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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1418, L.D. 2211, “An Act Regarding Quality of Care and the Board of Trustees at the Maine Veterans' Homes”

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 2-A in paragraph C by striking out all of subparagraph (3) (page 1, lines 34 to 37 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'(3) One member who is a veteran who identifies as a member of a racial group that is overrepresented in military service relative to that racial group's percentage of the national population from a list of recommendations submitted to the board by established organizations that represent the interests of veterans in the State who identify as members of racial groups that are overrepresented in military service relative to those racial groups' percentages of the national population; and'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 2-A in paragraph C by striking out all of subparagraph (4) (page 1, lines 38 to 41 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'(4) One member who identifies as a member of a racial group that is overrepresented in military service relative to that racial group's percentage of the national population who is not a member of the United States Armed Forces or the National Guard or a veteran and who is not on the list of nominees submitted by the board pursuant to subparagraph (1).'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 2-A in the first blocked paragraph in the 3rd line (page 2, line 3 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "identity" the following: 'physical or mental disability'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 3. 37-B MRSA §611, as amended by PL 2021, c. 528, §8, is further amended to read:

§611. Annual reports

By February 15, 2023 and annually thereafter, the board shall submit a report to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans affairs. ~~This report must contain a copy of audited financial statements, statistics~~

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1 ~~on members who resided in the homes during the year, any amendments to the rules~~
2 ~~regarding the administration of the homes made by the board since its last report on the~~
3 ~~administration of the homes, a description of any efforts to seek funding as required under~~
4 ~~section 604, subsection 6, recommendations to the Governor and Legislature and~~
5 ~~information regarding such other matters as the board considers pertinent. The joint~~
6 ~~standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans affairs may report~~
7 ~~out legislation based upon on the report.~~

8 **1. Required report information.** The report must contain the following information:

9 A. A copy of audited financial statements;

10 B. Statistics on members who resided in the homes during the year;

11 C. Any amendments to the rules regarding the administration of the homes made by
12 the board since its last report on the administration of the homes;

13 D. A description of any efforts to seek funding as required under section 604,
14 subsection 6;

15 E. An analysis of staffing levels, funding and ability of the homes to meet the mission
16 of providing members with quality care;

17 F. An overview of the annual quality assurance and performance improvement plan as
18 required under 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 483.75 and residents' council
19 activities as required under Department of Health and Human Services rules governing
20 the licensing and functioning of skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities;

21 G. The goals and actions taken to achieve the desired outcomes outlined in the quality
22 assurance and performance improvement plan under paragraph F;

23 H. A summary of issues, recommendations and action plans resulting from the
24 residents' council operating in each home;

25 I. Recommendations to the Governor and Legislature; and

26 J. Information regarding other matters the board considers pertinent.

27 **2. Additional report information.** The report may include, when reporting on
28 staffing, data related to: census; positions budgeted, filled and open; temporary labor; direct
29 care staff turnover rates; and direct care staff retention efforts. The data regarding positions
30 may be broken down by type of direct care position.'

31 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
32 number to read consecutively.

33 **SUMMARY**

34 This amendment revises the language in the bill regarding the membership of the Board
35 of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes. It replaces terms referring to specific minority
36 groups with more general terms referring to racial groups overrepresented in the military.

37 The amendment adds physical or mental disability as an aspect of the diversity that
38 must be reflected in the board membership.

