

43:21-3.1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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LAWS OF: 2013 **CHAPTER:** 102

NJSA: 43:21-3.1 (Provides unemployment benefits for certain ex-service members)

BILL NO: A2993 (Substituted for S1712)

SPONSOR(S) Benson and others

DATE INTRODUCED: May 24, 2012

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Budget
Military and Veterans' Affairs

SENATE: ---

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** June 24, 2013

SENATE: June 27, 2013

DATE OF APPROVAL: August 7, 2013

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Introduced version of bill enacted)

A2993

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes Budget
Military

SENATE: No

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: Yes

S1712

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

SENATE: Yes Labor
Budget

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: Yes

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VETO MESSAGE: No

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING: No

FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:

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REPORTS: No

HEARINGS: No

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: Yes

"Bills to assist veterans signed into law," Burlington County Times, 8-9-13.

LAW/RWH

P.L.2013, CHAPTER 102, *approved August 7, 2013*
Assembly, No. 2993

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2 members and supplementing Title 43 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 *of New Jersey:*

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11 be, upon the expiration of those benefits, eligible for supplemental
12 benefits pursuant to this section which are equal to 26 times the
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ASSEMBLY, No. 2993

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 24, 2012

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Assemblyman WAYNE P. DEANGELO

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Assemblyman TIMOTHY J. EUSTACE

District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

Assemblyman TROY SINGLETON

District 7 (Burlington)

Assemblywoman ANNETTE QUIJANO

District 20 (Union)

Assemblywoman CONNIE WAGNER

District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Coughlin, Assemblywoman Riley, Assemblymen Conaway, Chivukula, Senators Madden, Beach, Allen, Gordon, Cunningham and Greenstein

SYNOPSIS

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As introduced.



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ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2993

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 11, 2013

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2993.

This bill provides supplemental unemployment benefits to ex-service members in an amount such that the total benefits they receive between their federally-funded benefits for ex-service members and the supplemental benefits under this bill equals 26 times their weekly benefit amount, regardless of the number of base weeks worked or the amount of contributions paid by the ex-service members or their employers. The supplemental benefits under the bill will not be paid until the federal benefits are exhausted and will not be charged against any employer.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1712.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 2993
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
215th LEGISLATURE

DATED: FEBRUARY 14, 2013

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Provides unemployment benefits for certain veterans.

Type of Impact: Expenditure increase, unemployment insurance compensation trust fund (UI trust fund).

Agencies Affected: Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Fiscal Impact	
State Cost	
UI trust fund	Indeterminate, minimal expenditure increase

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that this bill will result in an indeterminate, minimal expenditure increase from the unemployment insurance (UI) trust fund. The number of claims and the amount of benefits paid through this proposal can not be determined, but any costs from the proposal will be in addition to current expenditures by the UI trust fund.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 2993 of 2012 provides qualified, unemployed veterans with UI benefits for 26 weeks regardless of the number of base weeks worked by the individual. The 26 week State benefit will supplement the weeks received by ex-service members pursuant to the federal law. For example, under the bill, if the individual was only eligible for 20 weeks of UI benefits under the federal law, the State would then supplement the individual's benefits for an additional 6 weeks, to meet the maximum allowable time of benefits of 26 weeks. The supplement is only available for the first 52 weeks following the individual's discharge from service.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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The bill permits individuals who are qualified ex-service members to receive the maximum 26 weeks of allowable UI benefits, regardless of their previous time in the position, within 52 weeks following discharge from service. Currently, when an individual applies for UI benefits the Department of Labor and Workforce Development establishes a maximum duration of those benefits based on the individual's reported earnings and time of service in their base year. If a qualified ex-service member is eligible for less than 26 weeks of benefits, then this bill would supplement those weeks to allow the individual to collect UI benefits for 26 weeks. For example, an individual may serve in the military for only 20 weeks, but then be discharged from the military for a qualifying reason. This individual would only be eligible for 20 weeks of benefits under the federal UI program; however, pursuant to this bill, the individual would be eligible for 6 more weeks of benefits to the maximum of 26 weeks.

In 2011, 2,436 ex-service members received UI benefits for an average duration of 16 weeks. However, it is not possible to determine the cost of this bill for these individuals, primarily because the majority of these individuals were most likely already eligible for 26 weeks of benefits and stopped collecting UI benefits because they secured employment after 16 weeks. The average collection time for all UI beneficiaries in New Jersey in 2012 was 19 weeks.

It is not possible to ascertain the behavior of the ex-service members and whether the option of receiving the maximum weeks of benefits would influence them to continue to collect UI benefits. In summary, the OLS estimates that this bill will result in an indeterminate, minimal expenditure increase from the UI trust fund.

Section: Commerce, Labor and Industry
Analyst: Robin C. Ford
Senior 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.).

ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2993

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 17, 2013

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2993.

This bill provides supplemental unemployment benefits to ex-service members in an amount such that the total benefits they receive between their federally-funded benefits for ex-service members and the supplemental benefits under this bill equals 26 times their weekly benefit amount, regardless of the number of base weeks worked or the amount of contributions paid by the ex-service members or their employers. The supplemental benefits under the bill will not be paid until the federal benefits are exhausted and will not be charged against any employer.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1712.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services estimates that this bill will result in an indeterminate, minimal expenditure increase from the unemployment insurance (UI) trust fund. In 2011, 2,436 ex-service members received UI benefits for an average duration of 16 weeks.

SENATE, No. 1712

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 27, 2012

Sponsored by:

Senator FRED H. MADDEN, JR.
District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)
Senator JAMES BEACH
District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Allen, Gordon, Cunningham and Greenstein

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SENATE LABOR COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1712

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 17, 2012

The Senate Labor Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1712.

This bill provides supplemental unemployment benefits to ex-service members in an amount such that the total benefits they receive between their federally-funded benefits for ex-service members and the supplemental benefits under this bill equals 26 times their weekly benefit amount, regardless of the number of base weeks worked or the amount of contributions paid by the ex-service members or their employers. The supplemental benefits under the bill will not be paid until the federal benefits are exhausted and will not be charged against any employer.

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SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1712

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 13, 2013

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1712.

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