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Senate, No. 3449

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2 accordance with requirements established by that agency.

3 d. The governing body of a county may by resolution establish  
4 a preference for veterans that gives first priority, in the distribution  
5 of grants, for the benefit of homeless veterans, including those at  
6 risk of homelessness.

7 (cf: P.L.2009, c.123, s.6)

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# SENATE, No. 3449

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 9, 2017

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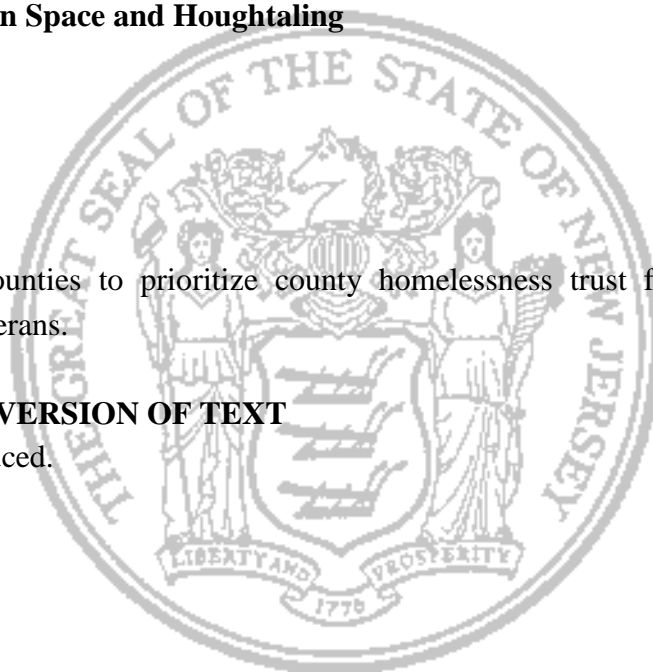
**Assemblymen Space and Houghtaling**

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SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 3449**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 11, 2017

The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3449.

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 5211

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INTRODUCED DECEMBER 4, 2017

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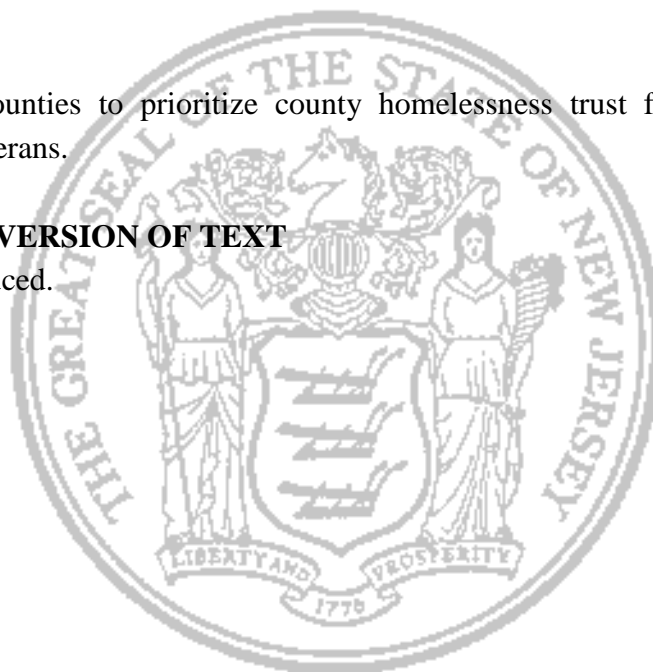
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ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 5211**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 18, 2017

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5211.

This bill would allow counties to adopt a resolution to establish a preference for veterans in the distribution of grants from county homelessness trust funds, which may be used for the benefit of veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Grants from these trust funds may be used to develop affordable housing, provide rental assistance, and provide supportive and preventative services.