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1 **AN ACT** concerning acceptable proof of veteran status for State and  
2 local programs and amending various parts of the statutory law.

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

6  
7 1. Section 1 of P.L.2007, c.275 (C.13:1L-12.1) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 1. a. (1) The department shall not charge an admission fee for  
10 entrance into a State park or forest by any veteran during an event  
11 held by a veterans' organization. In addition, the department shall  
12 not charge a facilities fee of any kind to any veterans' organization  
13 using a State park or forest for an event.

14 (2) The department shall not charge an admission fee or  
15 facilities fee of any kind for entrance into a State park or forest by a  
16 person holding a driver's license or identification card with a Gold  
17 Star Family designation issued pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2013,  
18 c.165 (C.39:3-10f6) or section 2 of P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.3),  
19 respectively.

20 b. As used in this section:

21 "Veteran" means any resident of the State now or hereafter who  
22 has been **[honorably]** discharged honorably or **[released]** under  
23 general honorable **[circumstances from active service]** conditions  
24 in any branch of the **[armed forces]** Armed Forces of the United  
25 States, or a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of  
26 this State or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109  
27 (C.38A:1-1), or any honorably discharged member of the American  
28 Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is declared  
29 by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for  
30 federal veterans' benefits; and

31 "Veterans' organization" means the American Legion, Veterans  
32 of Foreign Wars, or other veterans' organizations chartered under  
33 federal law, or any service foundation of such an organization  
34 recognized in its bylaws.

35 (cf. P.L.2017, c.173, s.3)

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37 2. Section 4 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-4) is amended to read  
38 as follows:

39 4. a. The Workforce Development Partnership Program is  
40 hereby established in the Department of Labor and Workforce  
41 Development and shall be administered by the Commissioner of  
42 Labor and Workforce Development. The purpose of the program is

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

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 to provide qualified displaced, disadvantaged and employed  
2 workers with the employment and training services most likely to  
3 enable the individual to obtain employment providing self-  
4 sufficiency for the individual and also to provide the greatest  
5 opportunity for long-range career advancement with high levels of  
6 productivity and earning power. To implement that purpose, the  
7 program shall provide those services by means of training grants or  
8 customized training services in coordination with funding for the  
9 services from federal or other sources. The commissioner is  
10 authorized to expend moneys from the Workforce Development  
11 Partnership Fund to provide the training grants or customized  
12 training services and provide for each of the following:

13 (1) The cost of counseling required pursuant to section 7 of  
14 P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-7), to the extent that adequate funding for  
15 counseling is not available from federal or other sources;

16 (2) Reasonable administrative costs, which shall not exceed  
17 **【10%】** 10 percent of the revenues collected pursuant to section 2 of  
18 P.L.1992, c.44 (C.34:15D-13) during any fiscal year ending before  
19 July 1, 2001, except for additional start-up administrative costs  
20 approved by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget  
21 during the first year of the program's operation;

22 (3) Reasonable costs, which shall not exceed **【0.5%】** 0.5  
23 percent of the revenues collected pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1992,  
24 c.44 (C.34:15D-13) during any fiscal year ending before July 1,  
25 2001, as required by the State Employment and Training  
26 Commission to design criteria and conduct an annual evaluation of  
27 the program; and

28 (4) The cost of reimbursement to individuals for excess  
29 contributions pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1992, c.44 (C.34:15D-  
30 17).

31 b. Not more than **【10%】** 10 percent of the moneys received by  
32 any service provider pursuant to this act shall be expended on  
33 anything other than direct costs to the provider of providing the  
34 employment and training services, which direct costs shall not  
35 include any administrative or overhead expense of the provider.

36 c. Training and employment services or other workforce  
37 investment services shall be provided to a worker who receives  
38 counseling pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-7)  
39 only if the counselor who evaluates the worker pursuant to that  
40 section determines that the worker can reasonably be expected to  
41 successfully complete the training and instruction identified in the  
42 Employability Development Plan developed pursuant to that section  
43 for the worker.

