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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 220, *approved September 16, 2021*
Assembly, No. 5855

1 AN ACT requiring veterans' facilities operated by the Department of
2 Military and Veterans' Affairs to provide the New Jersey Long-
3 Term Care Ombudsman with payroll-based journal information
4 and supplementing P.L.1977, c.239 (C.52:27G-1 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. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or
10 regulation to the contrary, veterans' facilities, as that term is
11 defined in section 1 of P.L.1989, c.162 (C.38A:3-6.3), shall provide
12 an annual report of such facilities' payroll-based journal. The
13 Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman shall establish and
14 implement procedures for receiving, processing, and responding to
15 such annual reports.

16 b. A veterans' facility shall make an annual report to the
17 Ombudsman on or before the last day of the State fiscal year and
18 such additional reports as the Ombudsman may from time to time
19 request.

20 c. As used in this section, "payroll-based journal" means an
21 auditable and accessible database of staffing records.
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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

C.52:27G-5.2 Annual report of facilities' payroll-based journal.

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2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved September 16, 2021.

ASSEMBLY, No. 5855

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 3, 2021

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman CLEOPATRA G. TUCKER

District 28 (Essex)

Assemblywoman SHANIQUE SPEIGHT

District 29 (Essex)

Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE

District 37 (Bergen)

Senator NILSA I. CRUZ-PEREZ

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Swain, Assemblyman Tully, Senators Lagana and Connors

SYNOPSIS

Requires DMVA veterans' facilities provide payroll-based journal information to NJ Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5855

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 14, 2021

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5855.

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SENATE, No. 3908

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 10, 2021

Sponsored by:

Senator NILSA I. CRUZ-PEREZ
District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Lagana and Connors

SYNOPSIS

Requires DMVA veterans' facilities provide payroll-based journal information to NJ Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

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. 3908

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 15, 2021

The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3908.

This bill requires veterans' facilities operated by the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) to provide payroll-based journal information to the New Jersey Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

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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 Huttel/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 Huttel/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