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SYNOPSIS

Requires DMVA veterans' memorial homes to communicate with veterans' guardians via at least two communication means.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning means of communication with guardians of
2 veterans residing in Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs
3 memorial homes and supplementing P.L.1993, c.281 (C.38A:3-
4 2b2 et seq.).

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
7 *of New Jersey:*

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9 1. The Division of Veterans' Administrative Services in the
10 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall ensure that each
11 veterans' memorial home shall communicate updates to each
12 veteran's guardian appointed pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1993, c.281
13 (C.38A:3-2b2 et seq.), and each person otherwise having the
14 veteran's power of attorney, through a minimum of two
15 communication means, which shall include regular mail, email, text
16 message, and voice.

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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23 Under current law, a family member or other person may be
24 appointed as the guardian of a veteran residing in a Department of
25 Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) memorial home.

26 This bill requires the Division of Veterans' Administrative
27 Services in the DMVA to ensure that each veterans' memorial home
28 communicates updates to each veteran's guardian, and each person
29 otherwise having the veteran's power of attorney, through a
30 minimum of two communication means, which must include regular
31 mail, email, text message, and voice.