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Senate, No. 2538

1 **AN ACT** making New Jersey National Guard members with a NGB-  
2 22 form eligible for certain veterans' benefits, and amending  
3 various parts of the statutory law.

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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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9 read as follows:

10 1. a. (1) In addition to the requirements for the form and  
11 content of a motor vehicle driver's license under R.S.39:3-10 and a  
12 probationary license issued under section 4 of P.L.1950, c.127  
13 (C.39:3-13.4), the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor  
14 Vehicle Commission shall, upon submission of satisfactory proof,  
15 designate on an initial license, renewal license, or probationary  
16 license, as appropriate, that the license holder is a veteran of the  
17 Armed Forces of the United States of America or the New Jersey  
18 National Guard. The designation of veteran status on an initial  
19 license, renewal license, or probationary license shall not be  
20 deemed sufficient valid proof of veteran status for official  
21 governmental purposes when any other statute, or any regulation or  
22 other directive of a governmental entity, requires documentation of  
23 veteran status.

24 (2) In addition to the requirements for the form and content of a  
25 motor vehicle driver's license under R.S.39:3-10 and a probationary  
26 license issued under section 4 of P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.4), the  
27 Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission  
28 shall, upon submission of satisfactory proof, designate on an initial  
29 license, renewal license, or probationary license, as appropriate,  
30 that the license holder is a Gold Star Family member. The  
31 commission shall provide to the Department of Military and  
32 Veterans' Affairs personal identifying information of any person  
33 issued a driver's license with a Gold Star Family designation  
34 pursuant to this section.

35 b. For the purpose of this section:

36 "Gold Star Family member" means a spouse, domestic partner,  
37 partner in a civil union, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian,  
38 or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by  
39 adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or  
40 National Guard, who lost his or her life while on active duty for the  
41 United States.

**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.

1 "Veteran" means a person who has been honorably discharged  
2 from the active military service of the United States or from service  
3 in the New Jersey National Guard.

4 "Satisfactory proof" means, in the case of a veteran, a copy of  
5 form NGB-22, DD-214 or federal activation orders showing service  
6 under Title 10, section 672 or section 12301, of the United States  
7 Code, or a county veteran identification card only if issuance of the  
8 card requires a copy of form NGB-22, DD-214 discharge papers or  
9 approved separation forms as outlined by all branches of the  
10 military and duly recorded by the county clerk's office. In the case  
11 of a Gold Star Family member, satisfactory proof includes any or  
12 all of the following:

13 (1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of  
14 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed  
15 for the support of family members of members of the Armed Forces  
16 of the United States or National Guard, who lost their lives while on  
17 active duty for the United States, that the applicant is either the  
18 spouse, domestic partner, partner in a civil union, parent, brother,  
19 sister, child, legal guardian, or other legal custodian, whether of the  
20 whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed  
21 forces or National Guard who died while on active duty for the  
22 United States; or

23 (2) (a) documentation deemed acceptable by the Adjutant  
24 General, including, but not limited to, an NGB-22, a federal DD  
25 Form 1300, Report of Casualty, or a federal DD Form 2064,  
26 Certificate of Death Overseas, which identifies the member of the  
27 Armed Forces of the United States or National Guard who died  
28 while on active duty for the United States; and

29 (b) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the  
30 service member.

31 (cf: P.L.2017, c.175, s.5)

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33 2. Section 2 of P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.3) is amended to read  
34 as follows:

35 2. a. (1) The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall  
36 issue an identification card to any resident of the State who is 14  
37 years of age or older and who is not the holder of a valid permit or  
38 basic driver's license. The identification card shall attest to the true  
39 name, correct age, and veteran status, upon submission of  
40 satisfactory proof, by any veteran, and shall contain other  
41 identifying data as certified by the applicant for such identification  
42 card. Every application for an identification card shall be signed  
43 and verified by the applicant and shall be accompanied by the  
44 written consent of at least one parent or the person's legal guardian  
45 if the person is under 17 years of age and shall be supported by such  
46 documentary evidence of the age, identity, and veteran status, or  
47 blindness, or disability of such person as the chief administrator  
48 may require. In addition to requiring an applicant for an

1 identification card to submit satisfactory proof of identity, age, and,  
2 if appropriate, veteran status, the chief administrator also shall  
3 require the applicant to provide, as a condition for obtaining the  
4 card, satisfactory proof that the applicant's presence in the United  
5 States is authorized under federal law. If the chief administrator  
6 has reasonable cause to suspect that any document presented by an  
7 applicant as proof of identity, age, veteran status, or legal residency  
8 is altered, false or otherwise invalid, the chief administrator shall  
9 refuse to grant the identification card until such time as the  
10 document may be verified by the issuing agency to the chief  
11 administrator's satisfaction.

12 (2) In addition to the requirements for the form and content of  
13 an identification card pursuant to this section, the Chief  
14 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall,  
15 upon submission of satisfactory proof, designate on an  
16 identification card that the card holder is a Gold Star Family  
17 member. The commission shall provide to the Department of  
18 Military and Veterans' Affairs personal identifying information for  
19 any person issued an identification card with a Gold Star Family  
20 designation pursuant to this section.

21 b. The designation of veteran status on an identification card  
22 shall not be deemed sufficient valid proof of veteran status for  
23 official governmental purposes when any other statute, or any  
24 regulation or other directive of a governmental entity, requires  
25 documentation of veteran status.

26 c. For the purpose of this section:

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14 service member.

15 (cf: P.L.2017, c.175, s.7)

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17 3. Section 4 of P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.4) is amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 4. a. When such a program has been authorized, the county  
20 clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, shall issue  
21 an identification card to any veteran who is a resident of the county  
22 and who does not hold an identification card issued by the federal  
23 government that identifies the person as a veteran. The veteran  
24 identification card shall bear the true name, branch of the military,  
25 including a reserve component thereof, in which the veteran served,  
26 date of card issuance, separation form submitted, and other  
27 identifying information as certified by the applicant for such  
28 veteran identification card. Every application for a veteran  
29 identification card shall be signed and certified by the applicant and  
30 shall be supported by such documentary evidence as the county  
31 clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, may  
32 require.

33 b. The documentary evidence required by subsection a. of this  
34 section shall include the applicant's NGB-22 or DD-214 form issued  
35 by the federal government or approved separation forms as outlined  
36 by all branches of the military and duly recorded by the office. The  
37 county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate,  
38 shall require a copy of the documentary evidence submitted to be  
39 kept on file with the application for the veteran identification card,  
40 and shall note the location of the original NGB-22 or DD-214 or  
41 other approved separation form on that application form. The copy  
42 of the documentary evidence submitted and the application shall be  
43 kept confidential and shall not be considered a government record  
44 under P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), except that they may be  
45 released to another government agency. The Adjutant General of  
46 the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall assist in the  
47 identification, and verification as needed, of approved separation

1 forms as outlined by all branches of the military and submitted by  
2 applicants.

3 (cf: P.L.2017, c.292, s.2)

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5 4. Section 1 of P.L.1995, c.23 (C.47:1A-1.1) is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 1. As used in P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) as amended  
8 and supplemented:

9 "Biotechnology" means any technique that uses living  
10 organisms, or parts of living organisms, to make or modify  
11 products, to improve plants or animals, or to develop micro-  
12 organisms for specific uses; including the industrial use of  
13 recombinant DNA, cell fusion, and novel bioprocessing techniques.

14 "Custodian of a government record" or "custodian" means in the  
15 case of a municipality, the municipal clerk and in the case of any  
16 other public agency, the officer officially designated by formal  
17 action of that agency's director or governing body, as the case may  
18 be.

19 "Government record" or "record" means any paper, written or  
20 printed book, document, drawing, map, plan, photograph,  
21 microfilm, data processed or image processed document,  
22 information stored or maintained electronically or by sound-  
23 recording or in a similar device, or any copy thereof, that has been  
24 made, maintained or kept on file in the course of his or its official  
25 business by any officer, commission, agency or authority of the  
26 State or of any political subdivision thereof, including subordinate  
27 boards thereof, or that has been received in the course of his or its  
28 official business by any such officer, commission, agency, or  
29 authority of the State or of any political subdivision thereof,  
30 including subordinate boards thereof. The terms shall not include  
31 inter-agency or intra-agency advisory, consultative, or deliberative  
32 material.

