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Assembly, No. 3749

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38 applicant. **【Said】 The** card shall, amongst other things, identify the  
39 persons with disabilities and the registration number of the vehicle  
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41 under the provisions of section 3 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-206)  
42 and shall state that he is a person with a disability validly qualified

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4 person, and that any abuse of any privilege, benefit, precedence, or  
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10 card shall be valid until the last day of the 36th calendar month  
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21 as a veteran with a permanent disability pursuant to subsection b. of  
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23 statement signed by a certified medical professional, an application  
24 that contains a statement signed by a representative of the United  
25 States Department of Veterans Affairs certifying that the person is  
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42 (cf: P.L.2013, c.3, s.2)

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Current law requires a person with a permanent disability to submit to the MVC an application signed by a medical professional certifying that the person qualifies to receive disability parking privileges. This bill allows a military veteran to submit a statement from the Department of Veterans Affairs certifying that he or she is 100 percent disabled. A military veteran who qualifies as being 100 percent disabled would not be required to submit an application signed by a medical professional.

Under federal law, a veteran rendered permanently disabled by a service-connected injury may receive from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs a 100 percent disability rating, which entitles the veteran to certain unemployment, health care, and educational benefits. The sponsor believes that these veterans should be entitled to park their motor vehicles in parking spaces reserved for persons with a disability without being required to submit a separate certification from a medical professional.

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Allows “100 percent Disabled Veterans” to receive parking privileges reserved for persons with disability.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3749

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 19, 2016

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman WAYNE P. DEANGELO**

**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

**Assemblyman R. BRUCE LAND**

**District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)**

**Assemblywoman ANNETTE CHAPARRO**

**District 33 (Hudson)**

**Assemblyman BENJIE E. WIMBERLY**

**District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**Senator JAMES BEACH**

**District 6 (Burlington and Camden)**

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**District 9 (Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean)**

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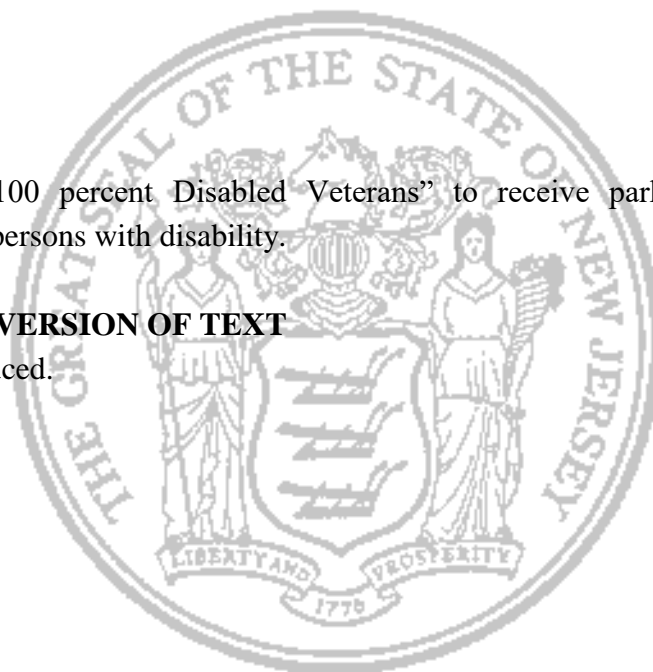
**Assemblymen Benson, Danielsen, Greenwald, Assemblywoman Quijano,  
Assemblyman Space, Assemblywomen Pinkin, Tucker, Senators  
A.R.Bucco and Cruz-Perez**

**SYNOPSIS**

Allows “100 percent Disabled Veterans” to receive parking privileges reserved for persons with disability.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/23/2017)**

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# ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 3749

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2017

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3749.

Assembly Bill No. 3749 permits a military veteran who is designated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as a “100 Percent Disabled Veteran” to park a motor vehicle in parking spaces reserved for persons with a disability. Under the bill, military veterans designated as 100 percent disabled are to receive from the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) a person with a disability card, hanging placard, and license plates that display a wheel chair insignia.

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SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3749**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 13, 2017

The Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3749.

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Assembly Bill No. 3749 is identical to Senate Bill No. 2114 of the 2016-2017 session.

# SENATE, No. 2114

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 2, 2016

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JAMES BEACH**

**District 6 (Burlington and Camden)**

**Senator CHRISTOPHER J. CONNORS**

**District 9 (Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

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**SYNOPSIS**

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SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2114**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 13, 2017

The Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2114.

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