in Department of Military and Veterans'
3 Affairs memorial homes and supplementing P.L.1993, c.281
4 (C.38A:3-2b2 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' ¹**[Administrative]** Healthcare¹
10 Services in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall
11 ensure that each veterans' memorial home shall communicate
12 updates to each veteran's guardian appointed pursuant to section 1
13 of P.L.1993, c.281 (C.38A:3-2b2 et seq.), and each person
14 otherwise having the veteran's power of attorney, through a
15 minimum of two communication means, which shall include regular
16 mail, email, text message, and voice.
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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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23 _____
24 Requires DMVA veterans' memorial homes to communicate
with veterans' guardians via at least two communication means.

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.

CHAPTER 217
(CORRECTED COPY)

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

C.38A:3-2b2.3 Veterans' memorial homes to communicate with guardians.

1. The Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall ensure that each veterans' memorial home shall communicate updates to each veteran's guardian appointed pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1993, c.281 (C.38A:3-2b2), and each person otherwise having the veteran's power of attorney, through a minimum of two communication means, which shall include regular mail, email, text message, and voice.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved September 16, 2021.

ASSEMBLY, No. 5852

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 3, 2021

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ERIC HOUGHTALING

District 11 (Monmouth)

Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblywoman ANNETTE CHAPARRO

District 33 (Hudson)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Swain and Assemblyman Tully

SYNOPSIS

Requires DMVA veterans' memorial homes to communicate with veterans' guardians via at least two communication means.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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27 Services in the DMVA to ensure that each veterans' memorial home
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ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 5852

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. 5852.

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 communicates updates to each veteran's guardian, and each person otherwise having the veteran's power of attorney, through a minimum of two communication means, which must include regular mail, email, text message, and voice.

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.

SENATE, No. 3904

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 communicate with veterans' guardians via at least two communication means.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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

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SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3904

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. 3904.

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 communicates updates to each veteran's guardian, and each person otherwise having the veteran's power of attorney, through a minimum of two communication means, which must include regular mail, email, text message, and voice.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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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