33 A government record shall not include the following information  
34 which is deemed to be confidential for the purposes of P.L.1963,  
35 c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) as amended and supplemented:

36 information received by a member of the Legislature from a  
37 constituent or information held by a member of the Legislature  
38 concerning a constituent, including but not limited to information in  
39 written form or contained in any e-mail or computer data base, or in  
40 any telephone record whatsoever, unless it is information the  
41 constituent is required by law to transmit;

42 any memorandum, correspondence, notes, report or other  
43 communication prepared by, or for, the specific use of a member of  
44 the Legislature in the course of the member's official duties, except  
45 that this provision shall not apply to an otherwise publicly-  
46 accessible report which is required by law to be submitted to the  
47 Legislature or its members;

1 any copy, reproduction or facsimile of any photograph, negative  
2 or print, including instant photographs and videotapes of the body,  
3 or any portion of the body, of a deceased person, taken by or for the  
4 medical examiner at the scene of death or in the course of a post  
5 mortem examination or autopsy made by or caused to be made by  
6 the medical examiner except:  
7 when used in a criminal action or proceeding in this State which  
8 relates to the death of that person,  
9 for the use as a court of this State permits, by order after good  
10 cause has been shown and after written notification of the request  
11 for the court order has been served at least five days before the  
12 order is made upon the county prosecutor for the county in which  
13 the post mortem examination or autopsy occurred,  
14 for use in the field of forensic pathology or for use in medical or  
15 scientific education or research, or  
16 for use by any law enforcement agency in this State or any other  
17 state or federal law enforcement agency;  
18 criminal investigatory records;  
19 victims' records, except that a victim of a crime shall have access  
20 to the victim's own records;  
21 any written request by a crime victim for a record to which the  
22 victim is entitled to access as provided in this section, including,  
23 but not limited to, any law enforcement agency report, domestic  
24 violence offense report, and temporary or permanent restraining  
25 order;  
26 personal firearms records, except for use by any person  
27 authorized by law to have access to these records or for use by any  
28 government agency, including any court or law enforcement  
29 agency, for purposes of the administration of justice;  
30 personal identifying information received by the Division of Fish  
31 and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection in  
32 connection with the issuance of any license authorizing hunting  
33 with a firearm. For the purposes of this paragraph, personal  
34 identifying information shall include, but not be limited to, identity,  
35 name, address, social security number, telephone number, fax  
36 number, driver's license number, email address, or social media  
37 address of any applicant or licensee;  
38 trade secrets and proprietary commercial or financial information  
39 obtained from any source. For the purposes of this paragraph, trade  
40 secrets shall include data processing software obtained by a public  
41 body under a licensing agreement which prohibits its disclosure;  
42 any record within the attorney-client privilege. This paragraph  
43 shall not be construed as exempting from access attorney or  
44 consultant bills or invoices except that such bills or invoices may be  
45 redacted to remove any information protected by the attorney-client  
46 privilege;



1 administrative or technical information regarding computer  
2 hardware, software and networks which, if disclosed, would  
3 jeopardize computer security;

4 emergency or security information or procedures for any  
5 buildings or facility which, if disclosed, would jeopardize security  
6 of the building or facility or persons therein;

7 security measures and surveillance techniques which, if  
8 disclosed, would create a risk to the safety of persons, property,  
9 electronic data or software;

10 information which, if disclosed, would give an advantage to  
11 competitors or bidders;

12 information generated by or on behalf of public employers or  
13 public employees in connection with any sexual harassment  
14 complaint filed with a public employer or with any grievance filed  
15 by or against an individual or in connection with collective  
16 negotiations, including documents and statements of strategy or  
17 negotiating position;

18 information which is a communication between a public agency  
19 and its insurance carrier, administrative service organization or risk  
20 management office;

21 information which is to be kept confidential pursuant to court  
22 order;

23 any copy of form DD-214, NGB-22, or that form, issued by the  
24 United States Government, or any other certificate of honorable  
25 discharge, or copy thereof, from active service or the reserves of a  
26 branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, or from service in  
27 the organized militia of the State, that has been filed by an  
28 individual with a public agency, except that a veteran or the  
29 veteran's spouse or surviving spouse shall have access to the  
30 veteran's own records;

31 any copy of an oath of allegiance, oath of office or any  
32 affirmation taken upon assuming the duties of any public office, or  
33 that oath or affirmation, taken by a current or former officer or  
34 employee in any public office or position in this State or in any  
35 county or municipality of this State, including members of the  
36 Legislative Branch, Executive Branch, Judicial Branch, and all law  
37 enforcement entities, except that the full name, title, and oath date  
38 of that person contained therein shall not be deemed confidential;

39 that portion of any document which discloses the social security  
40 number, credit card number, unlisted telephone number or driver  
41 license number of any person; except for use by any government  
42 agency, including any court or law enforcement agency, in carrying  
43 out its functions, or any private person or entity acting on behalf  
44 thereof, or any private person or entity seeking to enforce payment  
45 of court-ordered child support; except with respect to the disclosure  
46 of driver information by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle  
47 Commission as permitted by section 2 of P.L.1997, c.188 (C.39:2-  
48 3.4); and except that a social security number contained in a record

1 required by law to be made, maintained or kept on file by a public  
2 agency shall be disclosed when access to the document or  
3 disclosure of that information is not otherwise prohibited by State  
4 or federal law, regulation or order or by State statute, resolution of  
5 either or both houses of the Legislature, Executive Order of the  
6 Governor, rule of court or regulation promulgated under the  
7 authority of any statute or executive order of the Governor;

8 **[A]** a list of persons identifying themselves as being in need of  
9 special assistance in the event of an emergency maintained by a  
10 municipality for public safety purposes pursuant to section 1 of  
11 P.L.2017, c.266 (C.40:48-2.67); and

12 **[A]** a list of persons identifying themselves as being in need of  
13 special assistance in the event of an emergency maintained by a  
14 county for public safety purposes pursuant to section 6 of P.L.2011,  
15 c.178 (C.App.A:9-43.13).

16 A government record shall not include, with regard to any public  
17 institution of higher education, the following information which is  
18 deemed to be privileged and confidential:

19 pedagogical, scholarly and/or academic research records and/or  
20 the specific details of any research project conducted under the  
21 auspices of a public higher education institution in New Jersey,  
22 including, but not limited to research, development information,  
23 testing procedures, or information regarding test participants,  
24 related to the development or testing of any pharmaceutical or  
25 pharmaceutical delivery system, except that a custodian may not  
26 deny inspection of a government record or part thereof that gives  
27 the name, title, expenditures, source and amounts of funding and  
28 date when the final project summary of any research will be  
29 available;

30 test questions, scoring keys and other examination data  
31 pertaining to the administration of an examination for employment  
32 or academic examination;

33 records of pursuit of charitable contributions or records  
34 containing the identity of a donor of a gift if the donor requires non-  
35 disclosure of the donor's identity as a condition of making the gift  
36 provided that the donor has not received any benefits of or from the  
37 institution of higher education in connection with such gift other  
38 than a request for memorialization or dedication;

39 valuable or rare collections of books and/or documents obtained  
40 by gift, grant, bequest or devise conditioned upon limited public  
41 access;

42 information contained on individual admission applications; and  
43 information concerning student records or grievance or  
44 disciplinary proceedings against a student to the extent disclosure  
45 would reveal the identity of the student.

46 "Personal firearms record" means any information contained in a  
47 background investigation conducted by the chief of police, the  
48 county prosecutor, or the Superintendent of State Police, of any

1 applicant for a permit to purchase a handgun, firearms identification  
2 card license, or firearms registration; any application for a permit to  
3 purchase a handgun, firearms identification card license, or firearms  
4 registration; any document reflecting the issuance or denial of a  
5 permit to purchase a handgun, firearms identification card license,  
6 or firearms registration; and any permit to purchase a handgun,  
7 firearms identification card license, or any firearms license,  
8 certification, certificate, form of register, or registration statement.  
9 For the purposes of this paragraph, information contained in a  
10 background investigation shall include, but not be limited to,  
11 identity, name, address, social security number, phone number, fax  
12 number, driver's license number, email address, social media  
13 address of any applicant, licensee, registrant or permit holder.

14 "Public agency" or "agency" means any of the principal  
15 departments in the Executive Branch of State Government, and any  
16 division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality  
17 within or created by such department; the Legislature of the State  
18 and any office, board, bureau or commission within or created by  
19 the Legislative Branch; and any independent State authority,  
20 commission, instrumentality or agency. The terms also mean any  
21 political subdivision of the State or combination of political  
22 subdivisions, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or  
23 other instrumentality within or created by a political subdivision of  
24 the State or combination of political subdivisions, and any  
25 independent authority, commission, instrumentality or agency  
26 created by a political subdivision or combination of political  
27 subdivisions.

28 "Law enforcement agency" means a public agency, or part  
29 thereof, determined by the Attorney General to have law  
30 enforcement responsibilities.

