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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 214, *approved September 16, 2021*

Assembly, No. 5849 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning reports on the status of the veterans' homes in
2 this State during a public health emergency ¹and through
3 December 31, 2021¹, and supplementing Title 38A of the New
4 Jersey Statutes.

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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, the Adjutant General of the Department
11 of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall transmit a weekly report on
12 the status of the State veterans' homes to the Commissioner of the
13 Department of Health whenever a Public Health Emergency,
14 pursuant to the "Emergency Health Powers Act," P.L.2005, c.222
15 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), has been declared by the Governor and is in
16 effect. The weekly report shall include:

17 (1) the number of residents and staff in each veterans' home,
18 including comparisons to previous reports;

19 (2) any significant health risks posed to the residents and staff in
20 each veterans' home due to the public health emergency;

21 (3) any changes in operating procedures in each veterans' home
22 due to the public health emergency; and

23 (4) the amount of personal protective equipment available to
24 residents and staff at each veterans' home.

25 b. As used in this section:

26 (1) "veterans' home" means the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial
27 Home - Menlo Park, the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home -
28 Vineland, and the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home - Paramus.

29 (2) "personal protective equipment" means any items commonly
30 used to protect an individual from bacterial or viral infections,
31 including, but not limited to, disinfecting wipes, disposable gloves,
32 disposable gowns, face shields, N95 face masks, surgical masks, or
33 parts thereof.

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35 ¹2. The Adjutant General of the Department of Military and
36 Veterans' Affairs shall also transmit the weekly report on the status
37 of the State veterans' homes to the Commissioner of the
38 Department of Health required under section 1 of this act, P.L. . ,
39 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), during the

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 floor amendments adopted June 21, 2021.

1 period beginning on the seventh day following the effective date of
2 this act and ending on December 31, 2021.¹

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4 ¹~~[2.]~~ 3.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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9 Requires Adjutant General of DMVA send weekly reports to
10 Commissioner of DOH on status of veterans' homes in State during
11 every future public health emergency; requires such reports through
12 December 31, 2021.

CHAPTER 214

AN ACT concerning reports on the status of the veterans' homes in this State during a public health emergency and through December 31, 2021, and supplementing Title 38A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

C.38A:3-2b7 Weekly report on status of State veterans' homes.

1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall transmit a weekly report on the status of the State veterans' homes to the Commissioner of the Department of Health whenever a Public Health Emergency, pursuant to the "Emergency Health Powers Act," P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), has been declared by the Governor and is in effect. The weekly report shall include:

- (1) the number of residents and staff in each veterans' home, including comparisons to previous reports;
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- (4) the amount of personal protective equipment available to residents and staff at each veterans' home.

b. As used in this section:

- (1) "veterans' home" means the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home - Menlo Park, the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home - Vineland, and the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home - Paramus.
- (2) "personal protective equipment" means any items commonly used to protect an individual from bacterial or viral infections, including, but not limited to, disinfecting wipes, disposable gloves, disposable gowns, face shields, N95 face masks, surgical masks, or parts thereof.

2. The Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall also transmit the weekly report on the status of the State veterans' homes to the Commissioner of the Department of Health required under section 1 of this act, P.L.2021, c.214 (C.38A:3-2b7), during the period beginning on the seventh day following the effective date of this act and ending on December 31, 2021.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved September 16, 2021.

ASSEMBLY, No. 5849

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 3, 2021

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman LINDA S. CARTER

District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)

Assemblywoman CLEOPATRA G. TUCKER

District 28 (Essex)

Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE

District 37 (Bergen)

Co-Sponsored by:

