

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1277**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**218th LEGISLATURE**

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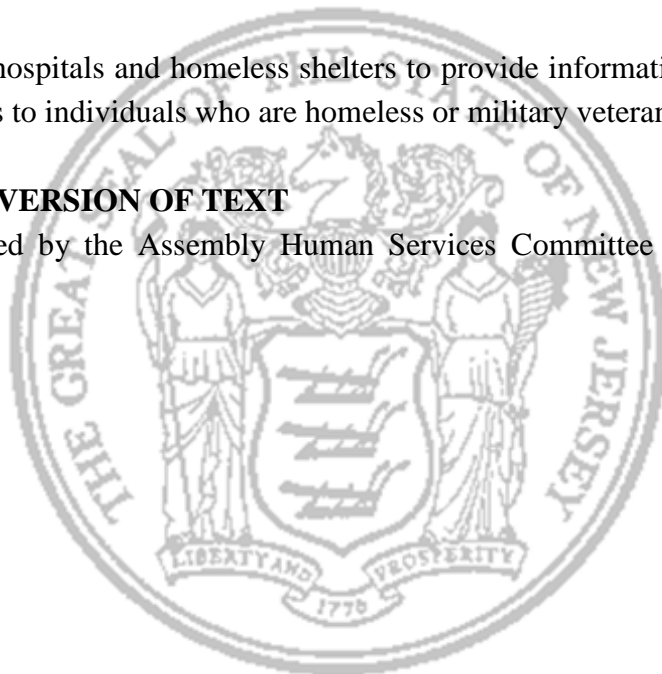
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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires hospitals and homeless shelters to provide information on services and resources to individuals who are homeless or military veterans.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Human Services Committee with technical review.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/14/2020)**

1    **AN ACT** concerning services and resources for veterans and the  
2       homeless and supplementing Title 26 and Title 55 of the Revised  
3       Statutes.

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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. A general acute care hospital licensed pursuant to P.L.1971,  
9       c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) shall, as part of the patient intake process,  
10      inquire as to whether the individual who is to receive services from  
11      the hospital is homeless or is a military veteran. In the event that  
12      the individual responds in the affirmative, the hospital shall provide  
13      the individual with information concerning special services and  
14      resources that are available to the individual based on the  
15      individual's status as homeless or as a military veteran. Each  
16      general acute care hospital licensed in this State shall establish  
17      standard protocols and procedures for making inquiries and  
18      providing information as required by this section.

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20      2. An emergency shelter for the homeless established pursuant  
21      to P.L.1985, c.48 (C.55:13C-1 et seq.) shall, as part of the client  
22      intake process, inquire as to whether the individual who is to  
23      receive services is a military veteran. In the event that the  
24      individual responds in the affirmative, the shelter shall provide the  
25      individual with information concerning special services and  
26      resources that are available to the individual based on the  
27      individual's status as a military veteran. Each emergency shelter  
28      for the homeless established in this State shall establish standard  
29      protocols and procedures for making inquiries and providing  
30      information as required by this section.

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32      3. The Commissioner of Health and the Commissioner of  
33      Community Affairs shall, pursuant to the "Administrative  
34      Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), adopt any  
35      rules and regulations as each commissioner deems necessary to  
36      carry out the provisions of this act.

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38      4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month  
39      next following the date of enactment, except that the Commissioner  
40      of Health and the Commissioner of Community Affairs may take  
41      any anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be  
42      necessary for the implementation of this act.