CHAPTER 221 (CORRECTED COPY)

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

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

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

C.38A:3-2c Director of Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services.

31. The Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services shall be under the immediate supervision of a director who shall be qualified by training and experience to direct the work of the division, and shall have prior work experience in a clinical or long-term care facility setting. The director shall be appointed by the Adjutant General, with the approval of the Governor, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Adjutant General.

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

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

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved September 16, 2021.