

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 220, *approved September 16, 2021*
Assembly, No. 5855

1 **AN ACT** requiring veterans' facilities operated by the Department of
2 Military and Veterans' Affairs to provide the New Jersey Long-
3 Term Care Ombudsman with payroll-based journal information
4 and supplementing P.L.1977, c.239 (C.52:27G-1 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. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or
10 regulation to the contrary, veterans' facilities, as that term is
11 defined in section 1 of P.L.1989, c.162 (C.38A:3-6.3), shall provide
12 an annual report of such facilities' payroll-based journal. The
13 Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman shall establish and
14 implement procedures for receiving, processing, and responding to
15 such annual reports.

16 b. A veterans' facility shall make an annual report to the
17 Ombudsman on or before the last day of the State fiscal year and
18 such additional reports as the Ombudsman may from time to time
19 request.

20 c. As used in this section, "payroll-based journal" means an
21 auditable and accessible database of staffing records.
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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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26 **STATEMENT**
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28 This bill requires veterans' facilities operated by the Department
29 of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) to provide payroll-based
30 journal information to the New Jersey Long-Term Care
31 Ombudsman.

32 A payroll-based journal is an auditable and accessible database
33 of staffing records. DMVA veterans' facilities would be required to
34 provide an annual report to the Ombudsman on this journal. The
35 Ombudsman would establish and implement procedures for
36 receiving, processing, and responding to the reports. The reports
37 would be due on or before the last day of the State fiscal year. The
38 Ombudsman would be permitted to request additional reports.
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44 journal information to NJ Long-Term Care Ombudsman.