

SENATE, No. 3809

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 21, 2024

Sponsored by:

Senator CARMEN F. AMATO, JR.

District 9 (Ocean)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator O'Scanlon

SYNOPSIS

Requires converting portion of Paramus and Menlo Park veterans' memorial homes into single occupancy rooms; requires upgrades to ventilation systems; provides Adjutant General discretion for additional room considerations.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/28/2024)

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.

4
5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

7
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 Plan
13 Act of 2021,” Publ.L.117-2, the Department of Military and Veterans
14 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 Jersey
17 Veterans' Memorial Home-Paramus to single occupancy rooms; and

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

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

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

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

43
44 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19

STATEMENT

Under this bill and subject to the availability of federal funds provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and federal funds provided or made accessible to the State from the federal “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021,” the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs will convert at least one ward in the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home-Menlo Park and at least one ward in the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home-Paramus to single occupancy rooms. The rooms will be equipped with negative pressure ventilation to support infectious disease control measures, and the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems will be upgraded throughout the two homes to infection control system standards.

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