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P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 208, *approved December 20, 2007*
Assembly, No. 253

1 AN ACT concerning housing opportunities for certain homeless
2 veterans and amending P.L.2004, c.140.

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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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8 read as follows:

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13 Act (1984)," P.L.1984, c.180 (C.52:27D-280 et seq.).

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22 assistance to senior citizens aged 65 or older who otherwise meet
23 the criteria of subsection a. of this section.

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25 assistance to veterans who have successfully completed the
26 Veterans Transitional Housing Program, or "Veterans Haven," a
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28 administered by the New Jersey Department of Military and
29 Veterans Affairs.

30 (cf: P.L.2004, c.140, s.1)

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40 (C.52:27D-287.1 et al.), provided that not less than \$3 million be
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42 P.L.2004, c.140 (C.52:27D-287.1) and not less than \$7 million be
43 annually allocated for the purposes of subsection a. and subsection
44 d. of section 1 of P.L.2004, c.140 (C.52:27D-287.1).

45 (cf: P.L.2004, c.140, s.3)

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1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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Requires portion of State rental assistance grants be reserved for
graduates of State veterans' transitional housing program.

ASSEMBLY, No. 253

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

212th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman NILSA CRUZ-PEREZ

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

Assemblyman DAVID R. MAYER

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

Assemblyman JACK CONNERS

District 7 (Burlington and Camden)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Conaway

SYNOPSIS

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6 This bill would require that a portion of the rental assistance
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8 be reserved for graduates of the Veterans Transitional Housing
9 Program, or "Veterans Haven," a vocational and transitional
10 housing program for homeless veterans administered by the New
11 Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

12 According to the department, there are among New Jersey's
13 homeless population an estimated 7,000 to 8,000 veterans.
14 Veterans Haven has the capacity to provide housing to 54 homeless
15 veterans for a 24-month period, during which it also provides or
16 facilitates a variety of needed services for its residents, such as
17 medical and psychological treatment, drug and alcohol
18 rehabilitation, and social and vocational skills. The program's goal
19 is to accomplish the veteran's successful transition into an active
20 and productive life.

21 The availability of rental assistance under the State section 8
22 program for graduates of Veterans Haven would significantly
23 enhance the veteran's chances for stability and success in society.

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 253

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 26, 2006

This bill would require that a portion of the rental assistance grants awarded under the State section 8 rental assistance program be reserved for graduates of a Veterans Transitional Housing Program, or "Veterans Haven," a vocational and transitional housing program for homeless veterans administered by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

According to the department, there are among New Jersey's homeless population an estimated 7,000 to 8,000 veterans. Veterans Haven has the capacity to provide housing to 54 homeless veterans for a 24-month period, during which it also provides or facilitates a variety of services for its residents, such as medical and psychological treatment, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, and social and vocational skills.

It is the intent of this committee that the assistance grants be reserved for any approved veterans vocational and transitional housing program.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate, No. 208.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2006-2007 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 253

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 29, 2007

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 253.

This bill would reserve that a portion of the grants provided under the State rental assistance program (SRAP) for Veterans who have successfully completed the Veterans Transitional Housing Program, also known as “Veterans Haven.” Administered by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, “Veterans Haven” is a facility providing a variety of services for homeless veterans.

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SENATE, No. 208

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator DIANE B. ALLEN

District 7 (Burlington and Camden)

Senator ANTHONY R. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Madden and Inverso

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