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§1 –
C.40:37A-114.1
§2 –
C.40A:12A-20.2
§3 - Note

P.L.2017, CHAPTER 19, *approved February 10, 2017*
Assembly, No. 2199 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning affordable housing occupancy preferences for
2 veterans and related individuals, supplementing P.L.1979, c.275
3 (C.40:37A-106 et seq.) and P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-1 et al.).
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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. a. As used in this section:

9 “Disabled veteran” means any resident of the State who has been
10 honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances
11 from active service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United
12 States and who has been or shall be declared by the United States
13 Veterans Administration, or its successor, to have a service-
14 connected disability. **‘[; and]’**

15 “Veteran” means any resident of the State who has been
16 honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances
17 from active service in any branch of the armed forces of the United
18 States, or any honorably discharged member of the American
19 Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is declared
20 by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for
21 federal veterans' benefits.

22 b. In addition to any other federal or State law regarding
23 providing a veteran’s affordable housing preference, the
24 **‘[authority] Commissioner of Community Affairs’**¹ shall establish
25 rules and regulations to provide a preference for affordable housing
26 in a housing project, as defined under subsection f. of section 2 of
27 P.L.1979, c.275 (C.40:37A-107), to homeless veterans, disabled
28 veterans, and family members who are the primary residential
29 caregivers to disabled veterans residing with them. All applicants
30 for the housing preference as specified herein shall also be required
31 to meet the income requirements for admission to the housing
32 project.

33 c. Among applicants eligible to receive a housing project
34 preference provided under subsection **‘[a.] b.’**¹ of this section,
35 priority for the preference shall be given to applicants as follows:
36 (1) homeless veterans shall receive first priority; (2) disabled

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:

¹Assembly AHO committee amendments adopted February 22, 2016.

1 veterans shall receive second priority; and (3) family members who
2 are the primary residential caregivers to disabled veterans residing
3 with them shall receive third priority.

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5 2. a. As used in this section:

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34 are the primary residential caregivers to disabled veterans residing
35 with them shall receive third priority.

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37 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
38 next following enactment.

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43 Establishes veterans’ preference for affordable housing in certain
44 housing projects.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2199

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 27, 2016

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman TROY SINGLETON

District 7 (Burlington)

Assemblyman JAMEL C. HOLLEY

District 20 (Union)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes veterans' preference for affordable housing in certain housing projects.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/19/2016)

A2199 SINGLETON, HOLLEY

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24 next following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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29 This bill, modeled after Pennsylvania's Senate Bill No.1135 of
30 2014, establishes a veterans' preference for affordable housing in
31 housing projects. Under the provisions of the bill, preference for
32 these affordable housing units shall be given to homeless veterans,
33 disabled veterans, and family members who are the primary
34 residential caregivers to disabled veterans residing with them.
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ASSEMBLY HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 2199

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 22, 2016

The Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2199.

As amended by the committee, this bill establishes a veterans' preference for affordable housing in housing projects that are either operated by a housing authority, financed by a county improvement authority, or are part of a redevelopment project. Under the bill, preference for these affordable housing units will be given to homeless veterans, disabled veterans, and family members who are the primary residential caregivers to disabled veterans residing with them. Priority for the preference shall be first given to homeless veterans, then to disabled veterans, and then to family members who are the primary residential caregivers to disabled veterans residing with them. Regardless of priority status, all applicants for the housing preference shall also be required to meet the income requirements for admission to the housing project. The bill is modeled after Pennsylvania's Senate Bill No. 1135 of 2014.

As amended, the bill directs the Commissioner of Community Affairs to adopt rules and regulations to establish the standards for the veterans' preference. The bill takes effect on the first day of the third month next following enactment.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

These committee amendments direct the Commissioner of Community Affairs to adopt rules and regulations to establish the standards for the veterans' preference. As introduced, the bill had assigned this function to county improvement authorities, counties, municipalities, and housing authorities.

These amendments also correct a subsection reference in sections 1 and 2, and other technical errors.

SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2199

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 13, 2016

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2199 (1R).

This bill establishes a veterans' preference for affordable housing in housing projects that are either operated by a housing authority, financed by a county improvement authority, or are part of a redevelopment project. Under the bill, preference for these affordable housing units will be given to homeless veterans, disabled veterans, and family members who are the primary residential caregivers to disabled veterans residing with them. Priority for the preference shall be first given to homeless veterans, then to disabled veterans, and then to family members who are the primary residential caregivers to disabled veterans residing with them. Regardless of priority status, all applicants for the housing preference shall also be required to meet the income requirements for admission to the housing project.

The bill directs the Commissioner of Community Affairs to adopt rules and regulations to establish the standards for the veterans' preference. The bill takes effect on the first day of the third month next following enactment.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 744, as amended and also reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE, No. 744

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2016 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator JAMES BEACH

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER

District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Beck, Gordon, B.Smith and Bateman

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/24/2016)

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STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 744

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2016-2017 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2199(1R), as also reported by the committee on this date.

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Governor Chris Christie Takes Action On Pending Legislation

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Trenton, NJ – Governor Chris Christie announced that he has taken action on the following legislation:

BILL SIGNINGS:

A-333/S-2300 (Singleton, Quijano, Caputo, Taliaferro, Green, Caride, Houghtaling/Stack, Beck) – w/STATEMENT - Ensures project deadline fairness, enhances transparency, and establishes foreclosure protection and mortgage relief program for certain Superstorm Sandy-impacted homeowners

A-544/S-385 (Pinkin, Lagana, Mazzeo, Mukherji, Houghtaling/Stack, Barnes) - Requires annual notice of assessment on property to contain bolded notice of filing deadline for appeal

A-1668/S-354 (Schaer, Jasey, Johnson, Zwicker, Giblin, Downey, Wimberly/T. Kean) - Establishes New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and Business Partnerships

A-1945/S-1243 (Coughlin, Sumter, Wimberly/Vitale, Cunningham) - Requires AG and county prosecutor to provide notification on website concerning persons indicted or prosecuted for crimes under certain circumstances

A-2199/S-744 (Singleton, Holley, Rodriguez-Gregg, Downey/Beach, Turner) - Establishes veterans' preference for affordable housing in certain housing projects

A-2228/S-2489 (DeAngelo, Lagana, Pinkin, McKnight, Benson/Cruz-Perez, Van Drew) - Includes all disabled veterans in NJT discount program for senior citizens and persons with disabilities

A-2514/S-2178 (DeAngelo, Pinkin, Tucker, Space, Phoebus/Beach, Oroho) - Permits local units of government to enter into shared services agreements with federal military installations located in the State

A-2517/S-2008 (DeAngelo, Andrzejczak, Tucker, Conaway, Land/Beach, Allen) - Provides preference to certain employers applying for workforce development grants

A-2619/S-2409 (Gusciora, Wimberly, Holley, Muoio, Chiaravalloti, Sumter/Vitale, Cruz-Perez) - Requires that certain inmates with detainers be provided access to drug treatment programs

A-3267/S-2519 (Singleton, Webber, Holley, Mukherji, Lampitt, Wimberly, Houghtaling/Vitale) - Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns to support autism programs

A-3333/S-1509 (Singleton, Mukherji, Oliver, Muoio, Houghtaling/Turner, Cruz-Perez) - Establishes microenterprise training program and assistance for microentrepreneurs; gives priority status to projects involving microenterprises under Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit Program

BILLS VETOED:

A-756/S-2046 (Moriarty, Coughlin, Mukherji, Benson/Cruz-Perez) – CONDITIONAL - Regulates use of motor vehicle payment assurance devices

A-4189/S-2670 (Gusciora, Muoio, Mukherji, Pintor Marin, Chiaravalloti, Wimberly/Van Drew, Turner) – CONDITIONAL - Extends duration of first five designated UEZs for two additional years; specifies permissible use of

UEZ funds; requires DCA Commissioner to assess and issue report on UEZ program

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