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Assembly Committee Substitute for
Assembly, Nos. 691 and 2030

1 **AN ACT** concerning the display of veteran status on driver's
2 licenses and identification cards issued by the New Jersey Motor
3 Vehicle Commission, supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the
4 Revised Statutes and amending P.L.1980, c.47.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. (New section) a. In addition to the requirements for the
10 form and content of a motor vehicle driver's license under R.S.39:3-
11 10 and a probationary license issued under section 4 of P.L.1950,
12 c.127 (C.39:3-13.4), the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
13 Motor Vehicle Commission shall, upon submission of satisfactory
14 proof, designate on an initial license, renewal license, or
15 probationary license, as appropriate, that the license holder is a
16 veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States of America. The
17 designation of veteran status on an initial license, renewal license,
18 or probationary license shall not be deemed sufficient valid proof of
19 veteran status for official governmental purposes when any other
20 statute, or any regulation or other directive of a governmental
21 entity, requires documentation of veteran status.

22 b. For the purpose of this section:

23 "Veteran" means a person who has been honorably discharged
24 from the active military service of the United States; and

25 "Satisfactory proof" means a copy of form DD-214 or federal
26 activation orders showing service under Title 10, section 672 or
27 section 12301, of the United States Code.

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29 2. Section 2 of P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.3) is amended to read
30 as follows:

31 2. a. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue
32 an identification card to any resident of the State who is 14 years of
33 age or older and who is not the holder of a valid permit or basic
34 driver's license. The identification card shall attest to the true name,
35 correct age, and veteran status, upon submission of satisfactory
36 proof, by any veteran, and shall contain other identifying data as
37 certified by the applicant for such identification card. Every
38 application for an identification card shall be signed and verified by
39 the applicant and shall be accompanied by the written consent of at

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 least one parent or the person's legal guardian if the person is under
2 17 years of age and shall be supported by such documentary
3 evidence of the age **and** , identity , and veteran status, or
4 blindness, disability, or handicap, of such person as the chief
5 administrator may require. In addition to requiring an applicant for
6 an identification card to submit satisfactory proof of identity **and**
7 , age, and, if appropriate, veteran status, the chief administrator also
8 shall require the applicant to provide, as a condition for obtaining
9 the card, satisfactory proof that the applicant's presence in the
10 United States is authorized under federal law. If the chief
11 administrator has reasonable cause to suspect that any document
12 presented by an applicant as proof of identity, age , veteran status,
13 or legal residency is altered, false or otherwise invalid, the chief
14 administrator shall refuse to grant the identification card until such
15 time as the document may be verified by the issuing agency to the
16 chief administrator's satisfaction.

17 b. The designation of veteran status on an identification card
18 shall not be deemed sufficient valid proof of veteran status for
19 official governmental purposes when any other statute, or any
20 regulation or other directive of a governmental entity, requires
21 documentation of veteran status.

22 c. For the purpose of this section:

23 "Veteran" means a person who has been honorably discharged
24 from the active military service of the United States; and

25 "Satisfactory proof" means a copy of form DD-214 or federal
26 activation orders showing service under Title 10, section 672 or
27 section 12301, of the United States Code.

28 (cf: P.L.2011, c.47, s.3)

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30 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the 18th month
31 after enactment, but the chief administrator may take such
32 anticipatory acts in advance of that date as may be necessary for the
33 timely implementation of this act.

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38 Provides for indication of veteran status on driver's licenses and
39 identification cards issued by MVC.

ASSEMBLY, No. 691

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

215th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2012 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman SEAN T. KEAN

District 30 (Monmouth and Ocean)

Assemblywoman CLEOPATRA G. TUCKER

District 28 (Essex)

Assemblyman DAVID P. RIBLE

District 30 (Monmouth and Ocean)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Ramos, Giblin, Chivukula, Assemblywoman Riley,

Assemblymen Benson, DeAngelo and Mainor

SYNOPSIS

Requires driver's licenses and identification cards issued by MVC to indicate veteran status.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/11/2012)

1 AN ACT concerning the display of veteran status on driver's
2 licenses and identification cards issued by the New Jersey Motor
3 Vehicle Commission, supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the
4 Revised Statutes and amending P.L.1980, c.47.

5

6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

8

9 1. (New section) a. In addition to the requirements for the
10 form and content of a motor vehicle driver's license under
11 R.S.39:3-10 and a probationary license issued under section 4 of
12 P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.4), the Chief Administrator of the New
13 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall indicate the licensee's
14 veteran status upon each initial New Jersey license, each renewal of
15 a New Jersey driver's license and each probationary license upon
16 proper application, as specified by the chief administrator, by any
17 veteran.

