



## ***LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST***

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**CHAPTER:**117

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"Veteran's memorials -- funds"

**BILL NO:** A1987

**SPONSOR(S):**Myers and Geist

**DATE INTRODUCED:** May 4, 1998

**COMMITTEE:**

***ASSEMBLY:*** Local Government

***SENATE:*** Senior Citizens, Veterans' Affairs

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:**Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**

***ASSEMBLY:*** June 25, 1998

***SENATE:*** October 22, 1998

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** November 9, 1998

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### **THE FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reprint

(Amendments during passage denoted by subscript numbers)

**A1987**

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** *Yes* (Begins on page 2 of original bill)

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**

**ASSEMBLY:***Yes*

**SENATE:***Yes*

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** *No*

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** *No*

**VETO MESSAGE:** *No*

**GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING:** *Yes*

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[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1987**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**208th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED MAY 4, 1998

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman CONNIE MYERS**  
**District 23 (Warren, Hunterdon and Mercer)**  
**Assemblyman GEORGE F. GEIST**  
**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

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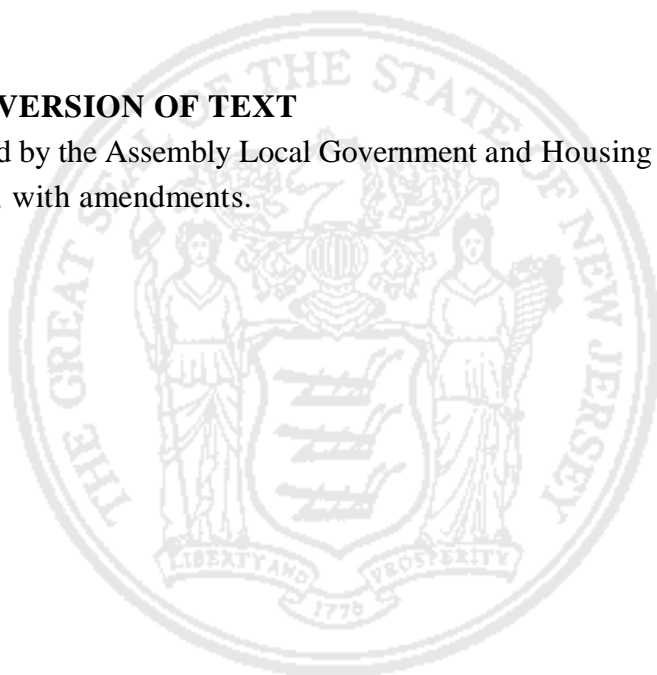
**Assemblyman LeFevre**

**SYNOPSIS**

Permits annual county and municipal appropriations for certain veterans' memorials.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Local Government and Housing Committee on June 1, 1998, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/26/1998)**

1 AN ACT concerning county and municipal appropriations for certain  
2 veterans' memorials and supplementing Title 40 of the Revised  
3 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. a. The Legislature finds and declares that it is a public purpose  
9 and in the public interest to permit local units of government to  
10 appropriate funds for county <sup>1</sup>or State<sup>1</sup> memorials honoring war  
11 veterans.

12 b. The governing body of any county or municipality may annually  
13 appropriate funds in support of the development, construction and  
14 maintenance of a veterans' memorial situate in a public place within the  
15 county <sup>1</sup>or State<sup>1</sup>. Appropriations pursuant to this subsection may be  
16 made to any governmental or not-for-profit entity established for the  
17 purpose of developing, constructing or maintaining the veterans'  
18 memorial.

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

**<sup>1</sup> Assembly ALH committee amendments adopted June 1, 1998.**

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STATEMENT

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23 This bill would permit county and municipal governments to  
24 appropriate funds to develop, construct and maintain a memorial  
25 within the county for war veterans. The appropriations for these  
26 purposes could be made to any governmental or not-for-profit entity  
27 established to develop, construct or maintain the memorial. Currently,  
28 only counties are permitted to appropriate funds in support of the  
29 Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation in support of the  
30 development, construction and maintenance of the Vietnam Veterans'  
31 Memorial at the Garden State Arts Center.

ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1987**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 1, 1998

The Assembly Local Government and Housing Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1987, with committee amendments.

This bill, as amended, would permit county and municipal governments to appropriate funds to develop, construct and maintain a memorial within the county or the State for war veterans. The appropriations for these purposes could be made to any governmental or not-for-profit entity established to develop, construct or maintain the memorial. Currently, only counties are permitted to appropriate funds in support of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation in support of the development, construction and maintenance of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial at the Garden State Arts Center.

The committee amended the bill upon the recommendation of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to allow appropriations for memorials anywhere in the State. The department believes that this amendment will allow for more significant monuments, which will better educate the public about the sacrifices made by veterans of various conflicts.

SENATE SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1987**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 19, 1998

The Senate Senior Citizens, Veterans' Affairs and Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1987 (1R).

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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**GOVERNOR SIGNS LEGISLATION EXPANDING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR HEPATITIS C CASES AND FOR LOCAL AND COUNTY MAINTENANCE OF VETERANS' MEMORIALS**

Gov. Christie Whitman today signed legislation, which expands requirements for reporting newly diagnosed cases of hepatitis C to the Department of Health and Senior Services, and provides information to physicians and public health officers about hepatitis C.

The Governor also signed legislation that permits county and municipal governments to appropriate funds to develop, construct and maintain veterans' memorials in the state. The appropriations can be made to any governmental or not-for-profit entity established to develop, construct or maintain a veterans' memorial.

"The purpose of the hepatitis reporting legislation is to stop what's been called a `sleeping giant,'" the Governor said. "In many parts of the world, particularly in developing countries, hepatitis C equals or surpasses the HIV epidemic."

"It has struck almost four million Americans and claims between 8,000 and 10,000 lives in this country each year," she said. "It infects at least 144,000 people in our state, and results in 450 deaths."

According to Gov. Whitman, hepatitis C mostly affects individuals who received contaminated blood transfusions before 1990, or those who come in contact with contaminated blood through abuse of intravenous drugs, through body tattooing and body piercing, or on the job as health care employees.

She said the virus attacks up to 50 percent of veterans in veterans' hospitals, mainly because many patients in those hospitals had blood transfusions before 1990.

"It's estimated that almost 300,000 Americans got hepatitis C from transfusions before the first tests for the virus were created in 1990," the Governor said. "And that put a lot of our veterans right in the line of fire for this dreaded disease."

"And in this week when we celebrate Veterans Day and honor all those who served this nation so nobly in military service, we must rivet our attention on protecting their health," Gov. Whitman said. "They placed their nation first. We must place their health first on our list of priorities. They made the world safe for democracy. We must make their world safe from this dreaded disease."

The legislation, A-1860, requires hospitals and outpatient settings to report newly diagnosed cases of hepatitis C to the Department of Health and Senior Services

(DHSS). Previously, the law required only clinical laboratories to report the disease to DHSS.

It also requires the Commissioner of DHSS to provide written guidelines on hepatitis C to physicians and public health officers. The guidelines will encourage screening and diagnosis of those at high risk of contracting the disease.

The bill also requires DHSS to provide widespread educational and prevention materials on this infection.

The legislation was sponsored by Assembly Members Francis J. Blee (R-Atlantic) and Joan M. Quigley (D-Bergen/Hudson) and Senators John J. Matheussen (R-Camden/Gloucester) and Joseph F. Vitale (D-Middlesex).

The bill permitting county and municipal governments to appropriate funds for the development and maintenance of veterans' memorials, A-1987, was sponsored by Assembly Members Connie Myers (R-Warren/Hunterdon/Mercer) and George F. Geist (R-Camden/Gloucester). Under previous law municipalities were not permitted to appropriate such funds, while counties were permitted to do so only for the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation and maintenance of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial at the Garden State

Arts Center.