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SYNOPSIS

Requires Adjutant General of DMVA send weekly reports to Commissioner of DOH on status of veterans' homes in State during public health emergency.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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

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

16 (1) the number of residents and staff in each veterans' home,
17 including comparisons to previous reports;

18 (2) any significant health risks posed to the residents and staff in
19 each veterans' home due to the public health emergency;

20 (3) any changes in operating procedures in each veterans' home
21 due to the public health emergency; and

22 (4) the amount of personal protective equipment available to
23 residents and staff at each veterans' home.

24 b. As used in this section:

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

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

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34 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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37 STATEMENT

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39 This bill requires the Adjutant General of the Department of
40 Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) to send weekly reports to
41 the Commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH) on the status
42 of the State's veterans' homes during a public health emergency.

43 The weekly reports would include: (1) the number of residents
44 and staff in each veterans' home, including comparisons to previous
45 reports; (2) any significant health risks posed to the residents and
46 staff in each veterans' home due to the public health emergency; (3)

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1 any changes in operating procedures in each veterans' home due to
2 the public health emergency; and (4) the amount of personal
3 protective equipment available to residents and staff at each
4 veterans' home.