

SENATE, No. 629

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator KOSCO

1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home
2 Advisory Council-Paramus and amending P.L.1989, c.162.

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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. Section 11 of P.L.1989, c.162 (C.38A:3-6.13) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 11. There is created within the Division of Veterans' Administrative
10 Services in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs four
11 advisory councils to be known as:

12 a. The New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home Advisory
13 Council-Menlo Park;

14 b. The New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home Advisory
15 Council-Vineland;

16 c. The New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home Advisory
17 Council-Paramus; and

18 d. The New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Advisory
19 Council-Arneytown.

20 Each advisory council shall consist of seven members, at least five
21 of whom are veterans, to be appointed by the Adjutant General with
22 the approval of the Governor. The term of each council member,
23 except for the initial members, shall be three years commencing on
24 July 1 and ending on June 30 of the third year thereafter, and any
25 vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term only. The initial
26 membership of each veterans' facility advisory council, other than the
27 New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Advisory
28 Council-Arneytown, shall include four of the persons serving on the
29 effective date of this 1989 amendatory and supplementary act as
30 members of the Veterans' Facilities Council. The New Jersey
31 Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Advisory Council-Arneytown shall
32 include three of the persons serving on the effective date of this 1989
33 amendatory and supplementary act as members of the Veterans'
34 Facilities Council. The New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home

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.

1 Advisory Council-Paramus shall include two members of the Friends
2 and Family Council of the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home at
3 Paramus. All of the members who served originally on the Veterans'
4 Facilities Council and who serve subsequently on an advisory council
5 shall serve for the remainder of the term for which they had been
6 appointed to the Veterans' Facilities Council. Additional and
7 subsequent appointments shall be made in such manner that the terms
8 of either two or three of the members of each advisory council shall
9 expire on June 30 of each year.

10 The members of the advisory council shall receive no compensation
11 for their services but shall be reimbursed for actual expenditures
12 incurred in the performance of duty. They are subject to removal by
13 the Adjutant General at any time for good and sufficient cause.
14 (cf: P.L.1989, c.162, s.11)

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16 2. (New section) Upon the expiration of the terms of office of two
17 members of the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home Advisory
18 Council-Paramus next following the effective date of this act, the
19 Adjutant General, with the approval of the Governor, shall appoint
20 members of the Friends and Family Council of the New Jersey
21 Veterans' Memorial Home at Paramus to fill those vacancies.

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23 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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28 The Friends and Family Council of the New Jersey Veterans'
29 Memorial Home at Paramus was organized in February 1995 after the
30 planned privatization of services at that facility was reported. The
31 council was formed to advocate the maintenance of quality care at the
32 Paramus home and to foster communication between the Department
33 of Military and Veterans' Affairs and the home's residents and loved
34 ones.

35 Although the department no longer plans to privatize services at the
36 Paramus home, the council continues to play an active role in
37 improving the quality of life for the home's residents. In order to
38 ensure that the voices of those directly concerned with the well-being
39 of the home's residents continues to be heard, this bill provides that the
40 New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home Advisory Council-Paramus
41 shall include two members of the Friends and Family Council of the
42 New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home at Paramus.

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3 Provides that two members of the Friends and Family Council shall be
4 on the Paramus Veterans' Memorial Home Advisory Council.