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SYNOPSIS

Requires Director of Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services in DMVA to have prior clinical and long-term care experience.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services in
2 the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and amending
3 P.L.1987, c.444.

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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. Section 31 of P.L.1987, c.444 (C.38A:3-2c) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 31. a. The Division of Veterans' **Administrative** Services shall
11 be under the immediate supervision of a director who shall be an
12 honorably discharged veteran qualified by training and experience to
13 direct the work of the division. The director shall be appointed by
14 the Adjutant General, with the approval of the Governor, and shall
15 serve at the pleasure of the Adjutant General.

16 b. The Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services in the
17 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall be under the
18 immediate supervision of a director with prior work experience in a
19 clinical or long-term care facility setting. The director shall be
20 appointed by the Adjutant General, with the approval of the
21 Governor, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Adjutant General.

22 As used in this subsection, "clinical" means directly pertaining to
23 the observation, diagnosis, treatment, or rehabilitation of an
24 individual in a hospital, long-term care facility, rehabilitation center,
25 or other similar facility and not through research; and

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

30 (cf: P.L.1987, c.444, s.31)

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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35 STATEMENT

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37 This bill requires the Director of the Division of Veterans'
38 Healthcare Services in the Department of Military and Veterans'
39 Affairs to have prior work experience in a clinical or long-term care
40 facility setting.

41 As used in the bill, "clinical" means directly pertaining to the
42 observation, diagnosis, treatment, or rehabilitation of an individual
43 in a hospital, long-term care facility, rehabilitation center, or other
44 similar facility and not through research; and

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 “long-term care facility” means a nursing home, assisted living
- 2 residence, comprehensive personal care home, residential health care
- 3 facility, or dementia care home licensed pursuant to current law.