44 d. All occupational training provided under this act:

45 (1) Shall be training which is likely to substantially enhance the  
46 individual's marketable skills and earning power; and

47 (2) Shall be training for a labor demand occupation, except for:

- 1 (a) Customized training provided to the present employees of a  
2 business which the commissioner deems to be in need of the  
3 training to prevent job loss caused by obsolete skills, technological  
4 change or national or global competition; or
- 5 (b) Customized training provided to employees at a facility  
6 which is being relocated from another state into New Jersey; or
- 7 (c) Entrepreneurial training and technical assistance supported  
8 by training grants provided pursuant to subsection b. of section 6 of  
9 P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-6).
- 10 e. During any fiscal year ending before July 1, 2001, not less  
11 than **[25%]** 25 percent of the total revenues dedicated to the  
12 program during any one fiscal year shall be reserved to provide  
13 employment and training services for qualified displaced workers;  
14 not less than six percent of the total revenues dedicated to the  
15 program during any one fiscal year shall be reserved to provide  
16 employment and training services for qualified disadvantaged  
17 workers; not less than **[45%]** 45 percent of the total revenues  
18 dedicated to the program during any one fiscal year shall be  
19 reserved for and appropriated to the Office of Customized Training;  
20 not less than **[3%]** three percent of the total revenues dedicated to  
21 the program during any one fiscal year shall be reserved for  
22 occupational safety and health training; and **[5%]** five percent of  
23 the total revenues dedicated to the program during any one fiscal  
24 year shall be reserved for and appropriated to the Youth Transitions  
25 to Work Partnership created pursuant to P.L.1993, c.268 (C.34:15E-  
26 1 et seq.).
- 27 f. Funds available under the program shall not be used for  
28 activities which induce, encourage or assist: any displacement of  
29 currently employed workers by trainees, including partial  
30 displacement by means such as reduced hours of currently  
31 employed workers; any replacement of laid off workers by trainees;  
32 or any relocation of operations resulting in a loss of employment at  
33 a previous workplace located in the State.
- 34 g. On-the-job training shall not be funded by the program for  
35 any employment found by the commissioner to be of a level of skill  
36 and complexity too low to merit training. The duration of on-the-  
37 job training funded by the program for any worker shall not exceed  
38 the duration indicated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics'  
39 Occupational Information Network, or "O\*NET," for the  
40 occupation for which the training is provided and shall in no case  
41 exceed 26 weeks. The department shall set the duration of on-the-  
42 job training for a worker for less than the indicated maximum, when  
43 training for the maximum duration is not warranted because of the  
44 level of the individual's previous training, education or work  
45 experience. On-the-job training shall not be funded by the program  
46 unless it is accompanied, concurrently or otherwise, by whatever  
47 amount of classroom-based or equivalent occupational training,  
48 remedial instruction or both, is deemed appropriate for the worker

1 by the commissioner. On-the-job training shall not be funded by  
2 the program unless the trainee is provided benefits, pay and  
3 working conditions at a level and extent not less than the benefits  
4 and working conditions of other trainees or employees of the  
5 trainee's employer with comparable skills, responsibilities,  
6 experience and seniority.

7 h. Employment and training services funded by the program  
8 shall not replace, supplant, compete with or duplicate in any way  
9 approved apprenticeship programs.

10 i. No activities funded by the program shall impair existing  
11 contracts for services or collective bargaining agreements, except  
12 that activities which would be inconsistent with the terms of a  
13 collective bargaining agreement may be undertaken with the written  
14 concurrence of the collective bargaining unit and employer who are  
15 parties to the agreement.

16 j. All staff who are hired and supported by moneys from the  
17 Workforce Development Partnership Fund, including any of those  
18 staff located at any One Stop Career Center, but not including any  
19 staff of a service provider providing employment and training  
20 services supported by a customized training grant pursuant to  
21 section 5 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-5) or an individual training  
22 grant pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-6), shall be  
23 hired and employed by the State pursuant to Title 11A, Civil  
24 Service, of the New Jersey Statutes, be hired and employed by a  
25 political subdivision of the State, or be qualified staff hired and  
26 employed by a non-profit organization which began functioning as  
27 the One Stop Career Center operator with the written consent of the  
28 chief elected official and the commissioner prior to the effective  
29 date of P.L.2004, c.39 (C.34:1A-1.2 et al.), or be qualified staff  
30 hired and employed by an approved community-based or faith-  
31 based organization to provide services at the level of staffing  
32 provided in an agreement entered into by the organization before  
33 the effective date of P.L.2004, c.39 (C.34:1A-1.2 et al.).