18 b. For the purpose of this section, "veteran" means a person
19 who has been honorably discharged from the active military service
20 of the United States.

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26 age or older and who is not the holder of a valid permit or basic
27 driver's license. The identification card shall attest to the true name,
28 correct age and veteran status upon proper application, as specified
29 by the chief administrator, by any veteran and shall contain other
30 identifying data as certified by the applicant for such identification
31 card. Every application for an identification card shall be signed
32 and verified by the applicant and shall be accompanied by the
33 written consent of at least one parent or the person's legal guardian
34 if the person is under 17 years of age and shall be supported by such
35 documentary evidence of the age **[and]**, identity and veteran status,
36 or blindness, disability, or handicap, of such person as the chief
37 administrator may require. In addition to requiring an applicant for
38 an identification card to submit satisfactory proof of identity and
39 age, the chief administrator also shall require the applicant to
40 provide, as a condition for obtaining the card, satisfactory proof that
41 the applicant's presence in the United States is authorized under
42 federal law. If the chief administrator has reasonable cause to
43 suspect that any document presented by an applicant as proof of
44 identity, age or legal residency is altered, false or otherwise invalid,
45 the chief administrator shall refuse to grant the identification card

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 until such time as the document may be verified by the issuing
2 agency to the chief administrator's satisfaction. For the purpose of
3 this section, "veteran" means a person who has been honorably
4 discharged from the active military service of the United States.
5 (cf: P.L.2011, c.47, s.3)

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7 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the eighteenth
8 month after enactment, but the Chief Administrator of the Motor
9 Vehicle Commission may take such anticipatory acts in advance of
10 that date as may be necessary for the timely implementation of this
11 act.

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14 STATEMENT

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16 This bill would require driver's licenses and identification cards
17 issued by the Motor Vehicle Commission to indicate the licensee's
18 or applicant's veteran status upon request. The bill would apply to
19 any person who has been honorably discharged from the active
20 military service of the United States and would provide them with a
21 convenient way to show proof of their veteran status on a daily
22 basis.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND
INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, Nos. 691 and 2030

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 14, 2012

The Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably an Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill Nos. 691 and 2030.

This substitute requires the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission, upon submission of satisfactory proof, to designate on an individual's driver's license or identification card that the individual is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.

The substitute provides that satisfactory proof of an individual's veteran status means a copy of form DD-214 or federal activation orders showing service under sections 672 or 12301 of Title 10 of the United States Code. The substitute further specifies that the designation of veteran status on a driver's license or identification card shall not be deemed sufficient valid proof of veteran status for official governmental purposes when any other statute, or any regulation or other directive of a governmental entity requires documentation of veteran status.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, Nos. 691 and 2030
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
215th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MAY 21, 2012

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires driver’s licenses and identification cards issued by MVC to indicate veteran status.

Type of Impact: State Cost

Agencies Affected: Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC), Office of Information Technology (OIT)

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate – See comments below		

- This legislation will require the MVC to have two items of programming and two change orders with its vendors in order to comply with proposed legislation.
- It is not known what the cost of the programming or the change order components will be; however the programming/design elements can largely be completed with the assistance of OIT, and the change orders are expected to be comparable to other change orders that the MVC has issued to its vendors in the past, so it would not be expected to significantly alter the existing contract with the license vendor or the vendor implementing the MATRX program.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill Nos. 691 and 2030 of 2012 would require driver’s licenses and identification cards issued by the MVC to indicate the licensee’s or applicant’s veteran status upon request. The bill would apply to any person who has been honorably discharged from the active military service of the United States and would provide them with a convenient way to show proof of their veteran status on a daily basis.

FISCAL ANALYSIS***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that it is not possible to determine the full cost of the Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill Nos. 691 and 2030 at this time. The bill would require a minor redesign of the existing driver's license in order to identify a location on the license for the display of a driver's veteran status. The MVC has existing staff capable of such design work on the license, but that will consume MVC staff hours. Once a location for such a designation is decided it will be necessary to work with the current driver's license vendor to redesign the software that produces driver's licenses to incorporate those changes. The MVC periodically makes change orders of this type, but the OLS does not have access to the cost or nature of these change orders, so it is not possible to derive an estimate from a comparable change order.

