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SPONSOR(S) Beach and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 1/12/2016

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Military & Veterans' Affairs
 SENATE: Military & Veterans' Affairs

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S745

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 4 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

SENATE: Yes

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 4 of introduced bill) Yes

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P.L. 2017, CHAPTER 289, *approved January 16, 2018*
Senate, No. 745

1 AN ACT concerning identification cards issued by a county clerk or
2 register of deeds and mortgages for a Gold Star Parent and
3 supplementing Title 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 8 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
9 Legislature as this bill) shall be known and may be cited as the
10 “County Identification Cards for Gold Star Parents Act.”

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12 2. As used in this act, P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
13 Legislature as this bill), “Gold Star Parent” means a parent, legal
14 guardian or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half
15 blood or by adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the
16 United States who died while on active duty for the United States.

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18 3. A county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as
19 appropriate, may establish a Gold Star Parent identification card
20 program for the sole purpose of identifying the holder as a Gold
21 Star Parent when such identification is required to receive discounts
22 or other courtesies extended to military families.

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24 4. When such a program has been authorized, the county clerk
25 or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, shall issue an
26 identification card to any Gold Star Parent who is a resident of the
27 county. The Gold Star Parent identification card shall display the
28 words “Gold Star Parent,” bear the true name and branch of the
29 armed forces in which the person who lost his or her life while on
30 active duty for the United States served, and other identifying
31 information as certified by the applicant for the Gold Star Parent
32 identification card. Every application for a Gold Star Parent
33 identification card shall be signed and certified by the applicant and
34 shall be supported by such documentary evidence as the county
35 clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, may
36 require.

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38 5. a. Application for issuance of a Gold Star Parent
39 identification card shall be made in a manner prescribed by the
40 county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate. In
41 order to be deemed complete, an application shall be accompanied
42 by proof satisfactory to the county clerk or register of deeds and

1 mortgages, as appropriate, that the applicant is a parent of a
2 member of the armed forces who died while on active duty for the
3 United States. Proof satisfactory may include any or all of the
4 following:

5 (1) a certification of an organization formed for the support of
6 parents of members of the armed forces who lost their lives while
7 on active duty for the United States, that the applicant is either the
8 parent, legal guardian or other legal custodian, whether of the whole
9 or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed forces who
10 died while on active duty for the United States;

11 (2) the service member's federal DD Form 1300, Report of
12 Casualty, or its succeeding form, which identifies the member of
13 the armed forces who died while on active duty for the United
14 States; and

15 (3) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the
16 service member.

17 The copy of the DD Form 1300 and the application shall be kept
18 confidential and shall not be considered a government record under
19 P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), except that they may be released
20 to another government agency.

21 b. The county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as
22 appropriate, may consult with a representative of the Department of
23 New Jersey of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other
24 organization formed for the support of parents of members of the
25 armed forces who lost their lives while on active duty for the United
26 States or the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and
27 Veterans' Affairs when establishing the documentation that may
28 constitute satisfactory proof of an applicant's relationship to the
29 service member. In instances where an applicant is unable to
30 produce documentation deemed acceptable, the Adjutant General
31 shall assist in making a determination of the applicant's eligibility
32 for a Gold Star Parent Identification card.

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34 6. It shall be unlawful for any person:

35 a. To display or cause or permit to be displayed or have in the
36 person's possession any canceled, fictitious, fraudulently altered, or
37 fraudulently obtained Gold Star Parent identification card;

38 b. To lend the Gold Star Parent identification card to any other
39 person or knowingly permit the use thereof by another;

40 c. To display or represent any Gold Star Parent identification
41 card not issued to the person as being the person's card;

42 d. To permit any unlawful use of a Gold Star Parent
43 identification card issued to the person;

44 e. To photograph, photostat, duplicate, or in any way reproduce
45 any Gold Star Parent identification card or facsimile thereof in such
46 a manner that it could be mistaken for a valid Gold Star Parent
47 identification card, or to display or have in the person's possession

1 any such photograph, photostat, duplicate, reproduction, or
2 facsimile; or

3 f. To alter any Gold Star Parent identification card in any
4 manner.