31 "Constituent" means any State resident or other person  
32 communicating with a member of the Legislature.

33 "Member of the Legislature" means any person elected or  
34 selected to serve in the New Jersey Senate or General Assembly.

35 "Criminal investigatory record" means a record which is not  
36 required by law to be made, maintained or kept on file that is held  
37 by a law enforcement agency which pertains to any criminal  
38 investigation or related civil enforcement proceeding.

39 "Victim's record" means an individually-identifiable file or  
40 document held by a victims' rights agency which pertains directly to  
41 a victim of a crime except that a victim of a crime shall have access  
42 to the victim's own records.

43 "Victim of a crime" means a person who has suffered personal or  
44 psychological injury or death or incurs loss of or injury to personal  
45 or real property as a result of a crime, or if such a person is  
46 deceased or incapacitated, a member of that person's immediate  
47 family.

1 "Victims' rights agency" means a public agency, or part thereof,  
2 the primary responsibility of which is providing services, including  
3 but not limited to food, shelter, or clothing, medical, psychiatric,  
4 psychological or legal services or referrals, information and referral  
5 services, counseling and support services, or financial services to  
6 victims of crimes, including victims of sexual assault, domestic  
7 violence, violent crime, child endangerment, child abuse or child  
8 neglect, and the Victims of Crime Compensation Board, established  
9 pursuant to P.L.1971, c.317 (C.52:4B-1 et seq.) and continued as  
10 the Victims of Crime Compensation Office pursuant to P.L.2007,  
11 c.95 (C.52:4B-3.2 et al.) and Reorganization Plan No. 001-2008.  
12 (cf: P.L.2017, c.266, s.4)

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14 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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19 This bill makes members of New Jersey National Guard with an  
20 NGB-22 form eligible to receive certain benefits designated for  
21 veterans. The NGB-22 form is a National Guard discharge  
22 document similar to a DD-214 form issued to veterans of the United  
23 States Armed Forces.

24 Under this bill, a member of the New Jersey National Guard with  
25 an NGB-22 would be eligible for a veteran identification card and  
26 the display of veteran status on a driver's licenses.

27 Current law exempts certificates of honorable discharge from the  
28 reserves or the organized militia from access as a public record, but  
29 only the DD-214 is specifically mentioned. This bill clarifies that  
30 an NGB-22 form is also exempt from access as a public record.

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

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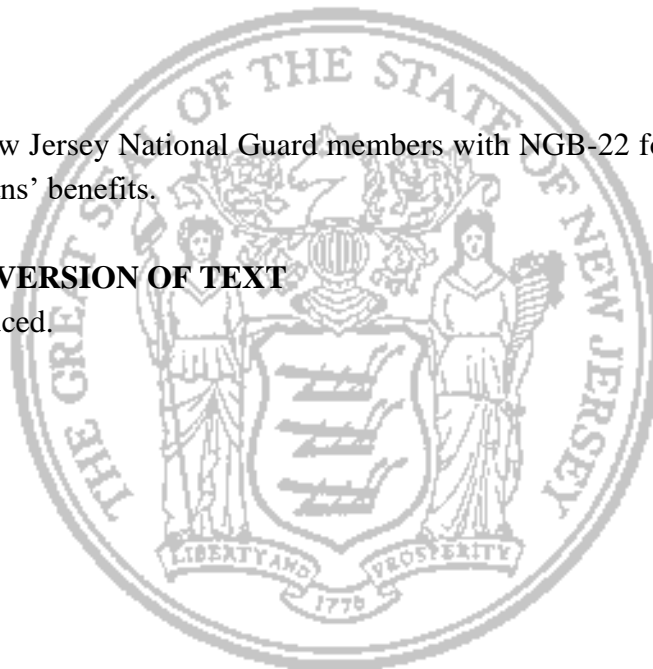
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**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

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1 "Satisfactory proof" means, in the case of a veteran, a copy of  
2 form NGB-22, DD-214 or federal activation orders showing service  
3 under Title 10, section 672 or section 12301, of the United States  
4 Code, or a county veteran identification card only if issuance of the  
5 card requires a copy of form NGB-22, DD-214 discharge papers or  
6 approved separation forms as outlined by all branches of the  
7 military and duly recorded by the county clerk's office. In the case  
8 of a Gold Star Family member, satisfactory proof includes any or  
9 all of the following:

10 (1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of  
11 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed  
12 for the support of family members of members of the Armed Forces  
13 of the United States or National Guard, who lost their lives while on  
14 active duty for the United States, that the applicant is either the  
15 spouse, domestic partner, partner in a civil union, parent, brother,  
16 sister, child, legal guardian, or other legal custodian, whether of the  
17 whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed  
18 forces or National Guard who died while on active duty for the  
19 United States; or

20 (2) (a) documentation deemed acceptable by the Adjutant  
21 General, including, but not limited to, an NGB-22, a federal DD  
22 Form 1300, Report of Casualty, or a federal DD Form 2064,  
23 Certificate of Death Overseas, which identifies the member of the  
24 Armed Forces of the United States or National Guard who died  
25 while on active duty for the United States; and

26 (b) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the  
27 service member.

28 (cf: P.L.2017, c.175, s.5)

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30 2. Section 2 of P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.3) is amended to read  
31 as follows:

32 2. a. (1) The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall  
33 issue an identification card to any resident of the State who is 14  
34 years of age or older and who is not the holder of a valid permit or  
35 basic driver's license. The identification card shall attest to the true  
36 name, correct age, and veteran status, upon submission of  
37 satisfactory proof, by any veteran, and shall contain other  
38 identifying data as certified by the applicant for such identification  
39 card. Every application for an identification card shall be signed  
40 and verified by the applicant and shall be accompanied by the  
41 written consent of at least one parent or the person's legal guardian  
42 if the person is under 17 years of age and shall be supported by such  
43 documentary evidence of the age, identity, and veteran status, or  
44 blindness, or disability of such person as the chief administrator  
45 may require. In addition to requiring an applicant for an  
46 identification card to submit satisfactory proof of identity, age, and,  
47 if appropriate, veteran status, the chief administrator also shall  
48 require the applicant to provide, as a condition for obtaining the

1 card, satisfactory proof that the applicant's presence in the United  
2 States is authorized under federal law. If the chief administrator  
3 has reasonable cause to suspect that any document presented by an  
4 applicant as proof of identity, age, veteran status, or legal residency  
5 is altered, false or otherwise invalid, the chief administrator shall  
6 refuse to grant the identification card until such time as the  
7 document may be verified by the issuing agency to the chief  
8 administrator's satisfaction.

9 (2) In addition to the requirements for the form and content of  
10 an identification card pursuant to this section, the Chief  
11 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall,  
12 upon submission of satisfactory proof, designate on an  
13 identification card that the card holder is a Gold Star Family  
14 member. The commission shall provide to the Department of  
15 Military and Veterans' Affairs personal identifying information for  
16 any person issued an identification card with a Gold Star Family  
17 designation pursuant to this section.

18 b. The designation of veteran status on an identification card  
19 shall not be deemed sufficient valid proof of veteran status for  
20 official governmental purposes when any other statute, or any  
21 regulation or other directive of a governmental entity, requires  
22 documentation of veteran status.

23 c. For the purpose of this section:

24 "Gold Star Family member" means a spouse, domestic partner,  
25 partner in a civil union, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian,  
26 or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by  
27 adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or  
28 National Guard, who lost his or her life while on active duty for the  
29 United States.

30 "Veteran" means a person who has been honorably discharged  
31 from the active military service of the United States or from service  
32 in the New Jersey National Guard; and

33 "Satisfactory proof" means, in the case of a veteran, a copy of  
34 form NGB-22, DD-214 or federal activation orders showing service  
35 under Title 10, section 672 or section 12301, of the United States  
36 Code, or a county veteran identification card only if issuance of the  
37 card requires a copy of form DD-214 discharge papers or approved  
38 separation forms as outlined by all branches of the military and duly  
39 recorded by the county clerk's office. In the case of a Gold Star  
40 Family member, satisfactory proof includes any or all of the  
41 following:

42 (1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of  
43 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed  
44 for the support of family members of members of the Armed Forces  
45 of the United States or National Guard, who lost their lives while on  
46 active duty for the United States, that the applicant is either the  
47 spouse, domestic partner, partner in a civil union, parent, brother,  
48 sister, child, legal guardian, or other legal custodian, whether of the



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1 whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed  
2 forces or National Guard who died while on active duty for the  
3 United States; or

4 (2) (a) documentation deemed acceptable by the Adjutant  
5 General, including, but not limited to, a federal DD Form 1300,  
6 Report of Casualty, or a federal DD Form 2064, Certificate of  
7 Death Overseas, which identifies the member of the Armed Forces  
8 of the United States or National Guard who died while on active  
9 duty for the United States; and

10 (b) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the  
11 service member.

