

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 440, *approved January 18, 2022*
Assembly, No. 2186 (*First Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** concerning emergency shelters for the homeless and
2 supplementing P.L.1983, c.530 (C.55:14K-1 et seq.).
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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:
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7 1. The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency
8 shall allow operators of shelters for the homeless and selected local
9 information and referral providers who place persons in the shelters
10 to have access to real-time information about the occupancy status
11 of shelter beds in the State ^{1,1} as collected by the Homeless
12 Management Information System, in order to determine the
13 availability of shelter beds in the community or within a certain
14 geographic area. Shelter operators shall update information in the
15 Homeless Management Information System about the availability of
16 shelter beds not later than one hour after a bed becomes available,
17 or an available bed has been filled.

18 The provisions of this section shall not apply to shelters for
19 victims of domestic violence.
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21 2. A shelter for the homeless, except a shelter for victims of
22 domestic violence, which is subject to regulation by the Department
23 of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.A.C.5:15-1.1 et seq., shall
24 cooperate in providing any necessary information to the database,
25 as determined by the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance
26 Agency, the Department of Community Affairs, and the Department
27 of Human Services, as a condition of being eligible to receive
28 funding for the shelter from the Department of Community Affairs
29 and the Department of Human Services.

30 ¹**[A shelter operator shall update information in the Homeless**
31 **Management Information System about the availability of shelter**
32 **beds not later than one hour after a bed becomes available, or an**
33 **available bed has been filled.]¹**
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35 3. This act shall take effect on the 60th day following
36 enactment.

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:

¹Assembly ACD committee amendments adopted June 16, 2021.

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3 Establishes Statewide database of beds in shelters for the
4 homeless.