
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 499 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY BAKER, LAUGHLIN, PENNYCUICK, BARTOLOTTA, KANE,
HUGHES, MARTIN, ROBINSON, SCHWANK, BREWSTER AND COSTA,
MARCH 14, 2023

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
MARCH 14, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in Department of Military Affairs,
3 further providing for advisory councils for veterans' homes;
4 and making an editorial change.

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

7 Section 1. Chapter 7 heading and section 704(a) of Title 51
8 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 CHAPTER 7

10 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

11 § 704. Advisory councils for veterans' homes.

12 (a) Establishment of advisory council.--There is hereby
13 established an advisory council for each veterans' home operated
14 by the Commonwealth. Each advisory council shall consist of [15]
15 the following members [and the]:

16 (1) The Adjutant General, who shall serve ex officio.

17 (2) Twelve [of the] members who shall be appointed by
18 the Governor from a list of nominations submitted to the

1 Adjutant General by the Pennsylvania War Veterans' Council.

2 (3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
3 President pro tempore of the Senate shall each appoint one
4 member from their respective bodies to serve on each council.

5 [The remaining member on the advisory council]

6 (4) One individual who must be a family member of a
7 current or former resident of the veterans' homes and shall
8 be selected by the residents of the veterans' homes.

9 (5) One individual who shall be selected by the
10 residents of the veterans' homes.

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12 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.