12 (cf: P.L.2017, c.175, s.7)

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14 3. Section 4 of P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.4) is amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 4. a. When such a program has been authorized, the county  
17 clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, shall issue  
18 an identification card to any veteran who is a resident of the county  
19 and who does not hold an identification card issued by the federal  
20 government that identifies the person as a veteran. The veteran  
21 identification card shall bear the true name, branch of the military,  
22 including a reserve component thereof, in which the veteran served,  
23 date of card issuance, separation form submitted, and other  
24 identifying information as certified by the applicant for such  
25 veteran identification card. Every application for a veteran  
26 identification card shall be signed and certified by the applicant and  
27 shall be supported by such documentary evidence as the county  
28 clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, may  
29 require.

30 b. The documentary evidence required by subsection a. of this  
31 section shall include the applicant's NGB-22 or DD-214 form issued  
32 by the federal government or approved separation forms as outlined  
33 by all branches of the military and duly recorded by the office. The  
34 county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate,  
35 shall require a copy of the documentary evidence submitted to be  
36 kept on file with the application for the veteran identification card,  
37 and shall note the location of the original NGB-22 or DD-214 or  
38 other approved separation form on that application form. The copy  
39 of the documentary evidence submitted and the application shall be  
40 kept confidential and shall not be considered a government record  
41 under P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), except that they may be  
42 released to another government agency. The Adjutant General of  
43 the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall assist in the  
44 identification, and verification as needed, of approved separation  
45 forms as outlined by all branches of the military and submitted by  
46 applicants.

47 (cf: P.L.2017, c.292, s.2)

1       4. Section 1 of P.L.1995, c.23 (C.47:1A-1.1) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       1. As used in P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) as amended  
4 and supplemented:

5       "Biotechnology" means any technique that uses living  
6 organisms, or parts of living organisms, to make or modify  
7 products, to improve plants or animals, or to develop micro-  
8 organisms for specific uses; including the industrial use of  
9 recombinant DNA, cell fusion, and novel bioprocessing techniques.

10       "Custodian of a government record" or "custodian" means in the  
11 case of a municipality, the municipal clerk and in the case of any  
12 other public agency, the officer officially designated by formal  
13 action of that agency's director or governing body, as the case may  
14 be.

15       "Government record" or "record" means any paper, written or  
16 printed book, document, drawing, map, plan, photograph,  
17 microfilm, data processed or image processed document,  
18 information stored or maintained electronically or by sound-  
19 recording or in a similar device, or any copy thereof, that has been  
20 made, maintained or kept on file in the course of his or its official  
21 business by any officer, commission, agency or authority of the  
22 State or of any political subdivision thereof, including subordinate  
23 boards thereof, or that has been received in the course of his or its  
24 official business by any such officer, commission, agency, or  
25 authority of the State or of any political subdivision thereof,  
26 including subordinate boards thereof. The terms shall not include  
27 inter-agency or intra-agency advisory, consultative, or deliberative  
28 material.

29       A government record shall not include the following information  
30 which is deemed to be confidential for the purposes of P.L.1963,  
31 c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) as amended and supplemented:

32       information received by a member of the Legislature from a  
33 constituent or information held by a member of the Legislature  
34 concerning a constituent, including but not limited to information in  
35 written form or contained in any e-mail or computer data base, or in  
36 any telephone record whatsoever, unless it is information the  
37 constituent is required by law to transmit;

38       any memorandum, correspondence, notes, report or other  
39 communication prepared by, or for, the specific use of a member of  
40 the Legislature in the course of the member's official duties, except  
41 that this provision shall not apply to an otherwise publicly-  
42 accessible report which is required by law to be submitted to the  
43 Legislature or its members;

44       any copy, reproduction or facsimile of any photograph, negative  
45 or print, including instant photographs and videotapes of the body,  
46 or any portion of the body, of a deceased person, taken by or for the  
47 medical examiner at the scene of death or in the course of a post

1 mortem examination or autopsy made by or caused to be made by  
2 the medical examiner except:  
3 when used in a criminal action or proceeding in this State which  
4 relates to the death of that person,  
5 for the use as a court of this State permits, by order after good  
6 cause has been shown and after written notification of the request  
7 for the court order has been served at least five days before the  
8 order is made upon the county prosecutor for the county in which  
9 the post mortem examination or autopsy occurred,  
10 for use in the field of forensic pathology or for use in medical or  
11 scientific education or research, or  
12 for use by any law enforcement agency in this State or any other  
13 state or federal law enforcement agency;  
14 criminal investigatory records;  
15 victims' records, except that a victim of a crime shall have access  
16 to the victim's own records;  
17 any written request by a crime victim for a record to which the  
18 victim is entitled to access as provided in this section, including,  
19 but not limited to, any law enforcement agency report, domestic  
20 violence offense report, and temporary or permanent restraining  
21 order;  
22 personal firearms records, except for use by any person  
23 authorized by law to have access to these records or for use by any  
24 government agency, including any court or law enforcement  
25 agency, for purposes of the administration of justice;  
26 personal identifying information received by the Division of Fish  
27 and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection in  
28 connection with the issuance of any license authorizing hunting  
29 with a firearm. For the purposes of this paragraph, personal  
30 identifying information shall include, but not be limited to, identity,  
31 name, address, social security number, telephone number, fax  
32 number, driver's license number, email address, or social media  
33 address of any applicant or licensee;  
34 trade secrets and proprietary commercial or financial information  
35 obtained from any source. For the purposes of this paragraph, trade  
36 secrets shall include data processing software obtained by a public  
37 body under a licensing agreement which prohibits its disclosure;  
38 any record within the attorney-client privilege. This paragraph  
39 shall not be construed as exempting from access attorney or  
40 consultant bills or invoices except that such bills or invoices may be  
41 redacted to remove any information protected by the attorney-client  
42 privilege;  
43 administrative or technical information regarding computer  
44 hardware, software and networks which, if disclosed, would  
45 jeopardize computer security;  
46 emergency or security information or procedures for any  
47 buildings or facility which, if disclosed, would jeopardize security  
48 of the building or facility or persons therein;

1 security measures and surveillance techniques which, if  
2 disclosed, would create a risk to the safety of persons, property,  
3 electronic data or software;  
4 information which, if disclosed, would give an advantage to  
5 competitors or bidders;  
6 information generated by or on behalf of public employers or  
7 public employees in connection with any sexual harassment  
8 complaint filed with a public employer or with any grievance filed  
9 by or against an individual or in connection with collective  
10 negotiations, including documents and statements of strategy or  
11 negotiating position;  
12 information which is a communication between a public agency  
13 and its insurance carrier, administrative service organization or risk  
14 management office;  
15 information which is to be kept confidential pursuant to court  
16 order;  
17 any copy of form DD-214, NGB-22, or that form, issued by the  
18 United States Government, or any other certificate of honorable  
19 discharge, or copy thereof, from active service or the reserves of a  
20 branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, or from service in  
21 the organized militia of the State, that has been filed by an  
22 individual with a public agency, except that a veteran or the  
23 veteran's spouse or surviving spouse shall have access to the  
24 veteran's own records;  
25 any copy of an oath of allegiance, oath of office or any  
26 affirmation taken upon assuming the duties of any public office, or  
27 that oath or affirmation, taken by a current or former officer or  
28 employee in any public office or position in this State or in any  
29 county or municipality of this State, including members of the  
30 Legislative Branch, Executive Branch, Judicial Branch, and all law  
31 enforcement entities, except that the full name, title, and oath date  
32 of that person contained therein shall not be deemed confidential;  
33 that portion of any document which discloses the social security  
34 number, credit card number, unlisted telephone number or driver  
35 license number of any person; except for use by any government  
36 agency, including any court or law enforcement agency, in carrying  
37 out its functions, or any private person or entity acting on behalf  
38 thereof, or any private person or entity seeking to enforce payment  
39 of court-ordered child support; except with respect to the disclosure  
40 of driver information by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle  
41 Commission as permitted by section 2 of P.L.1997, c.188 (C.39:2-  
42 3.4); and except that a social security number contained in a record  
43 required by law to be made, maintained or kept on file by a public  
44 agency shall be disclosed when access to the document or  
45 disclosure of that information is not otherwise prohibited by State  
46 or federal law, regulation or order or by State statute, resolution of  
47 either or both houses of the Legislature, Executive Order of the

1 Governor, rule of court or regulation promulgated under the  
2 authority of any statute or executive order of the Governor;

3 **[A]** a list of persons identifying themselves as being in need of  
4 special assistance in the event of an emergency maintained by a  
5 municipality for public safety purposes pursuant to section 1 of  
6 P.L.2017, c.266 (C.40:48-2.67); and

7 **[A]** a list of persons identifying themselves as being in need of  
8 special assistance in the event of an emergency maintained by a  
9 county for public safety purposes pursuant to section 6 of P.L.2011,  
10 c.178 (C.App.A:9-43.13).

