

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 26, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the
3 establishment of an advisory council for each State veterans'
4 home AND REPEALING CERTAIN PROVISIONS. <—

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 51 (Military Affairs), act of November 25,
8 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes, is amended by adding a section to read:

10 § 704. Advisory councils for veterans' homes.

11 (a) Establishment of advisory council.--There is hereby
12 established an advisory council for each veterans' home operated
13 by the Commonwealth. Each advisory council shall consist of 11
14 members and the Adjutant General, who shall serve ex officio.
15 Nine of the members shall be appointed by the Governor from a
16 list of nominations submitted to the Adjutant General by the
17 Pennsylvania War Veterans' Council. The Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate

1 shall each appoint one member from their respective bodies to
2 serve on each council.

3 (b) Term of office.--Each member of the councils appointed
4 from the General Assembly shall serve for the duration of that
5 General Assembly. The nine members appointed by the Governor
6 shall serve a term of three years, provided that the initial
7 nine members selected by the Governor shall serve as follows:
8 three members for one year, three members for two years and
9 three members for three years as designated by the Governor. The
10 members appointed by the Governor may be removed by the Governor
11 for cause.

12 (c) Cause.--Each council shall organize as soon as possible
13 and shall annually elect a president, vice president and
14 secretary.

15 (d) Quorum and time of meetings.--Six members of a council
16 shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting the
17 business of the council. Each advisory council shall meet at
18 least quarterly and at other times at the call of the president.

19 (e) Expenses.--Members of each advisory council shall
20 receive no compensation for their services but shall receive
21 reimbursement for their necessary and proper expenses for
22 attendance at meetings.

23 (f) Power and duty of advisory councils.--Each veterans'
24 home advisory council shall advise the Adjutant General as to
25 the management, operation and the adequacy of facilities and
26 services at their respective homes.

27 Section 2. ~~Section 1409~~ SECTION 202 INsofar AS IT RELATES TO <—
28 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS'
29 HOME AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HOLLIDAYSBURG VETERANS' HOME
30 AND SECTION 1409, act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known

1 as "The Administrative Code of 1929," is repealed.

2 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.