

# 38A:3-47 & 54A:9-25.24

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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**LAWS OF:** 2013                      **CHAPTER:** 260

**NJSA:** 38A:3-47 & 54A:9-25.24 (Creates Veterans Haven North Council; renames current Veterans Haven Council to Veterans Haven South Council)

**BILL NO:** A3360 (Substituted for S2254)

**SPONSOR(S)** Tucker and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** October 11, 2012

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

**SENATE:** Military and Veterans' Affairs  
Budget and Appropriations

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**                      **ASSEMBLY:** January 13, 2014

**SENATE:** January 13, 2014

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** January 17, 2014

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

<b>FINAL TEXT OF BILL</b> (First reprint enacted)	Yes	
<b>A3360</b>		
<b>SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:</b> (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill)	Yes	
<b>COMMITTEE STATEMENT:</b>		
<b>ASSEMBLY:</b>	Yes	
<b>SENATE:</b>	Yes	Military Budget

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<b>FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:</b>	No	
<b>LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE:</b>	Yes	
<b>LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:</b>	Yes	
<b>S2254</b>		
<b>SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:</b> (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill)	Yes	
<b>COMMITTEE STATEMENT:</b>		
<b>ASSEMBLY:</b>	No	
<b>SENATE:</b>	Yes	Military Budget
<b>FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:</b>	No	

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<b>LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE:</b>	Yes
<b>LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:</b>	Yes
<b>VETO MESSAGE:</b>	No
<b>GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING:</b>	No

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P.L.2013, CHAPTER 260, *approved January 17, 2014*  
Assembly, No. 3360 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT creating a Veterans Haven North Council and amending  
2 P.L.2011, c.170 <sup>1</sup>and P.L.2007, c.233<sup>1</sup>.

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5 of New Jersey:

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29 by majority vote of the members, and four members shall constitute  
30 a majority. The chairperson of **[the]** each council shall be its  
31 presiding officer and shall serve until a successor has been  
32 nominated by the council.

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40 (cf: P.L.2011, c.170, s.1)

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SMV committee amendments adopted November 14, 2013.

1       2. Section 2 of P.L.2011, c.170 (C.38A:3-48) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

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10 respect to the work of each Veterans Haven facility;

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15 governing the relationship between each Veterans Haven facility  
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17 (cf: P.L.2011, c.170, s.2)

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20 read as follows:

21       1. a. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a  
22 special fund to be known as the "New Jersey Veterans Haven  
23 Support Fund."

24       b. Each taxpayer shall have the opportunity to indicate on the  
25 taxpayer's New Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of the  
26 taxpayer's tax refund or an enclosed contribution shall be deposited  
27 in the special fund.

28       c. Any costs incurred by the Division of Taxation for collection  
29 or administration attributable to this act may be deducted from  
30 receipts collected pursuant to this act, as determined by the Director  
31 of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the  
32 Treasury. The State Treasurer shall deposit net contributions  
33 collected pursuant to this section to the "New Jersey Veterans  
34 Haven Support Fund."

35       d. The Legislature shall annually appropriate all funds  
36 deposited in the "New Jersey Veterans Haven Support Fund" to the  
37 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to support the  
38 vocational and transitional housing program at the New Jersey  
39 Veterans Haven **【facility】** facilities.<sup>1</sup>

40 (cf: P.L.2007, c.233, s.1)

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42       <sup>1</sup>**【3.】** 4.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately.

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 3360

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 11, 2012

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman CLEOPATRA G. TUCKER**

**District 28 (Essex)**

**Assemblyman MATTHEW W. MILAM**

**District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)**

**Assemblyman GILBERT "WHIP" L. WILSON**

**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywomen McHose, Mosquera, Assemblymen DiMaio and Peterson**

**SYNOPSIS**

Creates Veterans Haven North Council; renames current Veterans Haven Council to Veterans Haven South Council.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/4/2012)**

A3360 TUCKER, MILAM

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18 STATEMENT

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ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3360**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 15, 2012

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 3360.

