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P.L. 2003, CHAPTER 237, *approved January 9, 2004*  
Assembly, No. 3533

1 **AN ACT** concerning the issuance of distinguished service medals and  
2 amending N.J.S.38A:15-2.

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14 meritorious service and who has been or may be cited in orders for  
15 distinguished service by the Governor or by appropriate federal  
16 authority;

17 b. any resident of the State of New Jersey who was a resident of  
18 this State at the time of entry into active military service and (1) who  
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23 federal authority or (2) who shall have seen active military service in  
24 the Armed Forces of the United States of America in a combat theater  
25 of operations during time of war or emergency as attested to by the  
26 awarding of an honorable discharge and DD 214 or WD 53 by the  
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38 WD 53 by the respective Armed Force or who, having seen such  
39 service, died while on active duty as evidenced by DD 1300; or

40 d. any person who, on the date of induction into the organized  
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8 and documentation on behalf of that person.  
9 (cf: P.L.1998, c.131, s.1)

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11 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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22 Harrington, who died while on active duty in Iraq. In cases such as  
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29 Clarifies documentary requirement for distinguished service medal for  
30 individual who died while on active duty.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3533

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 8, 2003

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman RONALD S. DANCER**

**District 30 (Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean)**

**Assemblyman JOSEPH R. MALONE, III**

**District 30 (Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

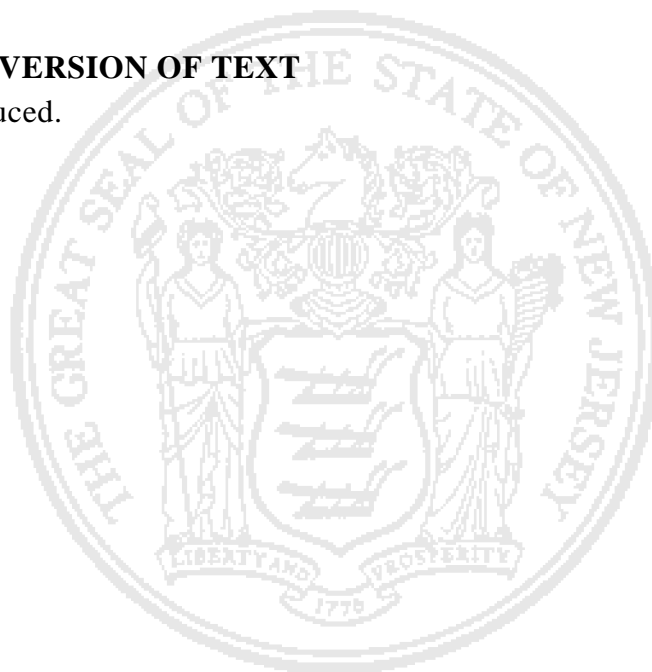
**Assemblymen Chatzidakis, Azzolina, Chivukula, Fisher, S.Kean and  
Senator Singer**

**SYNOPSIS**

Clarifies documentary requirement for distinguished service medal for individual who died while on active duty.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/12/2003)

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ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3533**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 5, 2003

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SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND VETERANS'  
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3533**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 24, 2003

The Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3533.

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**SENATE, No. 2704**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**210th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED JUNE 28, 2003

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator ROBERT W. SINGER**

**District 30 (Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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