11 A government record shall not include, with regard to any public  
12 institution of higher education, the following information which is  
13 deemed to be privileged and confidential:

14 pedagogical, scholarly and/or academic research records and/or  
15 the specific details of any research project conducted under the  
16 auspices of a public higher education institution in New Jersey,  
17 including, but not limited to research, development information,  
18 testing procedures, or information regarding test participants,  
19 related to the development or testing of any pharmaceutical or  
20 pharmaceutical delivery system, except that a custodian may not  
21 deny inspection of a government record or part thereof that gives  
22 the name, title, expenditures, source and amounts of funding and  
23 date when the final project summary of any research will be  
24 available;

25 test questions, scoring keys and other examination data  
26 pertaining to the administration of an examination for employment  
27 or academic examination;

28 records of pursuit of charitable contributions or records  
29 containing the identity of a donor of a gift if the donor requires non-  
30 disclosure of the donor's identity as a condition of making the gift  
31 provided that the donor has not received any benefits of or from the  
32 institution of higher education in connection with such gift other  
33 than a request for memorialization or dedication;

34 valuable or rare collections of books and/or documents obtained  
35 by gift, grant, bequest or devise conditioned upon limited public  
36 access;

37 information contained on individual admission applications; and  
38 information concerning student records or grievance or  
39 disciplinary proceedings against a student to the extent disclosure  
40 would reveal the identity of the student.

41 "Personal firearms record" means any information contained in a  
42 background investigation conducted by the chief of police, the  
43 county prosecutor, or the Superintendent of State Police, of any  
44 applicant for a permit to purchase a handgun, firearms identification  
45 card license, or firearms registration; any application for a permit to  
46 purchase a handgun, firearms identification card license, or firearms  
47 registration; any document reflecting the issuance or denial of a  
48 permit to purchase a handgun, firearms identification card license,

1 or firearms registration; and any permit to purchase a handgun,  
2 firearms identification card license, or any firearms license,  
3 certification, certificate, form of register, or registration statement.  
4 For the purposes of this paragraph, information contained in a  
5 background investigation shall include, but not be limited to,  
6 identity, name, address, social security number, phone number, fax  
7 number, driver's license number, email address, social media  
8 address of any applicant, licensee, registrant or permit holder.

9 "Public agency" or "agency" means any of the principal  
10 departments in the Executive Branch of State Government, and any  
11 division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality  
12 within or created by such department; the Legislature of the State  
13 and any office, board, bureau or commission within or created by  
14 the Legislative Branch; and any independent State authority,  
15 commission, instrumentality or agency. The terms also mean any  
16 political subdivision of the State or combination of political  
17 subdivisions, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or  
18 other instrumentality within or created by a political subdivision of  
19 the State or combination of political subdivisions, and any  
20 independent authority, commission, instrumentality or agency  
21 created by a political subdivision or combination of political  
22 subdivisions.

23 "Law enforcement agency" means a public agency, or part  
24 thereof, determined by the Attorney General to have law  
25 enforcement responsibilities.

26 "Constituent" means any State resident or other person  
27 communicating with a member of the Legislature.

28 "Member of the Legislature" means any person elected or  
29 selected to serve in the New Jersey Senate or General Assembly.

30 "Criminal investigatory record" means a record which is not  
31 required by law to be made, maintained or kept on file that is held  
32 by a law enforcement agency which pertains to any criminal  
33 investigation or related civil enforcement proceeding.

34 "Victim's record" means an individually-identifiable file or  
35 document held by a victims' rights agency which pertains directly to  
36 a victim of a crime except that a victim of a crime shall have access  
37 to the victim's own records.

38 "Victim of a crime" means a person who has suffered personal or  
39 psychological injury or death or incurs loss of or injury to personal  
40 or real property as a result of a crime, or if such a person is  
41 deceased or incapacitated, a member of that person's immediate  
42 family.

43 "Victims' rights agency" means a public agency, or part thereof,  
44 the primary responsibility of which is providing services, including  
45 but not limited to food, shelter, or clothing, medical, psychiatric,  
46 psychological or legal services or referrals, information and referral  
47 services, counseling and support services, or financial services to  
48 victims of crimes, including victims of sexual assault, domestic

1 violence, violent crime, child endangerment, child abuse or child  
2 neglect, and the Victims of Crime Compensation Board, established  
3 pursuant to P.L.1971, c.317 (C.52:4B-1 et seq.) and continued as  
4 the Victims of Crime Compensation Office pursuant to P.L.2007,  
5 c.95 (C.52:4B-3.2 et al.) and Reorganization Plan No. 001-2008.  
6 (cf: P.L.2017, c.266, s.4)

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8 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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13 This bill makes members of New Jersey National Guard with an  
14 NGB-22 form eligible to receive certain benefits designated for  
15 veterans. The NGB-22 form is a National Guard discharge  
16 document similar to a DD-214 form issued to veterans of the United  
17 States Armed Forces.

18 Under this bill, a member of the New Jersey National Guard with  
19 an NGB-22 would be eligible for a veteran identification card and  
20 the display of veteran status on a driver's licenses.

21 Current law exempts certificates of honorable discharge from the  
22 reserves or the organized militia from access as a public record, but  
23 only the DD-214 is specifically mentioned. This bill clarifies that  
24 an NGB-22 form is also exempt from access as a public record.

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2538**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 10, 2019

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2538.

This bill makes members of the New Jersey National Guard with an NGB-22 form eligible to receive certain benefits designated for veterans. The NGB-22 form is a National Guard discharge document similar to a DD-214 form issued to veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

Under this bill, a member of the New Jersey National Guard with an NGB-22 would be eligible for a veteran identification card and the display of veteran status on a driver's license.

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SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 3455

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 5, 2018

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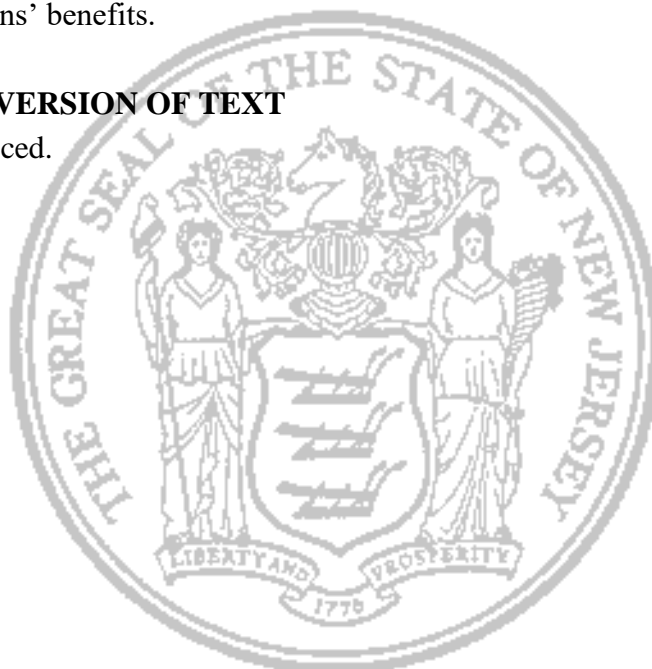
**Assemblywomen Tucker, Pinkin, Timberlake, Assemblymen Space,  
Wirths and Mazzeo**

**SYNOPSIS**

Makes New Jersey National Guard members with NGB-22 form eligible for certain veterans' benefits.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/28/2019)**

1 AN ACT making New Jersey National Guard members with a NGB-  
2 22 form eligible for certain veterans' benefits, and amending  
3 various parts of the statutory law.

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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. Section 1 of P.L.2013, c.165 (C.39:3-10f6) is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 1. a. (1) In addition to the requirements for the form and  
11 content of a motor vehicle driver's license under R.S.39:3-10 and a  
12 probationary license issued under section 4 of P.L.1950, c.127  
13 (C.39:3-13.4), the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor  
14 Vehicle Commission shall, upon submission of satisfactory proof,  
15 designate on an initial license, renewal license, or probationary  
16 license, as appropriate, that the license holder is a veteran of the  
17 Armed Forces of the United States of America or the New Jersey  
18 National Guard. The designation of veteran status on an initial  
19 license, renewal license, or probationary license shall not be  
20 deemed sufficient valid proof of veteran status for official  
21 governmental purposes when any other statute, or any regulation or  
22 other directive of a governmental entity, requires documentation of  
23 veteran status.

