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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOH to publish total number of COVID-19 deaths and cases in long-term care facilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Aging and Senior Services Committee on January 13, 2021, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/21/2021)

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 ¹["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 -
15 Paramus.]"¹

16 b. Notwithstanding the provision of any executive order or law
17 to the contrary, the Internet website of the Department of Health
18 shall display, at all times ¹[":

19 (1) ¹ the total number of ¹["COVID-19 deaths of"] confirmed
20 deaths caused by coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and
21 confirmed COVID-19 cases among¹ employees ¹["and"] , volunteers,
22 and other persons providing services at long-term care facilities in
23 this State, as well as among¹ residents of long-term care facilities
24 ¹["and veterans' homes"]¹ in this State ¹["since the beginning"] ,
25 which reported data shall be regularly updated by the department to
26 ensure it includes the total number of reported COVID-19 deaths
27 and cases for the period commencing from the date of the first
28 reported case¹ of ¹["the"]¹ COVID-19 ¹["pandemic; and

29 (2) the total number of new daily COVID-19 deaths of
30 employees and residents of long-term care facilities and veterans'
31 homes in this State"] in New Jersey through the most recent date for
32 which the data are available. The reported data shall include both
33 Statewide numbers and numbers specific to each long-term care
34 facility, to the extent facility-specific numbers can be reported
35 without violating State or federal health information privacy rules¹ .
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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire 365
38 days following the end of both the state of emergency and the
39 public health emergency declared in response to the coronavirus
40 disease 2019.

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 ASE committee amendments adopted January 13, 2021.