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P.L.2012, CHAPTER 30, *approved August 7, 2012*  
Senate, No. 323 (*Third Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning identification cards issued by a county clerk <sup>1</sup>or  
2 register of deeds and mortgages<sup>1</sup> to certain veterans for certain  
3 purposes and supplementing Title 40A of the New Jersey  
4 Statutes.

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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. Sections 1 through 7 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
10 Legislature as this bill) shall be known and may be cited as the  
11 “County Identification Cards for Veterans Act.”

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13 2. As used in this act, P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
14 Legislature as this bill), “veteran” means a person who has served  
15 in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard of the  
16 United States or a Reserve component thereof or the National Guard  
17 of this State as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1),  
18 and has been honorably discharged or released under conditions  
19 other than dishonorable from such service.

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21 3. A county clerk <sup>1</sup>or register of deeds and mortgages, as  
22 appropriate,<sup>1</sup> may establish a veteran identification card program  
23 for the sole purpose of identifying the holder as a veteran when  
24 such identification is required to receive discounts or other  
25 courtesies extended to military veterans.

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27 4. <sup>2</sup>a.<sup>2</sup> When such a program has been authorized, the county  
28 clerk <sup>1</sup>or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate,<sup>1</sup> shall  
29 issue an identification card to any veteran who is a resident of the  
30 county who does not hold an identification card issued by the  
31 federal government that identifies the person as a veteran. The  
32 veteran identification card shall bear the true name, branch of the  
33 armed forces in which the veteran served, and other identifying  
34 information as certified by the applicant for such veteran  
35 identification card. Every application for a veteran identification  
36 card shall be signed and certified by the applicant and shall be

**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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SMV committee amendments adopted February 6, 2012.

<sup>2</sup>Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted March 8, 2012.

<sup>3</sup>Senate floor amendments adopted May 24, 2012.

1 supported by such documentary evidence as the county clerk <sup>1</sup>or  
2 register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate,<sup>1</sup> may require.

3 <sup>2</sup>b. The documentary evidence required by subsection a. of this  
4 section shall include the applicant's DD-214 form issued by the  
5 federal government. The county clerk or register of deeds and  
6 mortgages, as appropriate, shall require a copy of the applicant's  
7 DD-214 form to be kept on file with the application for a veteran  
8 identification card, and shall note the location of the original DD-  
9 214 form on that application form<sup>3</sup>. The copy of the DD-214 and  
10 the application shall be kept confidential and shall not be  
11 considered a government record under P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et  
12 seq.), except that they may be released to another government  
13 agency<sup>3 2</sup>.

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- 15 5. It shall be unlawful for any person:
- 16 a. To display or cause or permit to be displayed or have in the  
17 person's possession any canceled, fictitious, fraudulently altered, or  
18 fraudulently obtained veteran identification card;
- 19 b. To lend the veteran identification card to any other person or  
20 knowingly permit the use thereof by another;
- 21 c. To display or represent any veteran identification card not  
22 issued to the person as being the person's card;
- 23 d. To permit any unlawful use of a veteran identification card  
24 issued to the person;
- 25 e. To photograph, photostat, duplicate, or in any way reproduce  
26 any veteran identification card or facsimile thereof in such a manner  
27 that it could be mistaken for a valid veteran identification card, or to  
28 display or have in the person's possession any such photograph,  
29 photostat, duplicate, reproduction, or facsimile; or
- 30 f. To alter any veteran identification card in any manner.

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32 6. The veteran identification card issued under P.L. , c. (C. )  
33 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), shall not be deemed  
34 sufficient valid proof of veteran status for official governmental  
35 purposes when a statute, regulation, or directive of a governmental  
36 entity requires documentation of veteran status.

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38 7. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this act,  
39 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), is  
40 guilty of a disorderly persons offense.

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42 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

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46 Permits county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages to create  
47 identification cards for certain veterans for certain purposes.