There is a Veterans Haven facility for homeless veterans located in Camden County. It serves veterans from all over the State of New Jersey. During the summer of 2012, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs opened another Veterans Haven facility. It is in Hunterdon County, and also serves veterans from all over the State of New Jersey. With the opening of the new facility, the Camden facility became Veterans Haven South and the Hunterdon facility became Veterans Haven North.

This bill will create a Veterans Haven North Council to coexist with the current council, renamed the Veterans Haven South Council, to create one council for each facility. The two councils will have joint meetings no less than once each calendar year. Each council will consist of eight members. The Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs will serve as a nonvoting ex-officio member on both councils. Each member will be appointed by the Adjutant General with the approval of the Governor. The term of each council member will be three years. Members of the council are subject to removal by the Adjutant General at any time for good and sufficient cause.

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This bill is identical to Senate, No. 2254 of 2012.



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 3360**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**215th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: DECEMBER 5, 2012

**SUMMARY**

- Synopsis:** Creates Veterans Haven North Council; renames current Veterans Haven Council, Veterans Haven South Council.
- Type of Impact:** No Fiscal Impact on State General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

**Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<u><b>Year 1</b></u>	<u><b>Year 2</b></u>	<u><b>Year 3</b></u>
<b>State Cost</b>	No Fiscal Impact- See comments below		

- This bill will create a Veterans Haven North Council and rename the current Veterans Haven Council, Veterans Haven South Council in order to provide each Veterans Haven facility with its own council and to distinguish the councils from one another.
- The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs informally indicated that this bill would have no fiscal impact on the department.

**BILL DESCRIPTION**

Assembly Bill No. 3360 of 2012 will create a Veterans Haven North Council and rename the Veterans Haven Council, to create one council for each facility. The two councils will have joint meetings no less than once each calendar year. Each council will consist of eight members. The Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs will serve as a nonvoting ex-officio member on both councils. Each member will be appointed by the Adjutant General with the approval of the Governor. The term of each council member will be three years. Members of the council are subject to removal by the Adjutant General at any time for good and sufficient cause. The members of the council shall receive no compensation for their services but will be reimbursed for actual expenditures incurred in the performance of their duties within the limits of funds approved appropriated or otherwise made available for this purpose.

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and the Director of Veterans Services with respect to the work of Veterans Haven North and Veterans Haven South, recommend standards and procedures for application and termination of eligibility for admission to each respective facility, and recommend standards of care, treatment and discipline governing the relationship between each Veterans Haven facility and the persons admitted thereto.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs informally indicated that this bill would have no fiscal impact on the department. The bill does not provide compensation to the members of the council. However, while the bill does provide for reimbursement of actual expenditures incurred by the members within the limits of funds appropriated for this purpose, the department indicated that only one minimal travel expense claim has ever been submitted for reimbursement by a member of any or the current Veterans Haven council under the department's purview and they, therefore, believe there are essentially no costs associated with the bill. The department explained that if a council member does apply for a reimbursement for costs incurred, such as travel, sufficient funds are available within the existing Veterans Haven program resources to absorb the expense.

*Section:* State Government  
*Analyst:* Kimberly McCord Clemmensen  
Senior Fiscal Analyst  
*Approved:* David J. Rosen  
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 3360**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 14, 2013

The Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 3360.

There is a Veterans Haven facility for homeless veterans located in Camden County. It serves veterans from all over the State of New Jersey. During the summer of 2012, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs opened another Veterans Haven facility. It is in Hunterdon County, and also serves veterans from all over the State of New Jersey. With the opening of the new facility, the Camden facility became Veterans Haven South and the Hunterdon facility became Veterans Haven North.