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6 7. The Gold Star Parent identification card issued under P.L. ,
7 c. , (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), shall not be
8 deemed sufficient valid proof of identity for official governmental
9 purposes when a statute, regulation, or directive of a governmental
10 entity requires proof of identity.

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12 8. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this act,
13 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), is
14 guilty of a disorderly persons offense.

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16 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

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21 Permits county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages to create
22 Gold Star Parent identification card.

SENATE, No. 745

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 NILSA CRUZ-PEREZ

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

SYNOPSIS

Permits county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages to create Gold Star Parent identification card.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/15/2016)

1 AN ACT concerning identification cards issued by a county clerk or
2 register of deeds and mortgages for a Gold Star Parent and
3 supplementing Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes.
4

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 8 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
9 Legislature as this bill) shall be known and may be cited as the
10 “County Identification Cards for Gold Star Parents Act.”
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12 2. As used in this act, P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
13 Legislature as this bill), “Gold Star Parent” means a parent, legal
14 guardian or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half
15 blood or by adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the
16 United States who died while on active duty for the United States.
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18 3. A county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as
19 appropriate, may establish a Gold Star Parent identification card
20 program for the sole purpose of identifying the holder as a Gold
21 Star Parent when such identification is required to receive discounts
22 or other courtesies extended to military families.
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24 4. When such a program has been authorized, the county clerk
25 or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, shall issue an
26 identification card to any Gold Star Parent who is a resident of the
27 county. The Gold Star Parent identification card shall display the
28 words “Gold Star Parent,” bear the true name and branch of the
29 armed forces in which the person who lost his or her life while on
30 active duty for the United States served, and other identifying
31 information as certified by the applicant for the Gold Star Parent
32 identification card. Every application for a Gold Star Parent
33 identification card shall be signed and certified by the applicant and
34 shall be supported by such documentary evidence as the county
35 clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, may
36 require.
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38 5. a. Application for issuance of a Gold Star Parent
39 identification card shall be made in a manner prescribed by the
40 county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate. In
41 order to be deemed complete, an application shall be accompanied
42 by proof satisfactory to the county clerk or register of deeds and
43 mortgages, as appropriate, that the applicant is a parent of a
44 member of the armed forces who died while on active duty for the
45 United States. Proof satisfactory may include any or all of the
46 following:

47 (1) a certification of an organization formed for the support of
48 parents of members of the armed forces who lost their lives while

1 on active duty for the United States, that the applicant is either the
2 parent, legal guardian or other legal custodian, whether of the whole
3 or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed forces who
4 died while on active duty for the United States;

5 (2) the service member's federal DD Form 1300, Report of
6 Casualty, or its succeeding form, which identifies the member of
7 the armed forces who died while on active duty for the United
8 States; and

9 (3) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the
10 service member.

11 The copy of the DD Form 1300 and the application shall be kept
12 confidential and shall not be considered a government record under
13 P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), except that they may be released
14 to another government agency.

15 b. The county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as
16 appropriate, may consult with a representative of the Department of
17 New Jersey of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other
18 organization formed for the support of parents of members of the
19 armed forces who lost their lives while on active duty for the United
20 States or the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and
21 Veterans' Affairs when establishing the documentation that may
22 constitute satisfactory proof of an applicant's relationship to the
23 service member. In instances where an applicant is unable to
24 produce documentation deemed acceptable, the Adjutant General
25 shall assist in making a determination of the applicant's eligibility
26 for a Gold Star Parent Identification card.

