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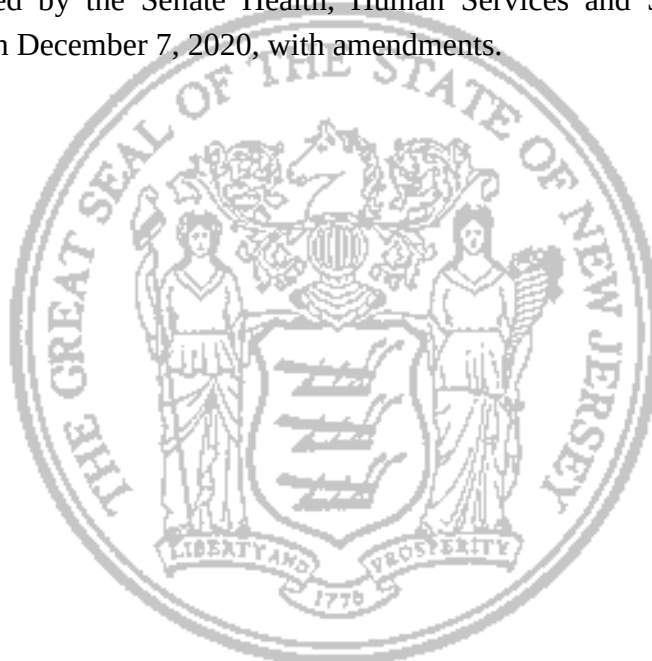
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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOH to publish total number of COVID-19 deaths in long-term care facilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on December 7, 2020, with amendments.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning coronavirus disease 2019 deaths in long-term
2 care facilities and veterans' homes.

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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. a. As used in this section:

8 "Long-term care facility" means a nursing home, assisted living
9 residence, comprehensive personal care home, residential health
10 care facility, or dementia care home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971,
11 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

12 ¹["Veterans' home" means the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial
13 Home - Menlo Park, the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home -
14 Vineland, and the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home -
15 Paramus.]"¹

16 b. Notwithstanding the provision of any executive order or law
17 to the contrary, the Internet website of the Department of Health
18 shall display, at all times ¹[":

19 (1) ¹ the total number of ¹["COVID-19 deaths of"] confirmed
20 deaths caused by coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) among¹
21 employees ¹["and"] , volunteers, and other persons providing
22 services at long-term care facilities in this State, as well as among¹
23 residents of long-term care facilities ¹["and veterans' homes"]¹ in this
24 State ¹["since the beginning"] , which reported data shall be regularly
25 updated by the department to ensure it includes the total number of
26 reported COVID-19 deaths for the period commencing from the
27 date of the first reported case¹ of ¹["the"]¹ COVID-19 ¹["pandemic;
28 and

29 (2) the total number of new daily COVID-19 deaths of
30 employees and residents of long-term care facilities and veterans'
31 homes in this State] in New Jersey through the most recent date for
32 which the data are available. The reported data shall include both
33 Statewide numbers and numbers specific to each long-term care
34 facility, to the extent facility-specific numbers can be reported
35 without violating State or federal health information privacy rules¹ .
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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire 365
38 days following the end of both the state of emergency and the
39 public health emergency declared in response to the coronavirus
40 disease 2019.

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 SHH committee amendments adopted December 7, 2020.