24 (2) In addition to the requirements for the form and content of a  
25 motor vehicle driver's license under R.S.39:3-10 and a probationary  
26 license issued under section 4 of P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.4), the  
27 Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission  
28 shall, upon submission of satisfactory proof, designate on an initial  
29 license, renewal license, or probationary license, as appropriate,  
30 that the license holder is a Gold Star Family member. The  
31 commission shall provide to the Department of Military and  
32 Veterans' Affairs personal identifying information of any person  
33 issued a driver's license with a Gold Star Family designation  
34 pursuant to this section.

35 b. For the purpose of this section:

36 "Gold Star Family member" means a spouse, domestic partner,  
37 partner in a civil union, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian,  
38 or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by  
39 adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or  
40 National Guard, who lost his or her life while on active duty for the  
41 United States.

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9 all of the following:

10 (1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of  
11 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed  
12 for the support of family members of members of the Armed Forces  
13 of the United States or National Guard, who lost their lives while on  
14 active duty for the United States, that the applicant is either the  
15 spouse, domestic partner, partner in a civil union, parent, brother,  
16 sister, child, legal guardian, or other legal custodian, whether of the  
17 whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed  
18 forces or National Guard who died while on active duty for the  
19 United States; or

20 (2) (a) documentation deemed acceptable by the Adjutant  
21 General, including, but not limited to, an NGB-22, a federal DD  
22 Form 1300, Report of Casualty, or a federal DD Form 2064,  
23 Certificate of Death Overseas, which identifies the member of the  
24 Armed Forces of the United States or National Guard who died  
25 while on active duty for the United States; and

26 (b) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the  
27 service member.

28 (cf: P.L.2017, c.175, s.5)

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30 2. Section 2 of P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.3) is amended to read  
31 as follows:

32 2. a. (1) The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall  
33 issue an identification card to any resident of the State who is 14  
34 years of age or older and who is not the holder of a valid permit or  
35 basic driver's license. The identification card shall attest to the true  
36 name, correct age, and veteran status, upon submission of  
37 satisfactory proof, by any veteran, and shall contain other  
38 identifying data as certified by the applicant for such identification  
39 card. Every application for an identification card shall be signed  
40 and verified by the applicant and shall be accompanied by the  
41 written consent of at least one parent or the person's legal guardian  
42 if the person is under 17 years of age and shall be supported by such  
43 documentary evidence of the age, identity, and veteran status, or  
44 blindness, or disability of such person as the chief administrator  
45 may require. In addition to requiring an applicant for an  
46 identification card to submit satisfactory proof of identity, age, and,  
47 if appropriate, veteran status, the chief administrator also shall  
48 require the applicant to provide, as a condition for obtaining the

1 card, satisfactory proof that the applicant's presence in the United  
2 States is authorized under federal law. If the chief administrator  
3 has reasonable cause to suspect that any document presented by an  
4 applicant as proof of identity, age, veteran status, or legal residency  
5 is altered, false or otherwise invalid, the chief administrator shall  
6 refuse to grant the identification card until such time as the  
7 document may be verified by the issuing agency to the chief  
8 administrator's satisfaction.

9 (2) In addition to the requirements for the form and content of  
10 an identification card pursuant to this section, the Chief  
11 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall,  
12 upon submission of satisfactory proof, designate on an  
13 identification card that the card holder is a Gold Star Family  
14 member. The commission shall provide to the Department of  
15 Military and Veterans' Affairs personal identifying information for  
16 any person issued an identification card with a Gold Star Family  
17 designation pursuant to this section.

18 b. The designation of veteran status on an identification card  
19 shall not be deemed sufficient valid proof of veteran status for  
20 official governmental purposes when any other statute, or any  
21 regulation or other directive of a governmental entity, requires  
22 documentation of veteran status.

23 c. For the purpose of this section:

24 "Gold Star Family member" means a spouse, domestic partner,  
25 partner in a civil union, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian,  
26 or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by  
27 adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or  
28 National Guard, who lost his or her life while on active duty for the  
29 United States.

30 "Veteran" means a person who has been honorably discharged  
31 from the active military service of the United States or from service  
32 in the New Jersey National Guard; and

33 "Satisfactory proof" means, in the case of a veteran, a copy of  
34 form NGB-22, DD-214 or federal activation orders showing service  
35 under Title 10, section 672 or section 12301, of the United States  
36 Code, or a county veteran identification card only if issuance of the  
37 card requires a copy of form DD-214 discharge papers or approved  
38 separation forms as outlined by all branches of the military and duly  
39 recorded by the county clerk's office. In the case of a Gold Star  
40 Family member, satisfactory proof includes any or all of the  
41 following:

42 (1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of  
43 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed  
44 for the support of family members of members of the Armed Forces  
45 of the United States or National Guard, who lost their lives while on  
46 active duty for the United States, that the applicant is either the  
47 spouse, domestic partner, partner in a civil union, parent, brother,  
48 sister, child, legal guardian, or other legal custodian, whether of the

1 whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed  
2 forces or National Guard who died while on active duty for the  
3 United States; or

4 (2) (a) documentation deemed acceptable by the Adjutant  
5 General, including, but not limited to, a federal DD Form 1300,  
6 Report of Casualty, or a federal DD Form 2064, Certificate of  
7 Death Overseas, which identifies the member of the Armed Forces  
8 of the United States or National Guard who died while on active  
9 duty for the United States; and

10 (b) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the  
11 service member.

12 (cf: P.L.2017, c.175, s.7)

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14 3. Section 4 of P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.4) is amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 4. a. When such a program has been authorized, the county  
17 clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, shall issue  
18 an identification card to any veteran who is a resident of the county  
19 and who does not hold an identification card issued by the federal  
20 government that identifies the person as a veteran. The veteran  
21 identification card shall bear the true name, branch of the military,  
22 including a reserve component thereof, in which the veteran served,  
23 date of card issuance, separation form submitted, and other  
24 identifying information as certified by the applicant for such  
25 veteran identification card. Every application for a veteran  
26 identification card shall be signed and certified by the applicant and  
27 shall be supported by such documentary evidence as the county  
28 clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, may  
29 require.

30 b. The documentary evidence required by subsection a. of this  
31 section shall include the applicant's NGB-22 or DD-214 form issued  
32 by the federal government or approved separation forms as outlined  
33 by all branches of the military and duly recorded by the office. The  
34 county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate,  
35 shall require a copy of the documentary evidence submitted to be  
36 kept on file with the application for the veteran identification card,  
37 and shall note the location of the original NGB-22 or DD-214 or  
38 other approved separation form on that application form. The copy  
39 of the documentary evidence submitted and the application shall be  
40 kept confidential and shall not be considered a government record  
41 under P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), except that they may be  
42 released to another government agency. The Adjutant General of  
43 the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall assist in the  
44 identification, and verification as needed, of approved separation  
45 forms as outlined by all branches of the military and submitted by  
46 applicants.

47 (cf: P.L.2017, c.292, s.2)

1       4. Section 1 of P.L.1995, c.23 (C.47:1A-1.1) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       1. As used in P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) as amended  
4 and supplemented:

5       "Biotechnology" means any technique that uses living  
6 organisms, or parts of living organisms, to make or modify  
7 products, to improve plants or animals, or to develop micro-  
8 organisms for specific uses; including the industrial use of  
9 recombinant DNA, cell fusion, and novel bioprocessing techniques.

10       "Custodian of a government record" or "custodian" means in the  
11 case of a municipality, the municipal clerk and in the case of any  
12 other public agency, the officer officially designated by formal  
13 action of that agency's director or governing body, as the case may  
14 be.

15       "Government record" or "record" means any paper, written or  
16 printed book, document, drawing, map, plan, photograph,  
17 microfilm, data processed or image processed document,  
18 information stored or maintained electronically or by sound-  
19 recording or in a similar device, or any copy thereof, that has been  
20 made, maintained or kept on file in the course of his or its official  
21 business by any officer, commission, agency or authority of the  
22 State or of any political subdivision thereof, including subordinate  
23 boards thereof, or that has been received in the course of his or its  
24 official business by any such officer, commission, agency, or  
25 authority of the State or of any political subdivision thereof,  
26 including subordinate boards thereof. The terms shall not include  
27 inter-agency or intra-agency advisory, consultative, or deliberative  
28 material.