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28 6. It shall be unlawful for any person:

29 a. To display or cause or permit to be displayed or have in the
30 person's possession any canceled, fictitious, fraudulently altered, or
31 fraudulently obtained Gold Star Parent identification card;

32 b. To lend the Gold Star Parent identification card to any other
33 person or knowingly permit the use thereof by another;

34 c. To display or represent any Gold Star Parent identification
35 card not issued to the person as being the person's card;

36 d. To permit any unlawful use of a Gold Star Parent
37 identification card issued to the person;

38 e. To photograph, photostat, duplicate, or in any way reproduce
39 any Gold Star Parent identification card or facsimile thereof in such
40 a manner that it could be mistaken for a valid Gold Star Parent
41 identification card, or to display or have in the person's possession
42 any such photograph, photostat, duplicate, reproduction, or
43 facsimile; or

44 f. To alter any Gold Star Parent identification card in any
45 manner.

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47 7. The Gold Star Parent identification card issued under P.L. ,
48 c. , (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), shall not be

1 deemed sufficient valid proof of identity for official governmental
2 purposes when a statute, regulation, or directive of a governmental
3 entity requires proof of identity.

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

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9 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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14 This bill permits county clerks or registers of deeds and
15 mortgages, as appropriate, to create an identification card for Gold
16 Star Parents. The bill defines Gold Star Parent to mean a parent,
17 legal guardian or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half
18 blood or by adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the
19 United States who died while on active duty for the United States.

20 The cards are designed to help parents of members of the armed
21 forces who lost their lives while on active duty for the United States
22 receive discounts or other courtesies extended to military families.

23 Proof of status may include any or all of the following:

24 (1) a certification from an organization formed for the support
25 of parents of members of the armed forces who lost their lives while
26 on active duty for the United States, that the applicant is the parent,
27 legal guardian or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half
28 blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed forces who died
29 while on active duty for the United States;

30 (2) the service member's federal DD Form 1300, Report of
31 Casualty, which identifies the member of the armed forces who died
32 while on active duty for the United States; and

33 (3) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the
34 service member.

35 The DD Form 1300 and the application will be kept confidential
36 and will not be considered a government record under the open
37 public records act.

SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 745

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 25, 2017

The Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 745.

This bill permits county clerks or registers of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, to create an identification card for Gold Star Parents. The bill defines Gold Star Parent to mean a parent, legal guardian or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who died while on active duty for the United States.

The cards are designed to help parents of members of the armed forces who lost their lives while on active duty for the United States receive discounts or other courtesies extended to military families.

Proof of status may include any or all of the following:

(1) a certification from an organization formed for the support of parents of members of the armed forces who lost their lives while on active duty for the United States, that the applicant is the parent, legal guardian or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed forces who died while on active duty for the United States;

(2) the service member's federal DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty, which identifies the member of the armed forces who died while on active duty for the United States; and

(3) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the service member.

The DD Form 1300 and the application will be kept confidential and will not be considered a government record under the open public records act.

This bill was prefiled 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.

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 745

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 4, 2017

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 745.

This bill permits county clerks or registers of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, to create an identification card for Gold Star Parents. The bill defines Gold Star Parent to mean a parent, legal guardian or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who died while on active duty for the United States.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 458

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

217th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2016 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman VINCENT MAZZEO

District 2 (Atlantic)

Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Assemblyman PAUL D. MORIARTY

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

Assemblyman JOE DANIELSEN

District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Singleton, Diegnan and Assemblywoman Chaparro

SYNOPSIS

Permits county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages to create Gold Star Parent identification card.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/15/2016)

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2 register of deeds and mortgages for a Gold Star Parent and
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STATEMENT

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31 Casualty, which identifies the member of the armed forces who died
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ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 458

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 4, 2017

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 458.

This bill permits county clerks or registers of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, to create an identification card for Gold Star Parents. The bill defines Gold Star Parent to mean a parent, legal guardian or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who died while on active duty for the United States.

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The DD Form 1300 and the application will be kept confidential and will not be considered a government record under the open public records act.

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.