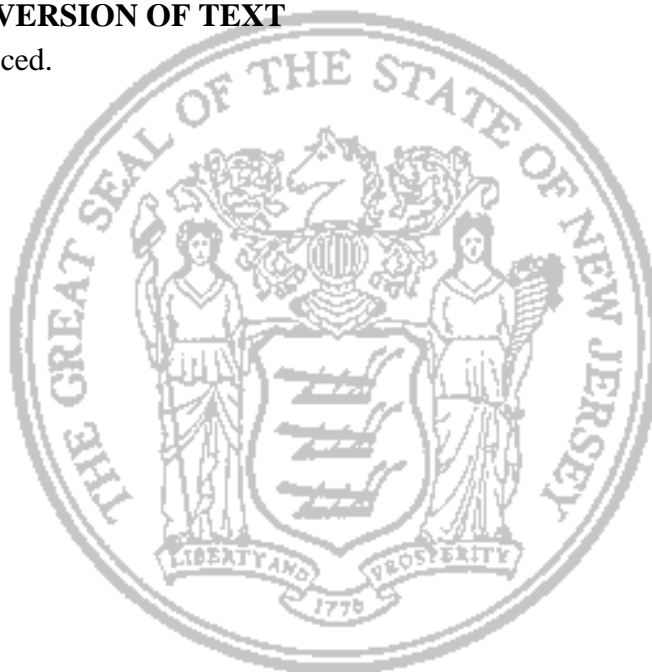
Assemblywoman Swain, Assemblyman Tully and Assemblywoman Reynolds-Jackson

SYNOPSIS

Requires Adjutant General of DMVA send weekly reports to Commissioner of DOH on status of veterans' homes in State during public health emergency.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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

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34 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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36 STATEMENT

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38 This bill requires the Adjutant General of the Department of
39 Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) to send weekly reports to
40 the Commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH) on the status
41 of the State's veterans' homes during a public health emergency.

42 The weekly reports would include: (1) the number of residents
43 and staff in each veterans' home, including comparisons to previous
44 reports; (2) any significant health risks posed to the residents and
45 staff in each veterans' home due to the public health emergency; (3)
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49 veterans' home.

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5849

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 14, 2021

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5849.

This bill requires the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) to send weekly reports to the Commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH) on the status of the State's veterans' homes during a public health emergency.

The weekly reports would include: (1) the number of residents and staff in each veterans' home, including comparisons to previous reports; (2) any significant health risks posed to the residents and staff in each veterans' home due to the public health emergency; (3) any changes in operating procedures in each veterans' home due to the public health emergency; and (4) the amount of personal protective equipment available to residents and staff at each veterans' home.

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 5849

with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Assemblywoman CARTER)

ADOPTED: JUNE 21, 2021

These Assembly Amendments require the Adjutant General of DMVA, in addition to during every future public health emergency declared by the Governor and while such emergency is in effect, to also transmit the weekly reports on the status of the State veterans' homes to the Commissioner of the Department of Health beginning on the seventh day following the effective date of the bill and ending on December 31, 2021.

SENATE, No. 3918

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 10, 2021

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH A. LAGANA
District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Connors and Cruz-Perez

SYNOPSIS

Requires Adjutant General of DMVA send weekly reports to Commissioner of DOH on status of veterans' homes in State during public health emergency.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/16/2021)

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2 the public health emergency; and (4) the amount of personal
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4 veterans' home.

SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3918

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 15, 2021

The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3918.

This bill requires the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) to send weekly reports to the Commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH) on the status of the State's veterans' homes during a public health emergency.

The weekly reports would include: (1) the number of residents and staff in each veterans' home, including comparisons to previous reports; (2) any significant health risks posed to the residents and staff in each veterans' home due to the public health emergency; (3) any changes in operating procedures in each veterans' home due to the public health emergency; and (4) the amount of personal protective equipment available to residents and staff at each veterans' home.

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 3918

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator LAGANA)

ADOPTED: JUNE 21, 2021

These Senate Amendments require the Adjutant General of DMVA, in addition to during every future public health emergency declared by the Governor and while such emergency is in effect, to also transmit the weekly reports on the status of the State veterans' homes to the Commissioner of the Department of Health beginning on the seventh day following the effective date of the bill and ending on December 31, 2021.

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