As amended, this bill will create a Veterans Haven North Council to coexist with the current council, renamed the Veterans Haven South Council, to create one council for each facility. The two councils must have joint meetings no less than once each calendar year. Each council will consist of eight members. The Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs will serve as a nonvoting ex-officio member on both councils. Each member will be appointed by the Adjutant General with the approval of the Governor. The term of each council member will be three years. Members of the council are subject to removal by the Adjutant General at any time for good and sufficient cause.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to add a reference to both facilities to the statute establishing the “New Jersey Veterans Haven Support Fund”.

The amendments make this bill identical to Senate No. 2254 (1R), which was amended and reported by this committee on December 17, 2012.

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3360**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 5, 2013

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3360 (1R).

This bill creates a Veterans Haven North Council to coexist with the current council, renamed the Veterans Haven South Council, to create one council for each of the two facilities that now exist in different parts of the State.

There is a Veterans Haven facility for homeless veterans located in Camden County. It serves veterans from all over the State of New Jersey. During the summer of 2012, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs opened another Veterans Haven facility. It is in Hunterdon County, and also serves veterans from all over the State of New Jersey. With the opening of the new facility, the Camden facility became Veterans Haven South and the Hunterdon facility became Veterans Haven North.

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As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2254 (1R), as also reported by the committee.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Executive Branch indicates that this bill will have no fiscal impact on the State General Fund. This bill only allows for reimbursement of expenses incurred by council members in the performance of their duties, and is limited to funds made available for this purpose. According to the New Jersey DMAVA, the only expenses previously reimbursed to members of a similar council (the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery) were for mileage and tolls to attend meetings. In addition, the DMAVA has indicated that no separate or additional funding is required for these expenses as they are paid when requested from the established operating budget appropriation. The DMAVA has also stated that historically (as in the case of the cemetery council), the expenses that were reimbursed totaled less than \$100, as most of the members declined to be reimbursed.

**FISCAL NOTE**  
[First Reprint]  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 3360**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**215th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: DECEMBER 9, 2013

**SUMMARY**

**Synopsis:** Creates Veterans Haven North Council; renames current Veterans Haven Council to Veterans Haven South Council.

**Type of Impact:** No Fiscal Impact: State General Fund.

**Agencies Affected:** Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

**Executive Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
<b>State Cost</b>	No Fiscal Impact – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services **concurs** with the Executive estimate.
- This bill creates a Veterans Haven North Council to coexist with the current council, renamed the Veterans Haven South Council, to create one council for each facility.
- The Executive Branch states that this bill will have no fiscal impact on the State General Fund.
- The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA) has indicated that the bill allows reimbursement for expenses of council members and no separate or additional funding is required for these expenses as they are paid when requested from the established operating budget appropriation.

**BILL DESCRIPTION**

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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

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### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The Office of Legislative Services concurs with the Executive estimate.

*Section:* State Government  
*Analyst:* Tracey Pino Murphy  
Senior Counsel  
*Approved:* David J. Rosen  
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal note has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).



**SENATE, No. 2254**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**215th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 15, 2012

**Sponsored by:**  
**Senator JAMES BEACH**  
**District 6 (Burlington and Camden)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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8 termination of eligibility for admission to each Veterans Haven  
9 facility; and
- 10 d. Recommend standards of care, treatment and discipline  
11 governing the relationship between each Veterans Haven facility  
12 and the persons admitted thereto.  
13 (cf: P.L.2011, c.170, s.2)
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- 15 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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18 STATEMENT

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20 There is a Veterans Haven facility for homeless veterans located  
21 in Camden County. It serves veterans from all over the State of  
22 New Jersey. During the summer of 2012, the New Jersey  
23 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs opened another  
24 Veterans Haven facility. It is in Hunterdon County, and also serves  
25 veterans from all over the State of New Jersey. With the opening of  
26 the new facility, the Camden facility became Veterans Haven South  
27 and the Hunterdon facility became Veterans Haven North.