# SENATE, No. 323

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2012 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JIM WHELAN**

**District 2 (Atlantic)**

**Senator STEVEN V. OROHO**

**District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Allen, Bateman, Beach, Madden and Turner**

**SYNOPSIS**

Permits county clerk to create identification cards for certain veterans for certain purposes.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



1 AN ACT concerning identification cards issued by a county clerk to  
2 certain veterans for certain purposes and supplementing Title  
3 40A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

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8 1. Sections 1 through 7 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
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10 “County Identification Cards for Veterans Act.”

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12 2. As used in this act, P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
13 Legislature as this bill), “veteran” means a person who has served  
14 in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard of the  
15 United States or a Reserve component thereof or the National Guard  
16 of this State as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1),  
17 and has been honorably discharged or released under conditions  
18 other than dishonorable from such service.

19  
20 3. A county clerk may establish a veteran identification card  
21 program for the sole purpose of identifying the holder as a veteran  
22 when such identification is required to receive discounts or other  
23 courtesies extended to military veterans.

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25 4. When such a program has been authorized, the county clerk  
26 shall issue an identification card to any veteran who is a resident of  
27 the county who does not hold an identification card issued by the  
28 federal government that identifies the person as a veteran. The  
29 veteran identification card shall bear the true name, branch of the  
30 armed forces in which the veteran served, and other identifying  
31 information as certified by the applicant for such veteran  
32 identification card. Every application for a veteran identification  
33 card shall be signed and certified by the applicant and shall be  
34 supported by such documentary evidence as the county clerk may  
35 require.

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37 5. It shall be unlawful for any person:

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39 person’s possession any canceled, fictitious, fraudulently altered, or  
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- 8 6. The veteran identification card issued under P.L. , c. (C. )  
9 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), shall not be deemed  
10 sufficient valid proof of veteran status for official governmental  
11 purposes when a statute, regulation, or directive of a governmental  
12 entity requires documentation of veteran status.  
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- 14 7. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this act,  
15 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), is  
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- 18 8. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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21 STATEMENT  
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23 This bill permits county clerk's to create an identification card  
24 for veterans who are residents of that county and do not hold an  
25 identification card issued by the federal government that identifies  
26 the person as a veteran. The bill defines veteran to mean a person  
27 who has served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast  
28 Guard of the United States or a Reserve component thereof or the  
29 State National Guard and who has been honorably discharged or  
30 released under conditions other than dishonorable.  
31 The cards will not serve as sufficient valid proof for official  
32 government business or to secure veterans' benefits. The cards are  
33 designed to help veterans to receive discounts or other courtesies  
34 extended to military veterans.

SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 323**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2012

The Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate, No. 323.

As amended, this bill permits county clerks or registers of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, to create an identification card for veterans who are residents of that county and do not hold an identification card issued by the federal government that identifies the person as a veteran. The bill defines veteran to mean a person who has served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard of the United States or a Reserve component thereof or the State National Guard and who has been honorably discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

The cards will not serve as sufficient valid proof for official government business or to secure veterans' benefits. The cards are designed to help veterans receive discounts or other courtesies extended to military veterans.

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.



ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 323**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 8, 2012

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate, No. 323 (1R).

As amended, this bill permits county clerks or registers of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, to create an identification card for veterans who are residents of that county and do not hold an identification card issued by the federal government that identifies the person as a veteran. The bill defines veteran to mean a person who has served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard of the United States or a Reserve component thereof or the State National Guard and who has been honorably discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to specify that the required documentary evidence will include the applicant's DD-214 form. The county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages will require a copy of the DD-214 form to be kept on file with the application for the identification card, and will note the location of the original DD-214 form on that application form.

STATEMENT TO

[Second Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 323**

with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Senator WHELAN)

ADOPTED: MAY 24, 2012

This floor amendment provides that the copy of the DD-214 and the veteran identification card application are to be considered confidential and will not be a government record available to the public under the open public records act. However, copy and duplication may be available to a government agency.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2561

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 21, 2012

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman TROY SINGLETON**

**District 7 (Burlington)**

**Assemblyman HERB CONAWAY, JR.**

**District 7 (Burlington)**

**Assemblywoman ALISON LITTELL MCHOSE**

**District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Permits county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages to create identification cards for certain veterans for certain purposes.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



A2561 SINGLETON, CONAWAY

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ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 2561**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 8, 2012

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly, No. 2561

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