29       A government record shall not include the following information  
30 which is deemed to be confidential for the purposes of P.L.1963,  
31 c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) as amended and supplemented:

32       information received by a member of the Legislature from a  
33 constituent or information held by a member of the Legislature  
34 concerning a constituent, including but not limited to information in  
35 written form or contained in any e-mail or computer data base, or in  
36 any telephone record whatsoever, unless it is information the  
37 constituent is required by law to transmit;

38       any memorandum, correspondence, notes, report or other  
39 communication prepared by, or for, the specific use of a member of  
40 the Legislature in the course of the member's official duties, except  
41 that this provision shall not apply to an otherwise publicly-  
42 accessible report which is required by law to be submitted to the  
43 Legislature or its members;

44       any copy, reproduction or facsimile of any photograph, negative  
45 or print, including instant photographs and videotapes of the body,  
46 or any portion of the body, of a deceased person, taken by or for the  
47 medical examiner at the scene of death or in the course of a post

1 mortem examination or autopsy made by or caused to be made by  
2 the medical examiner except:  
3 when used in a criminal action or proceeding in this State which  
4 relates to the death of that person,  
5 for the use as a court of this State permits, by order after good  
6 cause has been shown and after written notification of the request  
7 for the court order has been served at least five days before the  
8 order is made upon the county prosecutor for the county in which  
9 the post mortem examination or autopsy occurred,  
10 for use in the field of forensic pathology or for use in medical or  
11 scientific education or research, or  
12 for use by any law enforcement agency in this State or any other  
13 state or federal law enforcement agency;  
14 criminal investigatory records;  
15 victims' records, except that a victim of a crime shall have access  
16 to the victim's own records;  
17 any written request by a crime victim for a record to which the  
18 victim is entitled to access as provided in this section, including,  
19 but not limited to, any law enforcement agency report, domestic  
20 violence offense report, and temporary or permanent restraining  
21 order;  
22 personal firearms records, except for use by any person  
23 authorized by law to have access to these records or for use by any  
24 government agency, including any court or law enforcement  
25 agency, for purposes of the administration of justice;  
26 personal identifying information received by the Division of Fish  
27 and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection in  
28 connection with the issuance of any license authorizing hunting  
29 with a firearm. For the purposes of this paragraph, personal  
30 identifying information shall include, but not be limited to, identity,  
31 name, address, social security number, telephone number, fax  
32 number, driver's license number, email address, or social media  
33 address of any applicant or licensee;  
34 trade secrets and proprietary commercial or financial information  
35 obtained from any source. For the purposes of this paragraph, trade  
36 secrets shall include data processing software obtained by a public  
37 body under a licensing agreement which prohibits its disclosure;  
38 any record within the attorney-client privilege. This paragraph  
39 shall not be construed as exempting from access attorney or  
40 consultant bills or invoices except that such bills or invoices may be  
41 redacted to remove any information protected by the attorney-client  
42 privilege;  
43 administrative or technical information regarding computer  
44 hardware, software and networks which, if disclosed, would  
45 jeopardize computer security;  
46 emergency or security information or procedures for any  
47 buildings or facility which, if disclosed, would jeopardize security  
48 of the building or facility or persons therein;



1 security measures and surveillance techniques which, if  
2 disclosed, would create a risk to the safety of persons, property,  
3 electronic data or software;  
4 information which, if disclosed, would give an advantage to  
5 competitors or bidders;  
6 information generated by or on behalf of public employers or  
7 public employees in connection with any sexual harassment  
8 complaint filed with a public employer or with any grievance filed  
9 by or against an individual or in connection with collective  
10 negotiations, including documents and statements of strategy or  
11 negotiating position;  
12 information which is a communication between a public agency  
13 and its insurance carrier, administrative service organization or risk  
14 management office;  
15 information which is to be kept confidential pursuant to court  
16 order;  
17 any copy of form DD-214, NGB-22, or that form, issued by the  
18 United States Government, or any other certificate of honorable  
19 discharge, or copy thereof, from active service or the reserves of a  
20 branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, or from service in  
21 the organized militia of the State, that has been filed by an  
22 individual with a public agency, except that a veteran or the  
23 veteran's spouse or surviving spouse shall have access to the  
24 veteran's own records;  
25 any copy of an oath of allegiance, oath of office or any  
26 affirmation taken upon assuming the duties of any public office, or  
27 that oath or affirmation, taken by a current or former officer or  
28 employee in any public office or position in this State or in any  
29 county or municipality of this State, including members of the  
30 Legislative Branch, Executive Branch, Judicial Branch, and all law  
31 enforcement entities, except that the full name, title, and oath date  
32 of that person contained therein shall not be deemed confidential;  
33 that portion of any document which discloses the social security  
34 number, credit card number, unlisted telephone number or driver  
35 license number of any person; except for use by any government  
36 agency, including any court or law enforcement agency, in carrying  
37 out its functions, or any private person or entity acting on behalf  
38 thereof, or any private person or entity seeking to enforce payment  
39 of court-ordered child support; except with respect to the disclosure  
40 of driver information by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle  
41 Commission as permitted by section 2 of P.L.1997, c.188 (C.39:2-  
42 3.4); and except that a social security number contained in a record  
43 required by law to be made, maintained or kept on file by a public  
44 agency shall be disclosed when access to the document or  
45 disclosure of that information is not otherwise prohibited by State  
46 or federal law, regulation or order or by State statute, resolution of  
47 either or both houses of the Legislature, Executive Order of the

1 Governor, rule of court or regulation promulgated under the  
2 authority of any statute or executive order of the Governor;

3 **[A]** a list of persons identifying themselves as being in need of  
4 special assistance in the event of an emergency maintained by a  
5 municipality for public safety purposes pursuant to section 1 of  
6 P.L.2017, c.266 (C.40:48-2.67); and

7 **[A]** a list of persons identifying themselves as being in need of  
8 special assistance in the event of an emergency maintained by a  
9 county for public safety purposes pursuant to section 6 of P.L.2011,  
10 c.178 (C.App.A:9-43.13).

11 A government record shall not include, with regard to any public  
12 institution of higher education, the following information which is  
13 deemed to be privileged and confidential:

14 pedagogical, scholarly and/or academic research records and/or  
15 the specific details of any research project conducted under the  
16 auspices of a public higher education institution in New Jersey,  
17 including, but not limited to research, development information,  
18 testing procedures, or information regarding test participants,  
19 related to the development or testing of any pharmaceutical or  
20 pharmaceutical delivery system, except that a custodian may not  
21 deny inspection of a government record or part thereof that gives  
22 the name, title, expenditures, source and amounts of funding and  
23 date when the final project summary of any research will be  
24 available;

25 test questions, scoring keys and other examination data  
26 pertaining to the administration of an examination for employment  
27 or academic examination;

28 records of pursuit of charitable contributions or records  
29 containing the identity of a donor of a gift if the donor requires non-  
30 disclosure of the donor's identity as a condition of making the gift  
31 provided that the donor has not received any benefits of or from the  
32 institution of higher education in connection with such gift other  
33 than a request for memorialization or dedication;

34 valuable or rare collections of books and/or documents obtained  
35 by gift, grant, bequest or devise conditioned upon limited public  
36 access;

37 information contained on individual admission applications; and  
38 information concerning student records or grievance or  
39 disciplinary proceedings against a student to the extent disclosure  
40 would reveal the identity of the student.

41 "Personal firearms record" means any information contained in a  
42 background investigation conducted by the chief of police, the  
43 county prosecutor, or the Superintendent of State Police, of any  
44 applicant for a permit to purchase a handgun, firearms identification  
45 card license, or firearms registration; any application for a permit to  
46 purchase a handgun, firearms identification card license, or firearms  
47 registration; any document reflecting the issuance or denial of a  
48 permit to purchase a handgun, firearms identification card license,

1 or firearms registration; and any permit to purchase a handgun,  
2 firearms identification card license, or any firearms license,  
3 certification, certificate, form of register, or registration statement.  
4 For the purposes of this paragraph, information contained in a  
5 background investigation shall include, but not be limited to,  
6 identity, name, address, social security number, phone number, fax  
7 number, driver's license number, email address, social media  
8 address of any applicant, licensee, registrant or permit holder.

