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NJSA: 38A:3-38 (Establishes Commission on Women Veterans)

BILL NO: A2726 (Substituted for S1946)

SPONSOR(S) Connors and Others

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SENATE: Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

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SENATE: January 3, 2008

DATE OF APPROVAL: January 13, 2008

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[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 4 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE: No

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COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

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P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 319, *approved January 13, 2008*
Assembly, No. 2726

1 **AN ACT** establishing the Commission on Women Veterans and
2 supplementing Title 38A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. There is created in the New Jersey Department of Military
8 and Veterans' Affairs, the Commission on Women Veterans,
9 hereinafter referred to as "the commission". The commission shall
10 work in collaboration with other State agencies and appropriate
11 groups to study and review the needs, priorities, programs, and
12 policies relating to women veterans, including, but not limited to,
13 housing, health care, job training, and outreach. The commission
14 shall ensure that all service providers and citizens are aware of the
15 needs and services available to women veterans and make
16 recommendations for community education and training programs.
17 The commission shall provide outreach in conjunction with the
18 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and other
19 organizations to educate and recruit prospective veterans.

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21 2. The commission shall consist of 15 members who are New
22 Jersey residents. The Governor shall appoint 12 members and of
23 the 12 appointed, nine shall be women. There shall be appointed
24 one representative from each of the following branches of military
25 service who may also be affiliated with an organization named
26 below: the Army; the Air Force; the Coast Guard, the Marines; and
27 the Navy. There shall also be appointed by the Governor, one
28 representative from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, one
29 representative from the American Legion, one representative from
30 the Disabled American Veterans, one representative from the
31 American Veterans, one representative from the New Jersey Army
32 National Guard, one representative from the New Jersey Air
33 National Guard; and one representative from the Military Order of
34 the Purple Heart. The Commissioner of the Department of Military
35 and Veterans' Affairs, the Commissioner of the Department of
36 Labor and Workforce Development, and the Director of the
37 Division on Women in the Department of Community Affairs, or
38 their respective designees, shall serve as ex-officio members.

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40 The public members shall serve for terms of three years and until
41 the appointment and qualification of their successors, except that of
42 the initial appointment of public members, four shall be appointed
43 for a term of three years, four shall be appointed for a term of two
years and four shall be appointed for a term of one year.

1 If any public member discontinues affiliation with the respective
2 veterans' organization, the member shall immediately resign
3 membership with the commission.

4 Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be
5 filled in the same manner as the original appointments are made.

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7 3. The members of the commission shall serve without
8 compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary and reasonable
9 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties within the
10 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it for its
11 purpose.

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13 4. The commission shall organize as soon as may be
14 practicable after the appointment of a majority of its members and
15 shall select from among its members a chairperson and a vice
16 chairperson, who shall be responsible for the coordination of all
17 activities of the commission. The members shall select a secretary,
18 who need not be a member of the commission.

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20 5. The commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson and
21 hold hearings at such places as it shall designate. A meeting of the
22 commission may also be called upon the request of eight of the
23 commission members and eight members of the commission shall
24 constitute a quorum at any meeting thereof. The commission shall
25 meet not less than quarterly.

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27 6. The commission may conduct public hearings at such places
28 and at such times as it shall designate, at which it may solicit the
29 testimony of interested persons, groups and the general public.

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31 7. The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance and
32 avail itself of the services of such employees of any State, county or
33 municipal department, board, bureau, commission or agency as it
34 may require and as may be available to it for its purposes. The
35 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall provide such
36 organizational and personnel support as the commission may
37 request.

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39 8. The commission shall prepare and submit an initial report to
40 the Governor, the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991,
41 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), and the Deputy Commissioner of Veterans'
42 Affairs within six months of the organization of the commission.

43 The commission shall prepare and submit annual reports
44 containing its findings, activities and recommendations, including
45 any recommendations for administrative and legislative action that
46 it deems appropriate, to the Governor, the Legislature and the
47 Deputy Commissioner for Veterans' Affairs.

1 The commission shall periodically advise the Deputy
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3 recommendations.

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5 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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10 This bill establishes a 15-member Commission on Women
11 Veterans. The purpose of the commission will be to assess the
12 needs of women veterans and the benefits and programs provided to
13 meet those needs. The commission will review reports and studies
14 pertaining to programs and activities that affect women veterans,
15 and provide recommendations, including recommendations for
16 administrative and legislative actions. It shall draw upon its
17 members' shared knowledge and expertise to create programs and
18 activities designed to better educate all citizens of New Jersey as to
19 women veterans' issues.

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24 Establishes Commission on Women Veterans.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2726

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 2, 2006

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JACK CONNERS

District 7 (Burlington and Camden)

Assemblywoman NILSA CRUZ-PEREZ

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

Assemblywoman LINDA R. GREENSTEIN

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblyman JEFF VAN DREW

District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)

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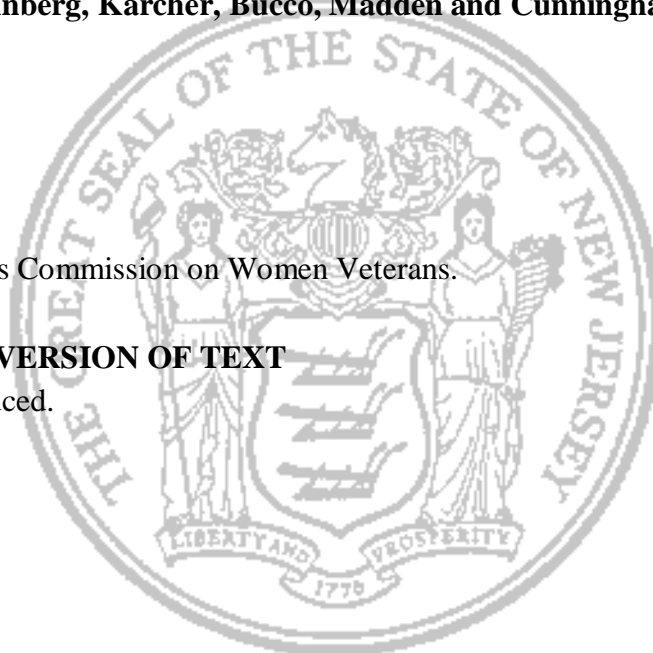
Assemblywoman Pou, Assemblymen Mayer, Manzo, Gordon, Conaway, Wisniewski, Assemblywoman Voss, Assemblymen Giblin, Prieto, Johnson, Diegnan, Baroni, Assemblywomen McHose, Lampitt, Assemblymen Hackett, Moriarty, Chivukula, Vas, Stanley, Stack, Gregg, Senators Allen, Inverso, Weinberg, Karcher, Bucco, Madden and Cunningham

SYNOPSIS

Establishes Commission on Women Veterans.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/4/2008)

1 AN ACT establishing the Commission on Women Veterans and
2 supplementing Title 38A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2726

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 9, 2006

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 2726.

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SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND VETERANS'
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 2726

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 10, 2007

The Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2726.

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As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1946, which was also reported by the committee on this same date.

SENATE, No. 1946

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 8, 2006

Sponsored by:

Senator DIANE B. ALLEN

District 7 (Burlington and Camden)

Senator PETER A. INVERSO

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Co-Sponsored by:

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SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND VETERANS'
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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