

SENATE, No. 3041

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOH to continuously publish total number of COVID-19 deaths in long-term care facilities and veterans' homes.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning coronavirus disease 2019 deaths in long-term
2 care facilities and veterans' homes.

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

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7 1. a. As used in this section:

8 "Long-term care facility" means a nursing home, assisted living
9 residence, comprehensive personal care home, residential health
10 care facility, or dementia care home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971,
11 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

12 "Veterans' home" means the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial
13 Home - Menlo Park, the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home -
14 Vineland, and the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home - Paramus.

15 b. Notwithstanding the provision of any executive order or law
16 to the contrary, the Internet website of the Department of Health
17 shall display, at all times:

18 (1) the total number of COVID-19 deaths of employees and
19 residents of long-term care facilities and veterans' homes in this
20 State since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

21 (2) the total number of new daily COVID-19 deaths of
22 employees and residents of long-term care facilities and veterans'
23 homes in this State.

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire 365
26 days following the end of both the state of emergency and the
27 public health emergency declared in response to the coronavirus
28 disease 2019.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill requires the Department of Health (DOH) to
34 continuously publish total number of COVID-19 deaths in long-
35 term care facilities and veterans' homes.

36 Under the bill, the Internet website of the Department of Health
37 is to display, at all times: (1) the total number of COVID-19 deaths
38 of employees and residents of long-term care facilities and veterans'
39 homes in this State since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic;
40 and (2) the total number of new daily COVID-19 deaths of
41 employees and residents of long-term care facilities and veterans'
42 homes in this State.

43 The bill defines "long-term care facility" to mean a nursing
44 home, assisted living residence, comprehensive personal care home,
45 residential health care facility, or dementia care home licensed
46 pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.). "Veterans' home"
47 means the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home - Menlo Park, the
48 New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home - Vineland, and the New
49 Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home - Paramus.