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Assembly, No. 2663

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 2663

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 23, 2006

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman PAUL D. MORIARTY**

**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Assemblyman DAVID R. MAYER**

**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Assemblyman JACK CONNERS**

**District 7 (Burlington and Camden)**

**Assemblyman JOHN J. BURZICHELLI**

**District 3 (Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester)**

**Assemblywoman NILSA CRUZ-PEREZ**

**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

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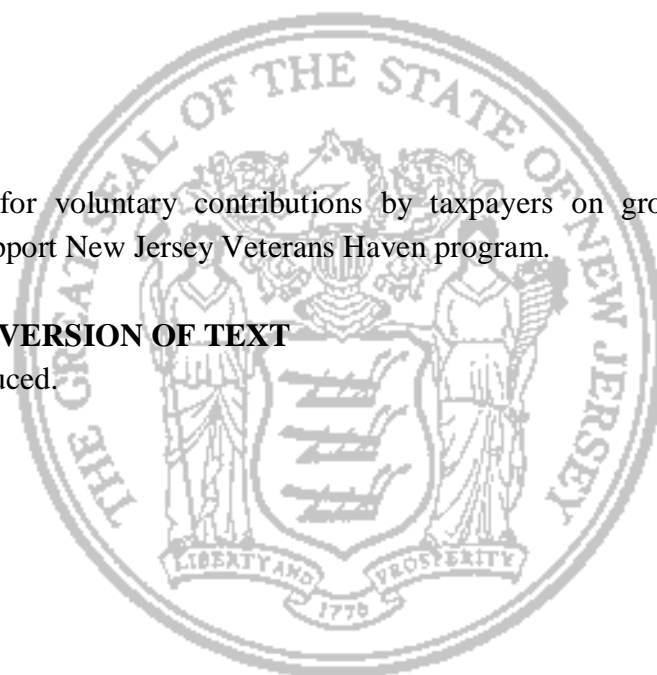
**Assemblyman Hackett, Assemblywoman Lampitt, Assemblyman Stanley,  
Assemblywoman McHose, Assemblymen Greenwald, Vas, Gordon, Gregg,  
Conaway, Senators Sweeney, Madden, Girgenti, Coniglio and Allen**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/18/2007)**

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ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2663**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 1, 2006

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 2663.

This bill establishes the "New Jersey Veterans Haven Support Fund" and provides for a designation on the State gross income tax return that will permit taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to the fund to support the efforts and initiatives of Veterans Haven.

The bill also provides that any costs incurred for collection or administration may be deducted from the receipts collected. Net contributions from this fund will be appropriated for the New Jersey Veterans Haven program.

Veterans Haven is a State operated transitional housing facility dedicated to providing psychological, social, and vocational rehabilitation to displaced veterans. In addition to providing veterans with a safe, secure, and supportive environment, the facility offers its residents access to the staff and the resources necessary to progress through the three phases of its addiction free program. Although each program is tailored to accommodate individual needs and vocational interests, all participants are guided through the three phases of treatment, self-reclamation, and community reintegration.

Veterans Haven aims to return veterans to their communities equipped with the vocational training and life skills necessary to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency. Since its inception in 1996, the 54 bed facility has impacted the lives of more than 625 homeless veterans. During the last decade, the program has increased its success rate, returning 72 percent of its participants back into society fully employed, living on their own, and free of substance abuse.

Assembly Bill No. 2663 is identical to Senate Bill No. 1496 of 2006.



# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 2663

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 14, 2007

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2663.

Assembly Bill No. 2663 establishes the "New Jersey Veterans Haven Support Fund" and provides for a designation on the State gross income tax return that will permit taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to the fund to support the efforts and initiatives of Veterans Haven.

The bill also provides that any costs incurred for collection or administration may be deducted from the receipts collected. Net contributions from this fund will be appropriated for the New Jersey Veterans Haven program.

Veterans Haven is a State operated transitional housing facility dedicated to providing psychological, social, and vocational rehabilitation to displaced veterans.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1496, as also reported by the committee.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund, except for a minimal administrative cost to implement the program in the first year. This bill allows the Division of Taxation to deduct such costs from receipts collected under the act.

It is impossible to determine the amount that will be contributed via checkoff or numerical designation to the "New Jersey Veterans Haven Support Fund." The impact that this additional designation will have on the twelve existing charitable checkoff funds is also indeterminate.

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**FISCAL NOTE**  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 2663**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**212th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: APRIL 23, 2007

**SUMMARY**

**Synopsis:** Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for certain New Jersey Veterans Haven Support Fund.

**Type of Impact:** No impact on State General Fund or Property Tax Relief Fund.

**Agencies Affected:** Division of Taxation, Department of the Treasury.

**Executive Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
<b>State Cost</b>	Minimal Administrative	No Impact - See Comments Below	
<b>State Revenue</b>	No Impact - See Comments Below		

- The Office of Legislative Services **concurs** with the Executive estimate that there is no fiscal impact, except for a minimal administrative cost to implement the program in the first year.
- Establishes the “New Jersey Veterans Haven Support Fund.”
- Provides for voluntary contribution by designation on State gross income tax returns.
- Taxpayers may make designations from refunds or enclose a contribution to the fund.

**BILL DESCRIPTION**

Assembly Bill No. 2663 of 2006 establishes a special fund to be known as the “New Jersey Veterans Haven Support Fund” and provides for a designation on the State gross income tax return that will permit taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to the fund to support the efforts and initiatives of Veterans Haven..

Veterans Haven is a State operated transitional housing facility dedicated to displaced veterans for treatment, self-reclamation and community reintegration.

Contributions shall be appropriated to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to support this facility.

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### *EXECUTIVE BRANCH*

According to the Division on Taxation, Department of Treasury, enactment of this bill will have no impact on the General Fund, except for a minimal administrative cost in the first year to implement the proposal. The division indicated that there was no way to determine how much would be contributed to the "New Jersey Veterans Haven Support Fund" nor any way to estimate what impact this designation would have on the existing funds.

The division listed the amounts designated by checkoff and numerical designation to the eleven charitable funds that have been included on tax forms through tax year 2005. Those amounts are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>		
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<u>Total</u>	\$959,475	\$930,432	\$845,480

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### *OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES*

The Office of Legislative Services concurs with the Executive estimate.

*Section: Revenue, Finance and Appropriations*

*Analyst: Michael J. Basarab  
Senior Fiscal Analyst*

*Approved: David J. Rosen  
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This fiscal note has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.

# SENATE, No. 1496

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 2, 2006

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator STEPHEN M. SWEENEY**

**District 3 (Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester)**

**Senator FRED H. MADDEN, JR.**

**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

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SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND VETERANS'  
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STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1496**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 26, 2007

The Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1496.

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