28 This bill will create a Veterans Haven North Council to coexist  
29 with the current council, renamed the Veterans Haven South  
30 Council, to create one council for each facility. The two councils  
31 shall have joint meetings no less than once each calendar year Each  
32 council will consist of eight members. The Deputy Commissioner  
33 of Veterans Affairs will serve as a nonvoting ex-officio member on  
34 both councils. Each member will be appointed by the Adjutant  
35 General with the approval of the Governor. The term of each  
36 council member will be three years. Members of the council are  
37 subject to removal by the Adjutant General at any time for good and  
38 sufficient cause.

39 Each Veterans Haven council will formulate policies for the co-  
40 ordination of services for the veterans housed at their respective  
41 facility and advise the Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs  
42 and the Director of Veterans Services with respect to the work of  
43 Veterans Haven North and Veterans Haven South, recommend  
44 standards and procedures for application and termination of  
45 eligibility for admission to each respective facility, and recommend  
46 standards of care, treatment and discipline governing the  
47 relationship between each Veterans Haven facility and the persons  
48 admitted thereto.

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
**SENATE, No. 2254**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**215th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: DECEMBER 5, 2012

**SUMMARY**

**Synopsis:** Creates Veterans Haven North Council; renames current Veterans Haven Council, Veterans Haven South Council.

**Type of Impact:** No Fiscal Impact on State General Fund.

**Agencies Affected:** Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

**Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<u><b>Year 1</b></u>	<u><b>Year 2</b></u>	<u><b>Year 3</b></u>
<b>State Cost</b>	No Fiscal Impact- See comments below		

- This bill will create a Veterans Haven North Council and rename the current Veterans Haven Council, Veterans Haven South Council in order to provide each Veterans Haven facility with its own council and to distinguish the councils from one another.
- The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs informally indicated that this bill would have no fiscal impact on the department.

**BILL DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill No. 2254 of 2012 will create a Veterans Haven North Council and rename the Veterans Haven Council, to create one council for each facility. The two councils will have joint meetings no less than once each calendar year. Each council will consist of eight members. The Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs will serve as a nonvoting ex-officio member on both councils. Each member will be appointed by the Adjutant General with the approval of the Governor. The term of each council member will be three years. Members of the council are subject to removal by the Adjutant General at any time for good and sufficient cause. The members of the council shall receive no compensation for their services but will be reimbursed for actual expenditures incurred in the performance of their duties within the limits of funds approved appropriated or otherwise made available for this purpose.

Each Veterans Haven council will formulate policies for the co-ordination of services for the veterans housed at the respective facility, advise the Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs

and the Director of Veterans Services with respect to the work of Veterans Haven North and Veterans Haven South, recommend standards and procedures for application and termination of eligibility for admission to each respective facility, and recommend standards of care, treatment and discipline governing the relationship between each Veterans Haven facility and the persons admitted thereto.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs informally indicated that this bill would have no fiscal impact on the department. The bill does not provide compensation to the members of the council. However, while the bill does provide for reimbursement of actual expenditures incurred by the members within the limits of funds appropriated for this purpose, the department indicated that only one minimal travel expense claim has ever been submitted for reimbursement by a member of any or the current Veterans Haven council under the department's purview and they, therefore, believe there are essentially no costs associated with the bill. The department explained that if a council member does apply for a reimbursement for costs incurred, such as travel, sufficient funds are available within the existing Veterans Haven program resources to absorb the expense.

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2254**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 6, 2012

The Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2254.

There is a Veterans Haven facility for homeless veterans located in Camden County. It serves veterans from all over the State of New Jersey. During the summer of 2012, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs opened another Veterans Haven facility. It is in Hunterdon County, and also serves veterans from all over the State of New Jersey. With the opening of the new facility, the Camden facility became Veterans Haven South and the Hunterdon facility became Veterans Haven North.