The MVC also must accommodate such a change in its ongoing upgrades to its technology system, known as MATRX. These upgrades include actions such as updating the computer language used on legacy MVC databases, allowing the MVC to conduct basic transactions online, and developing a computer framework that would allow for mobile or temporary MVC locations. Based on consultation with the MVC staff, it appears that any MATRX related programming can be conducted by OIT, but would likely require an eventual change order to be filed with the MATRX vendor. The MVC has indicated that such a change order would be similar in scope to other orders that the MVC has made, and that such an order would not be billed separately, but is likely to be batched with those other orders as part of a negotiated cost package. This will make it difficult to identify the cost of the change orders, even after the work has been performed.

The cost of the changes proposed by this legislation are unlikely to have a significant impact on the annual MVC or OIT budget and probably will not require any sort of additional appropriation or subsidy from the Legislature in order to implement the provisions of this bill. If a budgetary cost is realized, it would likely be in the form of a slightly increased appropriation to Motor Vehicle Services in the following budget year, to maintain the surplus that the MVC carries from year to year in order to ensure its financial health as a quasi-independent government operation.

Section: Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications

*Analyst: Patrick Brennan
Assistant Fiscal Analyst II*

*Approved: David J. Rosen
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ASSEMBLY, Nos. 691 and 2030

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 18, 2012

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill Nos. 691 and 2030 (ACS).

This bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, upon the submission of satisfactory proof, to designate on an individual's driver's license or identification card that the individual is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.

The bill provides that the designation of veteran status on an individual's driver's license or identification card will not be deemed to be sufficient valid proof of veteran status for official governmental purposes if any other statute, or any other regulation or directive of a governmental entity, requires documentation of veteran status.

The bill provides that satisfactory proof of an individual's veteran status means a copy of form DD-214 or federal activation orders showing service under sections 672 or 12301 of Title 10 of the United States Code. The bill provides that veteran means a person who has been honorably discharged from the active military service of the United States.

The bill takes effect on the first day of the 18th month beginning after enactment, but permits the chief administrator to take anticipatory actions in advance of the effective date.

The purpose of the bill is to provide individuals who are honorably discharged from the active military service of the United States with a convenient way to show proof of their veteran status.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the State may incur certain one-time costs as a result of the bill. The potential costs are related to a redesign of the existing driver's license and the existing identification card that is necessary to display an individual's veteran status, and the redesign and upgrade of software and the commission's technology system that are necessary for the production of those documents.

The OLS lacks sufficient data to quantify the potential costs, but notes that the bill's changes are unlikely to have a significant impact on the budgets of affected State agencies and notes that affected State

agencies are unlikely to require an additional appropriation or other form of assistance to effectuate the bill's provisions.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **ASSEMBLY, Nos. 691 and 2030**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 4, 2013

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill Nos. 691 and 2030 (ACS).

This bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, upon the submission of satisfactory proof, to designate on an individual's driver's license or identification card that the individual is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.

The bill provides that the designation of veteran status on an individual's driver's license or identification card will not be deemed to be sufficient valid proof of veteran status for official governmental purposes if any other statute, or any other regulation or directive of a governmental entity, requires documentation of veteran status.

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The bill takes effect on the first day of the 18th month beginning after enactment, but permits the chief administrator to take anticipatory actions in advance of the effective date.

The purpose of the bill is to provide individuals who are honorably discharged from the active military service of the United States with a convenient way to show proof of their veteran status.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 717, as amended and reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the State may incur certain one-time costs as a result of the bill. The potential costs are related to a redesign of the existing driver's license and the existing identification card that is necessary to display an individual's veteran status, and the redesign and upgrade of software and the commission's technology system that are necessary for the production of those documents.

The OLS lacks sufficient data to quantify the potential costs, but notes that the bill's changes are unlikely to have a significant impact on the budgets of affected State agencies and notes that affected State agencies are unlikely to require an additional appropriation or other form of assistance to effectuate the bill's provisions.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2030

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2012 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman DAVID C. RUSSO

District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)

Assemblyman SCOTT T. RUMANA

District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Requires driver's licenses to indicate veteran status.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



1 AN ACT concerning veteran status on driver's licenses and
2 supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. In addition to the requirements for the form and content
8 of a motor vehicle driver's license under R.S.39:3-10 and a
9 probationary license issued under section 4 of P.L.1950, c.127
10 (C.39:3-13.4), the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
11 Vehicle Commission shall indicate the licensee's veteran status
12 upon each initial New Jersey license, each renewal of a New Jersey
13 driver's license, and each probationary license upon proper
14 application, as specified by the chief administrator, by any veteran.