9 "Public agency" or "agency" means any of the principal  
10 departments in the Executive Branch of State Government, and any  
11 division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality  
12 within or created by such department; the Legislature of the State  
13 and any office, board, bureau or commission within or created by  
14 the Legislative Branch; and any independent State authority,  
15 commission, instrumentality or agency. The terms also mean any  
16 political subdivision of the State or combination of political  
17 subdivisions, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or  
18 other instrumentality within or created by a political subdivision of  
19 the State or combination of political subdivisions, and any  
20 independent authority, commission, instrumentality or agency  
21 created by a political subdivision or combination of political  
22 subdivisions.

23 "Law enforcement agency" means a public agency, or part  
24 thereof, determined by the Attorney General to have law  
25 enforcement responsibilities.

26 "Constituent" means any State resident or other person  
27 communicating with a member of the Legislature.

28 "Member of the Legislature" means any person elected or  
29 selected to serve in the New Jersey Senate or General Assembly.

30 "Criminal investigatory record" means a record which is not  
31 required by law to be made, maintained or kept on file that is held  
32 by a law enforcement agency which pertains to any criminal  
33 investigation or related civil enforcement proceeding.

34 "Victim's record" means an individually-identifiable file or  
35 document held by a victims' rights agency which pertains directly to  
36 a victim of a crime except that a victim of a crime shall have access  
37 to the victim's own records.

38 "Victim of a crime" means a person who has suffered personal or  
39 psychological injury or death or incurs loss of or injury to personal  
40 or real property as a result of a crime, or if such a person is  
41 deceased or incapacitated, a member of that person's immediate  
42 family.

43 "Victims' rights agency" means a public agency, or part thereof,  
44 the primary responsibility of which is providing services, including  
45 but not limited to food, shelter, or clothing, medical, psychiatric,  
46 psychological or legal services or referrals, information and referral  
47 services, counseling and support services, or financial services to  
48 victims of crimes, including victims of sexual assault, domestic

1 violence, violent crime, child endangerment, child abuse or child  
2 neglect, and the Victims of Crime Compensation Board, established  
3 pursuant to P.L.1971, c.317 (C.52:4B-1 et seq.) and continued as  
4 the Victims of Crime Compensation Office pursuant to P.L.2007,  
5 c.95 (C.52:4B-3.2 et al.) and Reorganization Plan No. 001-2008.  
6 (cf: P.L.2017, c.266, s.4)

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8 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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13 This bill makes members of New Jersey National Guard with an  
14 NGB-22 form eligible to receive certain benefits designated for  
15 veterans. The NGB-22 form is a National Guard discharge  
16 document similar to a DD-214 form issued to veterans of the United  
17 States Armed Forces.

18 Under this bill, a member of the New Jersey National Guard with  
19 an NGB-22 would be eligible for a veteran identification card and  
20 the display of veteran status on a driver's licenses.

21 Current law exempts certificates of honorable discharge from the  
22 reserves or the organized militia from access as a public record, but  
23 only the DD-214 is specifically mentioned. This bill clarifies that  
24 an NGB-22 form is also exempt from access as a public record.

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3455**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 10, 2019

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3455.

This bill makes members of the New Jersey National Guard with an NGB-22 form eligible to receive certain benefits designated for veterans. The NGB-22 form is a National Guard discharge document similar to a DD-214 form issued to veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

Under this bill, a member of the New Jersey National Guard with an NGB-22 would be eligible for a veteran identification card and the display of veteran status on a driver's licenses.

Current law exempts certificates of honorable discharge from the reserves or the organized militia from access as a public record, but only the DD-214 is specifically mentioned. This bill clarifies that an NGB-22 form is also exempt from access as a public record.

Assembly Bill No. 3455 is identical to Senate Bill No. 2538 of 2018-2019.

# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

08/23/2019

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**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills and resolutions into law:

**A3118 (Burzichelli, Schepisi, Jasey/Bucco, Thompson)** - Establishes licensure for master hearth specialists.

**A4420 (Holley/Scutari)** - Modifies certain fees charged by check casher licensees.

**A4482 (Verrelli, Murphy, Downey/Greenstein)** - Establishes "Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Violence Against Persons with Developmental Disabilities" in DHS.

**A5293 (Pinkin, Zwicker, Lopez, McKeon/Smith, Bateman, Greenstein)** - Makes various changes to laws governing remediation of contaminated sites.

**A5390 (Tucker, Mukherji, Timberlake/Gopal, Oroho)** - Provides in-State tuition at public institutions of higher education to individuals living in NJ who are entitled to educational assistance under US Department of Veterans Affairs' Vocational Rehabilitations and Employment Program.

**S499 (Vitale, Madden/Downey, Houghtaling, Zwicker)** - Provides for improved system for eligibility determination for Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare.

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**S785 (Sarlo, Lagana/Calabrese, Mukherji)** - Requires Police Training Commission to develop supplemental training course for certain county corrections officers.

**S1014 (Rice/Wimberly, Mukherji)** - Changes composition of State Employment and Training Commission.

**S1126 (Bucco, Doherty, Bucco/Coughlin, Webber)** - Requires public school districts to provide instruction on "New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act" as part of New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

**S1403 (Diegnan, Singleton/DeAngelo, Mazzeo, Sumter)** - Permits service credit transferred from another State-administered retirement system to apply toward creditable service requirement for retirement in SPRS.

**S1887 (Singleton, Greenstein/DeAngelo, Wirths, Space)** - Directs Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development to establish pilot program to assist certain unemployed and underemployed individuals to complete industry-valued Credentials in 12 months.

**S1948 (Vitale/Quijano, Holley, Lopez)** - Makes Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Provider Demonstration Project permanent and renames program.

**S2507 (Singleton, Pou/Danielsen, DeCroce)** - Prohibits sale or lease of access to certain dental provider network contracts.

**S2538 (Singleton, Pennacchio/Kean, Murphy, DeCroce, Armato)** - Makes New Jersey National Guard members with NGB-22 form eligible for certain veterans' benefits.

**S2660 (Gopal, Sarlo/Downey, Houghtaling, Schaer)** - Establishes grant program and tuition reimbursement program for certain teachers of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; appropriates \$5 million to DOE.

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**S2690 (Ruiz, Cryan, Beach, Turner, Andrzejczak/McKeon, Dancer, Land)** - Prohibits pharmacy benefits managers and carriers from engaging in "clawback" and "gag clause" practices; requires certain disclosures by pharmacists; requires Director of Division of Consumer Affairs to conduct public information campaign.

**S2691 (Kean, Cunningham/Quijano, Vainieri Huttle, Reynolds-Jackson)** - Makes supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 to Commission on Human Trafficking.

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**S3100 (Weinberg, Addiego/Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Mukherji)** - Revises definition of hemophilia and expands hemophilia treatment program.

**SJR73 (Singleton/Murphy, Verrelli, Dancer)** - Urges U.S. Congress to pass "Military Hunger Prevention Act."

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

**A3717 (Mukherji, Downey, Houghtaling/Greenstein, Gopal)** - Prohibits pharmacy benefits managers from making certain retroactive reductions in claims payments to pharmacies; requires pharmacy benefits managers to disclose certain product information to pharmacies.

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**A5363 (Burzichelli, Benson, Murphy/Gopal)** - Requires carriers that offer health benefits plans to provide new or existing subscribers with notification of certain hospital and health system contract expirations.

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**S834 (Scutari, Greenstein/Jones, Pintor Marin)** - Prohibits resale of non-prescription diabetes test devices by pharmacists.

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**S2804 (Ruiz, Turner/Lopez, McKnight, Verrelli)** - Requires young children entering public schools or Head Start Programs for first time to have comprehensive eye examination completed.

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**S3075 (Weinberg, Ruiz/Lampitt, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle)** - Requires DOH to regulate and license embryo storage facilities.

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**S3309 (Vitale, Greenstein/Greenwald, Pintor Marin, Reynolds-Jackson)** - Establishes New Jersey Violence Intervention Program to fund violence reduction initiatives.

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**S3330 (Addiego, Singleton/Jones, Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, Murphy)** - Establishes pilot program in DCF to study impact of child care services provided by community providers operating in public school facilities; requires community providers to meet certain criteria.

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**S3661 (Singleton, Oroho/Jasey, Wirths, Webber)** - Clarifies assessment payment and election participation requirements in planned real estate developments.

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Governor Murphy absolute vetoed the following bills and resolutions:

**A4135 (Land, Taliaferro/Sweeney, Andrzejczak)** - Concerns use of digital parking meters to monitor parking compliance; establishes fund to encourage designated drivers.

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**AJR158 (Houghtaling, Downey, Mosquera/Gopal)** - Establishes New Jersey Task Force on Medicaid Financial

Resource Limits.

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**S1364 (Andrzejczak/Land, Milam)** - Provides funding from the General Fund to the Greater Wildwoods Tourism Improvement and Development Authority; appropriates \$4 million.

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