

CHAPTER 170

AN ACT creating a Veterans Haven Council and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 38A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

C.38A:3-47 Veterans Haven Council.

1. a. There is created within the Division of Veterans' Services in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs an advisory council to be known as the Veterans Haven Council. The council shall consist of eight members, at least five of whom are veterans, and shall include no less than two women. The Deputy Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, or a designee, shall serve as a nonvoting ex-officio member. Each member shall be appointed by the Adjutant General with the approval of the Governor. The term of each council member shall be three years, except that of the first appointments pursuant to this section, two shall be for a term of one year, two for a term of two years, and three for a term of three years. At no time shall a member be allowed to serve more than two terms in the aggregate.

b. The members shall nominate a chairperson by majority vote of the members, and four members shall constitute a majority. The chairperson of the council shall be its presiding officer and shall serve until a successor has been nominated by the council.

c. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term only. Members of the council shall be subject to removal by the Adjutant General at any time for good and sufficient cause.

d. The members of the council shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for actual expenditures incurred in the performance of their duties within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available for this purpose.

C.38A:3-48 Duties of Veterans Haven Council.

2. Under general policies established by the Adjutant General, the Veterans Haven Council shall:

a. Formulate comprehensive policies for the coordination of all services for the benefit of veterans housed at the Veterans Haven facility;

b. Consult with and advise the Deputy Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs and the Director of Veterans' Services with respect to the work of Veterans Haven;

c. Recommend standards and procedures for application and termination of eligibility for admission to Veterans Haven; and

d. Recommend standards of care, treatment and discipline governing the relationship between Veterans Haven and the persons admitted thereto.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 5, 2012.