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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on March 25, 2021.



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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 care
10 facility, or dementia care home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136
11 (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 - Paramus.]"¹

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

18 (1) ¹], ¹ the total number of ¹["COVID-19 deaths of"] confirmed
19 deaths caused by coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) ²and
20 confirmed COVID-19 cases² among¹ employees ¹["and"] , volunteers,
21 and other persons providing services at long-term care facilities in this
22 State, as well as among¹ residents of long-term care facilities ¹["and
23 veterans' homes]"¹ in this State ¹["since the beginning"] , which reported
24 data shall be regularly updated by the department to ensure it includes
25 the total number of reported COVID-19 deaths ²and cases² for the
26 period commencing from the date of the first reported case¹ of ¹["the"]¹
27 COVID-19 ¹["pandemic; and

28 (2) the total number of new daily COVID-19 deaths of employees
29 and residents of long-term care facilities and veterans' homes in this
30 State] in New Jersey through the most recent date for which the data
31 are available. The reported data shall include both Statewide numbers
32 and numbers specific to each long-term care facility, to the extent
33 facility-specific numbers can be reported without violating State or
34 federal health information privacy rules¹ .

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire 365
37 days following the end of both the state of emergency and the
38 public health emergency declared in response to the coronavirus
39 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.

²Senate floor amendments adopted March 25, 2021.