15 b. For the purpose of this section, "veteran" means a person
16 who has been honorably discharged from the active military service
17 of the United States.

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19 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the eighteenth
20 month after enactment, but the Chief Administrator of Motor
21 Vehicles may take such anticipatory acts in advance of that date as
22 may be necessary for the timely implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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27 This bill would require driver's licenses to indicate the licensee's
28 veteran status upon request. The bill would apply to any person
29 who has been honorably discharged from the active military service
30 of the United States and would provide them with an easy way to
31 show proof of their veteran status in everyday life.

SENATE, No. 717

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2012 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator KEVIN J. O'TOOLE

District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)

Senator ANTHONY R. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris and Somerset)

SYNOPSIS

Requires driver's licenses to indicate veteran status.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



1 AN ACT concerning veteran status on driver's licenses and
2 supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
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7 1. a. In addition to the requirements for the form and content
8 of a motor vehicle driver's license under R.S.39:3-10 and a
9 probationary license issued under section 4 of P.L.1950, c.127
10 (C.39:3-13.4), the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
11 Vehicle Commission shall, upon submission of satisfactory proof,
12 designate on an initial license, renewal license, or probationary
13 license, as appropriate, that the license holder is a veteran of the
14 Armed Forces of the United States of America. The designation of
15 veteran status on an initial license, renewal license, or probationary
16 license shall not be deemed sufficient valid proof of veteran status
17 for official governmental purposes when any other statute, or any
18 regulation or other directive of a governmental entity, requires
19 documentation of veteran status.

20 b. For the purpose of this section:

21 "Veteran" means a person who has been honorably discharged
22 from the active military service of the United States; and

23 "Satisfactory proof" means a copy of form DD-214 or federal
24 activation orders showing service under Title 10, subsection 672 or
25 subsection 12301, of the United States Code.

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27 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the 18th month
28 after enactment, but the chief administrator may take such
29 anticipatory acts in advance of that date as may be necessary for the
30 timely implementation of this act.

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33 STATEMENT

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35 This bill requires the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle
36 Commission, upon submission of satisfactory proof, to designate on
37 an individual's driver's license that the individual is a veteran of the
38 United States Armed Forces.

39 The bill provides that satisfactory proof of an individual's
40 veteran status means a copy of form DD-214 or federal activation
41 orders showing service under subsections 672 or 12301 of Title 10
42 of the United States Code and specifies that the designation of
43 veteran status shall not be deemed sufficient valid proof of veteran
44 status for official governmental purposes when any other statute, or
45 any regulation or other directive of a governmental entity requires
46 documentation of veteran status.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 717

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 30, 2012

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 717.

As reported, this bill requires the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission, upon submission of satisfactory proof, to designate on an individual's driver's license that the individual is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.

The bill provides that satisfactory proof of an individual's veteran status means a copy of form DD-214 or federal activation orders showing service under subsections 672 or 12301 of Title 10 of the United States Code. The bill further specifies that the designation of veteran status on a driver's license shall not be deemed sufficient valid proof of veteran status for official governmental purposes when any other statute, or any regulation or other directive of a governmental entity, requires documentation of veteran status.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2012-2013 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 717
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
215th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 11, 2013

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires driver’s licenses to indicate veteran status.

Type of Impact: State Cost

Agencies Affected: Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC), Office of Information Technology (OIT)

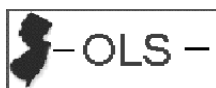
Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate – See comments below		

- This legislation will require the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to have two items of programming and two change orders with its vendors in order to comply with proposed legislation.
- It is not known what the cost of the programming or the change order components will be; however the programming/design elements can largely be completed with the assistance of Office of Information Technology (OIT), and the change orders are expected to be comparable to other change orders that the MVC has issued to its vendors in the past, so it would not be expected to significantly alter the existing contract with the license vendor or the vendor implementing the MATRX program.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 717 of 2012 would require driver’s licenses issued by the MVC to indicate the licensee’s or applicant’s veteran status upon request. The bill would apply to any person who has been honorably discharged from the active military service of the United States and would provide them with a convenient way to show proof of their veteran status on a daily basis.



FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services finds that it is not possible to determine the full cost of Senate Bill No. 717 at this time. The bill would require a minor redesign of the existing driver's license in order to identify a location on the license for the display of a driver's veteran status. The MVC has existing staff capable of such design work on the license, but that will consume MVC staff hours. Once a location for such a designation is decided it will be necessary to work with the current driver's license vendor to redesign the software that produces driver's licenses to incorporate those changes. The MVC periodically makes change orders of this type, but the Office of Legislative Services does not have access to the cost or nature of these change orders, so it is not possible to derive an estimate from a comparable change order.

The MVC also must accommodate such a change in its ongoing upgrades to its technology system, known as MATRX. These upgrades include actions such as updating the computer language used on legacy MVC databases, allowing the MVC to conduct basic transactions online, and developing a computer framework that would allow for mobile or temporary MVC locations. Based on consultation with the MVC staff, it appears that any MATRX related programming can be conducted by OIT, but would likely require an eventual change order to be filed with the MATRX vendor. The MVC has indicated that such a change order would be similar in scope to other orders that the MVC has made, and that such an order would not be billed separately, but is likely to be batched with those other orders as part of a negotiated cost package. This will make it difficult to identify the cost of the change orders, even after the work has been performed.

The cost of the changes proposed by this legislation are unlikely to have a significant impact on the annual MVC or OIT budget and probably will not require any sort of additional appropriation or subsidy from the Legislature in order to implement the provisions of this bill. If a budgetary cost is realized, it would likely be in the form of a slightly increased appropriation to Motor Vehicle Services in the following budget year, to maintain the surplus that the MVC carries from year to year in order to ensure its financial health as a quasi-independent government operation.

Section: Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications

*Analyst: Patrick Brennan
Associate Fiscal Analyst*

*Approved: David J. Rosen
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 717

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 4, 2013

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 717, with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC), upon the submission of satisfactory proof, to designate on an individual's driver's license or identification card that the individual is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.

The bill provides that the designation of veteran status on an individual's driver's license or identification card will not be deemed to be sufficient valid proof of veteran status for official governmental purposes if any other statute, or any other regulation or directive of a governmental entity, requires documentation of veteran status.

The bill provides that satisfactory proof of an individual's veteran status means a copy of form DD-214 or federal activation orders showing service under sections 672 or 12301 of Title 10 of the United States Code. The bill provides that veteran means a person who has been honorably discharged from the active military service of the United States.

The bill takes effect on the first day of the 18th month beginning after enactment, but permits the chief administrator to take anticipatory actions in advance of the effective date.

The purpose of the bill is to provide individuals who are honorably discharged from the active military service of the United States with a convenient way to show proof of their veteran status.

As amended and reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill Nos. 691 and 2030 (ACS), as also reported by the committee.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments require that the MVC also add the designation of veteran status to the currently issued identification cards that are provided to State residents who are not driver's license holders.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the State may incur certain one-time costs as a result of the bill. The potential costs are related to a redesign of the existing driver's license and the existing identification card that is necessary to display an individual's veteran status, and the redesign and upgrade of software and the commission's technology system that are necessary for the production of those documents.

The OLS lacks sufficient data to quantify the potential costs, but notes that the bill's changes are unlikely to have a significant impact on the budgets of affected State agencies and notes that affected State agencies are unlikely to require an additional appropriation or other form of assistance to effectuate the bill's provisions.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 717

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 12, 2013

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires driver's licenses to indicate veteran status.

Type of Impact: State Cost

Agencies Affected: Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC), Office of Information Technology (OIT)

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate – See comments below		

- This legislation will require the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to have two items of programming and two change orders with its vendors in order to comply with proposed legislation.
- It is not known what the cost of the programming or the change order components will be; however, the programming/design elements can largely be completed with the assistance of OIT, and the change orders are expected to be comparable to other change orders that the MVC has issued to its vendors in the past, so it would not be expected to significantly alter the existing contract with the license vendor or the vendor implementing the MATRX program.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 717 (1R) of 2012 would require driver's licenses and identification cards issued by the MVC to indicate the licensee's or applicant's veteran status upon provision of satisfactory proof by any veteran. The bill would apply to any person who has been honorably discharged from the active military service of the United States and would provide them with a convenient way to show proof of their veteran status on a daily basis. The designation of veteran status on an individual's driver's license or identification card will not be deemed to be sufficient

valid proof of veteran status for official governmental purposes if any other statute, or any other regulation or directive of a governmental entity, requires documentation of veteran status.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that it is not possible to determine the full cost of Senate Bill No. 717 at this time. The bill would require a minor redesign of the existing driver's license and identification card in order to identify a location on the license and identification card for the display of a driver's veteran status. The MVC has existing staff capable of such design work, but that will consume MVC staff hours. Once a location for such a designation is decided it will be necessary to work with the current license vendor to redesign the software that produces driver's licenses and identification cards to incorporate those changes. The MVC periodically makes change orders of this type, but the OLS does not have access to the cost or nature of these change orders, so it is not possible to derive an estimate from a comparable change order.

