

40A:14-153

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NJSA: 40A:14-153

(Honor Legion
Medals--permit
police to wear
without prior
authorization)

LAWS OF: 1989

CHAPTER: 339

Bill No: A4655

Sponsor(s): Roma

Date Introduced: May 18, 1989

Committee: Assembly: Law and Public Safety

Senate: -----

Amended during passage: No

Date of Passage: Assembly: June 29, 1989

Senate: January 8, 1990

Date of Approval: January 12, 1990

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: Yes (Below)

Committee Statement: Assembly: Yes

Senate: No

Fiscal Note: No

Veto Message: No

Message on signing: No

Following were printed:

Reports: No

Hearings: No

(over)

Sponsor's statement:

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18 of Police Grand Lodge, the Fraternal Order of Police New Jersey
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PUBLIC SAFETY

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Police Officers

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ASSEMBLY LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4655

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 15, 1989

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The Assembly Law, Public Safety and Corrections Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 4655.

Assembly Bill No. 4655 amends N.J.S.40A:14-153 to permit a police officer to display an Honor Legion medal on his uniform without prior authorization.

The Honor Legion medal is awarded by the Committee of Honor Legion to police officers who, in the performance of their duty, place their life in jeopardy.

Under current law, only medals awarded by the Fraternal Order of Police Grand Lodge, the Fraternal Order of Police New Jersey Lodge, and the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association may be worn without prior authorization.