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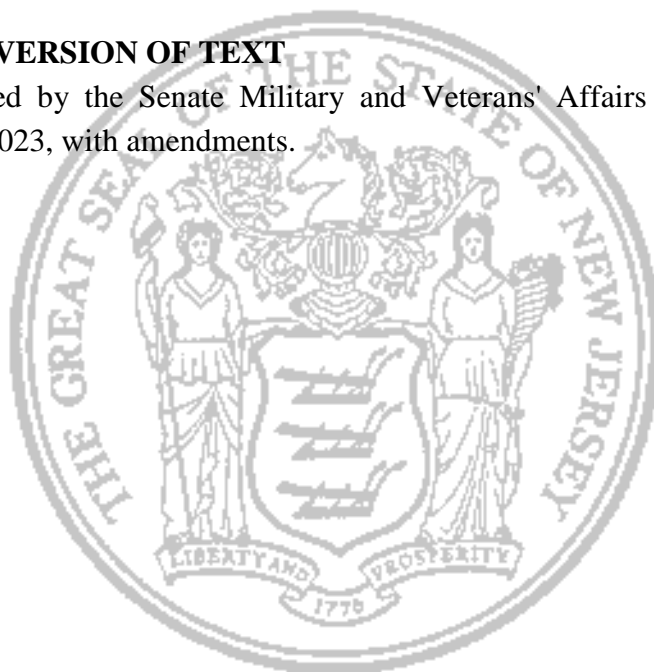
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SYNOPSIS

Requires conversion of ward in Paramus and Menlo Park veterans' memorial homes into single occupancy rooms; requires upgrades to certain systems; provides Adjutant General discretion to require additional room modifications.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee on January 30, 2023, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/16/2023)

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 ¹**[**with negative pressure ventilation to support infectious
 19 disease control measures**]**¹; 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.

24 ¹The Adjutant General shall have the discretion to require
 25 additional modifications to rooms, including, but not limited to,
 26 negative pressure ventilation, to support infectious disease control
 27 measures.¹

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

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

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:

¹Senate SMV committee amendments adopted January 30, 2023.

1 ¹4. In the event that the conversion of the wards and upgrading
2 of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems required
3 pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
4 Legislature as this bill) has not commenced within one year after
5 the effective date of this act, P.L. , c. (pending before the
6 Legislature as this bill), the Adjutant General shall appear before
7 the Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, the Senate
8 Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, the Assembly Oversight,
9 Reform, and Federal Relations Committee, or the Senate Legislative
10 Oversight Committee, at the direction of the President of the Senate
11 and Speaker of the General Assembly, to explain why the
12 conversions and upgrades have not been implemented and the steps
13 the department is taking to ensure implementation.¹

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15 ¹[4.] 5.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.