The MVC also must accommodate such a change in its ongoing upgrades to its technology system, known as MATRX. These upgrades include actions such as updating the computer language used on legacy MVC databases, allowing the MVC to conduct basic transactions online, and developing a computer framework that would allow for mobile or temporary MVC locations. Based on consultation with the MVC staff, it appears that any MATRX related programming can be conducted by OIT, but would likely require an eventual change order to be filed with the MATRX vendor. The MVC has indicated that such a change order would be similar in scope to other orders that the MVC has made, and that such an order would not be billed separately, but is likely to be batched with those other orders as part of a negotiated cost package. This will make it difficult to identify the cost of the change orders, even after the work has been performed.

The cost of the changes proposed by this legislation are unlikely to have a significant impact on the annual MVC or OIT budget and probably will not require any sort of additional appropriation or subsidy from the Legislature in order to implement the provisions of this bill. If a budgetary cost is realized, it would likely be in the form of a slightly increased appropriation to Motor Vehicle Services in the following budget year, to maintain the surplus that the MVC carries from year to year in order to ensure its financial health as a quasi-independent government operation.

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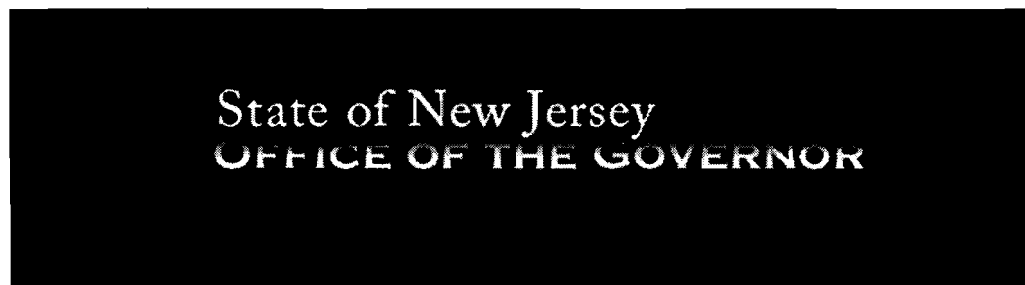
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Governor Christie Signs Legislation Allowing For Easier Access To Services For New Jersey Veterans

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Bill Signing Takes Place During 28th Annual Governor's Military Review And Awards Ceremony In Sea Girt

Trenton, NJ – Building on his record of support for New Jersey's veterans and their families, Governor Chris Christie today signed legislation requiring the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC), upon submission of satisfactory proof, to indicate a veteran status on a driver's license or identification card. The legislation will allow for easier access to services and incentives for veterans by conveniently identifying them as a former member of the Armed Forces. It builds on the "County Identification Cards for Veterans Act" signed by Governor Christie in 2012 that empowered county officials to create identification cards for resident veterans.

"Providing every possible support for New Jersey's veterans and their families has been a priority of mine since taking office," said Governor Christie. "Plain and simple, this legislation will make life easier and more convenient for veterans of all ages. With this single point of identification, veterans will now have easier access to services and discounts at businesses across the state, which is the least we can do for the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much to serve our nation."

Governor Christie signed the bill during the 28th annual Governor's military review and awards ceremony in Sea Girt, an event he participates in each year as the Commander-In-Chief of the New Jersey National Guard. This was the first military review since Superstorm Sandy.

"When tragedy struck last year, the men and women of our National Guard played an instrumental role in keeping our citizens safe and secure," added Governor Christie. "By helping evacuate, shelter, and provide food and water until folks could return home, the National Guard stood with New Jersey during its darkest hours, and we will all be forever grateful."

Throughout his term in office, Governor Christie has supported New Jersey's veterans and their families through increased funding and support for various veterans-based housing, employment, and educational services and programs, including increased funding for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA) in the Governor's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget. He also has signed a series of job-creating bills for veterans, including measures easing access to teaching, nursing, and EMT certificates, extending occupational licenses after returning from active service, and making it easier to obtain Commercial Drivers Licenses. Additional information for veterans programs and services is available on DMAVA's website [here](#).

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