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Senate, No. 87

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3 P.L.1954, c.5 and P.L.1954, c.6.

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9 follows:

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37 supervision and conduct thereof as shall be prescribed by rules and  
38 regulations duly adopted from time to time by the Legalized Games  
39 of Chance Control Commission, hereinafter designated as the  
40 control commission, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act,  
41 but only when the entire net proceeds thereof are devoted to the  
42 uses aforesaid and for any person or persons to participate in and  
43 play such games of chance conducted under any such license.

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2 promulgated by it, authorize the use in conducting bingo or lotto of  
3 electronic devices that are the functional equivalent of the cards,  
4 numbered objects, and receptacle described herein to the extent that  
5 the use of such devices is not inconsistent with any other provision  
6 of this act or the provisions of subparagraph A of the New Jersey  
7 Constitution, Article IV, Section 7, paragraph 2. Any such  
8 electronic device shall comply with specifications prescribed by the  
9 commission and shall be approved by the commission prior to use.  
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29 an assemblage at which no other game of chance is held, operated  
30 or conducted, if the proceeds of such assemblage are devoted to the  
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32 (cf: P.L.1999, c.17, s.2)

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# SENATE, No. 87

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2012 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator CHRISTOPHER "KIP" BATEMAN**

**District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)**

**Senator DAWN MARIE ADDIEGO**

**District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Buono, Thompson and Turner**

**SYNOPSIS**

Permits veterans' organizations to use net proceeds from games of chance for organizations' support.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/24/2012)**

S87 BATEMAN, ADDIEGO

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47 such conditions and regulations for the supervision and conduct



1    thereof as shall be prescribed by rules and regulations duly adopted  
2    from time to time by the Legalized Games of Chance Control  
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11    previously-filmed horse races and wagers do not know the results  
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#### STATEMENT

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8 amendment to allow veterans' organizations or associations to use  
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SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 87**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 23, 2012

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 87.

Under current law, net proceeds of games of chance, commonly known as bingo, lotto or raffles, are to be devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses. This bill would permit bona fide veterans' organizations or associations, registered with the New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and licensed by a municipality, to use the net proceeds from games of chance for the support of the organization. Cost increases in electric, gas, oil and other utilities support the need for this provision.

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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, No. 2519

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 21, 2012

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman VINCENT PRIETO**  
**District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)**  
**Assemblywoman ANGELICA M. JIMENEZ**  
**District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)**  
**Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON**  
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**Assemblyman TROY SINGLETON**  
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**Assemblyman PAUL D. MORIARTY**  
**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblymen DiMaio, Amodeo, C.A.Brown, Johnson, Assemblywoman Tucker, Assemblymen C.J.Brown, Wilson, Coughlin, Assemblywoman Riley, Assemblymen Wimberly, Wisniewski, Coutinho, Assemblywoman McHose, Assemblymen Peterson, Conaway, Assemblywoman Sumter, Assemblymen DeAngelo, A.M.Bucco, Eustace, Assemblywomen Simon, Wagner, Assemblymen Space, Rumpf, Assemblywoman Gove, Assemblymen Ciattarelli, Albano, Andrzejczak, Chivukula and Diegnan**

**SYNOPSIS**

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#### STATEMENT

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ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2519**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 18, 2012

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2519.

Under current law, net proceeds of games of chance, commonly known as bingo, lotto or raffles, are to be devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses. This bill would permit bona fide veterans' organizations or associations, registered with the New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and licensed by a municipality, to use the net proceeds from games of chance for the support of the organization.

This bill is contingent upon the passage of a constitutional amendment to allow veterans' organizations or associations to use net proceeds from games of chance for support of the organization.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 87 of the 2012-2013 session.