

SENATE, No. 3492

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SYNOPSIS

Requires converting portion of Paramus and Menlo Park veterans' memorial homes into single occupancy and negative pressure ventilation rooms, and requires upgrades to ventilation systems.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the Paramus and Menlo Park veterans
2 memorial homes and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 38A of the
3 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. Subject to the availability of federal funds provided or made
9 accessible to the State via federal block grant funds allocated to the
10 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs from the United States
11 Department of Veterans Affairs and the federal funds provided or
12 made accessible to the State from the federal “American Rescue
13 Plan Act of 2021,” Publ.L.117-2, the Department of Military and
14 Veterans Affairs shall:

15 (1) convert at least one ward in the New Jersey Veterans'
16 Memorial Home-Menlo Park and at least one ward in the New
17 Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home-Paramus to single occupancy
18 rooms with negative pressure ventilation to support infectious
19 disease control measures; and

20 (2) upgrade the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
21 systems to infection control system standards in the New Jersey
22 Veterans' Memorial Home-Menlo Park and the New Jersey
23 Veterans' Memorial Home-Paramus.

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25 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
26 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs such sums from those
27 federal block grant funds provided or made accessible to the State
28 from the federal “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021,” Pub.L.117-
29 2, or any other federal funds made available to the State, as shall be
30 necessary, in amounts subject to approval by the Director of the
31 Division of Budget and Accounting, for use by the department to
32 provide for the purposes specified in section 1 of
33 P.L. , c. (C.)(pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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35 3. If the federal funds remaining are not sufficient, there shall
36 be appropriated such sums from the General Fund as shall be
37 necessary, in amounts subject to approval by the Director of the
38 Division of Budget and Accounting, for use by the department to
39 provide for the purposes specified in section 1 of
40 P.L. , c. (C.)(pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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42 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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45 STATEMENT

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47 Under this bill and subject to the availability of federal funds
48 provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and

1 federal funds provided or made accessible to the State from the
2 federal “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021,” the Department of
3 Military and Veterans Affairs will convert at least one ward in the
4 New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home-Menlo Park and at least one
5 ward in the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home-Paramus to
6 single occupancy rooms. The rooms will be equipped with negative
7 pressure ventilation to support infectious disease control measures,
8 and the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems will be
9 upgraded throughout the two homes to infection control system
10 standards.

11 If the federal funds are not sufficient to accomplish the
12 conversions and upgrades, there will appropriated such sums from
13 the General Fund as necessary, in amounts subject to approval by
14 the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, for use by
15 the department to accomplish the changes outlined in the bill.