

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 214, *approved September 16, 2021*

Assembly, No. 5849 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning reports on the status of the veterans' homes in
2 this State during a public health emergency ¹and through
3 December 31, 2021¹, and supplementing Title 38A of the New
4 Jersey Statutes.

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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. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or
10 regulation to the contrary, the Adjutant General of the Department
11 of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall transmit a weekly report on
12 the status of the State veterans' homes to the Commissioner of the
13 Department of Health whenever a Public Health Emergency,
14 pursuant to the "Emergency Health Powers Act," P.L.2005, c.222
15 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), has been declared by the Governor and is in
16 effect. The weekly report shall include:

- 17 (1) the number of residents and staff in each veterans' home,
18 including comparisons to previous reports;
19 (2) any significant health risks posed to the residents and staff in
20 each veterans' home due to the public health emergency;
21 (3) any changes in operating procedures in each veterans' home
22 due to the public health emergency; and
23 (4) the amount of personal protective equipment available to
24 residents and staff at each veterans' home.

25 b. As used in this section:

26 (1) "veterans' home" means the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial
27 Home - Menlo Park, the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home -
28 Vineland, and the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home - Paramus.

29 (2) "personal protective equipment" means any items commonly
30 used to protect an individual from bacterial or viral infections,
31 including, but not limited to, disinfecting wipes, disposable gloves,
32 disposable gowns, face shields, N95 face masks, surgical masks, or
33 parts thereof.

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35 ¹2. The Adjutant General of the Department of Military and
36 Veterans' Affairs shall also transmit the weekly report on the status
37 of the State veterans' homes to the Commissioner of the
38 Department of Health required under section 1 of this act, P.L. . ,
39 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), during the

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 floor amendments adopted June 21, 2021.

1 period beginning on the seventh day following the effective date of
2 this act and ending on December 31, 2021.¹

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4 ¹**[2.]** 3.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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9 Requires Adjutant General of DMVA send weekly reports to
10 Commissioner of DOH on status of veterans' homes in State during
11 every future public health emergency; requires such reports through
12 December 31, 2021.