As amended, this bill will create a Veterans Haven North Council to coexist with the current council, renamed the Veterans Haven South Council, to create one council for each facility. The two councils must have joint meetings no less than once each calendar year. Each council will consist of eight members. The Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs will serve as a nonvoting ex-officio member on both councils. Each member will be appointed by the Adjutant General with the approval of the Governor. The term of each council member will be three years. Members of the council are subject to removal by the Adjutant General at any time for good and sufficient cause.

Each Veterans Haven council will formulate policies for the coordination of services for the veterans housed at their respective facility and advise the Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs and the Director of Veterans Services with respect to the work of Veterans Haven North and Veterans Haven South, recommend standards and procedures for application and termination of eligibility for admission to each respective facility, and recommend standards of care, treatment and discipline governing the relationship between each Veterans Haven facility and the persons admitted thereto.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to correct a grammatical oversight and to update a citation.

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 2254**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 5, 2013

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2254 (1R).

This bill creates a Veterans Haven North Council to coexist with the current council, renamed the Veterans Haven South Council, to create one council for each of the two facilities that now exist in different parts of the State.

There is a Veterans Haven facility for homeless veterans located in Camden County. It serves veterans from all over the State of New Jersey. During the summer of 2012, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs opened another Veterans Haven facility. It is in Hunterdon County, and also serves veterans from all over the State of New Jersey. With the opening of the new facility, the Camden facility became Veterans Haven South and the Hunterdon facility became Veterans Haven North.

The two councils must have joint meetings no less than once each calendar year. Each council will consist of eight members. The Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs will serve as a nonvoting ex-officio member on both councils. Each member will be appointed by the Adjutant General with the approval of the Governor. The term of each council member will be three years. Members of the council are subject to removal by the Adjutant General at any time for good and sufficient cause.

Each Veterans Haven council will formulate policies for the coordination of services for the veterans housed at their respective facility and advise the Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs and the Director of Veterans Services with respect to the work of Veterans Haven North and Veterans Haven South, recommend standards and procedures for application and termination of eligibility for admission to each respective facility, and recommend standards of care, treatment and discipline governing the relationship between each Veterans Haven facility and the persons admitted thereto.

As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3360 (1R), as also reported by the committee.



**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Executive Branch states that this bill will have no fiscal impact on the State General Fund. This bill only allows for reimbursement of expenses incurred by council members in the performance of their duties, and is limited to funds made available for this purpose. According to the New Jersey DMAVA, the only expenses previously reimbursed to members of a similar council (the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery) were for mileage and tolls to attend meetings. In addition, the DMAVA has indicated that no separate or additional funding is required for these expenses as they are paid when requested from the established operating budget appropriation. The DMAVA has also stated that historically (as in the case of the cemetery council), the expenses that were reimbursed totaled less than \$100, as most of the members declined to be reimbursed.

**FISCAL NOTE**  
[First Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 2254**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**215th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: DECEMBER 9, 2013

**SUMMARY**

**Synopsis:** Creates Veterans Haven North Council; renames current Veterans Haven Council to Veterans Haven South Council.

**Type of Impact:** No Fiscal Impact: State General Fund.

**Agencies Affected:** Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

**Executive Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
<b>State Cost</b>	No Fiscal Impact – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services **concurs** with the Executive estimate.
- This bill creates a Veterans Haven North Council to coexist with the current council, renamed the Veterans Haven South Council, to create one council for each facility.
- The Executive Branch states that this bill will have no fiscal impact on the State General Fund.
- The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA) has indicated that the bill allows reimbursement for expenses of council members and no separate or additional funding is required for these expenses as they are paid when requested from the established operating budget appropriation.

**BILL DESCRIPTION**

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Veterans Affairs opened another Veterans Haven facility. It is in Hunterdon County, and also serves veterans from all over the State of New Jersey. With the opening of the new facility, the Camden facility became Veterans Haven South and the Hunterdon facility became Veterans Haven North.

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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

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### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The Office of Legislative Services concurs with the Executive estimate.

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