34 k. Employers in the State who apply for grants for training and  
35 employment services or other workforce investment services for  
36 their employees in the State shall be evaluated by the commissioner  
37 and preference shall be given to those employers who:

38 (1) provide equipment, supplies, or services to military bases  
39 and installations pursuant to a procurement or military contract with  
40 the United States Department of Defense, the United States  
41 Department of Veterans Affairs, or any branch of the United States  
42 Armed Forces;

43 (2) are engaged in one or more of the following fields or  
44 industries: science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or  
45 advanced manufacturing within these fields or industries; or

46 (3) intend to train veterans.

47 Pursuant to this paragraph, "veteran" means **【a person】** any  
48 resident of the State now or hereafter who has served in **【the Army,**

1 Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard **】** any branch of the Armed  
2 Forces of the United States or a Reserve component thereof or the  
3 National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1  
4 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), and has been **【**honorably**】**  
5 discharged honorably or **【**released**】** under general honorable  
6 conditions **【**other than dishonorable**】** from that service.  
7 (cf. P.L.2017, c.22, s.1)

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9 3. Section 5 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-5) is amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 5. a. There is hereby established, as part of the Workforce  
12 Development Partnership Program, the Office of Customized  
13 Training. Moneys allocated to the office from the fund shall be used  
14 to provide employment and training services to eligible applicants  
15 approved by the commissioner.

16 b. An applicant shall be eligible for customized training  
17 services if it is one of the following:

18 (1) An individual employer that seeks the customized training  
19 services to create, upgrade or retain jobs in a labor demand  
20 occupation;

21 (2) An individual employer that seeks customized training  
22 services to upgrade or retain jobs in an occupation which is not a  
23 labor demand occupation, if the commissioner determines that the  
24 services are necessary to prevent the likely loss of the jobs or that  
25 the services are being provided to employees at a facility which is  
26 being relocated from another state into New Jersey;

27 (3) An employer organization, labor organization or community-  
28 based or faith-based organization seeking the customized training  
29 services to provide training in labor demand occupations in a  
30 particular industry;

31 (4) A consortium made up of one or more educational  
32 institutions and one or more eligible individual employers or labor,  
33 employer or community-based or faith-based organizations that  
34 seeks the customized training services to provide training in labor  
35 demand occupations in a particular industry;

36 (5) An individual employer who provides equipment, supplies,  
37 or services to military bases and installations pursuant to a  
38 procurement or military contract with the United States Department  
39 of Defense, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or  
40 any branch of the United States Armed Forces;

41 (6) An individual employer who is engaged in one or more of  
42 the following fields or industries: science, technology, engineering,  
43 mathematics, or advanced manufacturing within these fields or  
44 industries; or

45 (7) An individual employer who intends to train veterans. For  
46 the purposes of this subparagraph, a "veteran" is **【**a person**】** any  
47 resident of the State now or hereafter who has served in **【**the Army,

1 Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard] any branch of the Armed  
2 Forces of the United States or a Reserve component thereof or the  
3 National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1  
4 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), and has been [honorably]  
5 discharged honorably or [released] under general honorable  
6 conditions [other than dishonorable] from that service.

7 c. Each applicant seeking funding for customized training  
8 services shall submit an application to the commissioner in a form  
9 and manner prescribed in regulations adopted by the commissioner.  
10 The application shall be accompanied by a business plan of each  
11 employer which will receive customized training services if the  
12 application is approved. The business plan shall include:

13 (1) A justification of the need for the services and funding from  
14 the office, including information sufficient to demonstrate to the  
15 satisfaction of the commissioner that the applicant will provide  
16 significantly less of the services if the requested funding is not  
17 provided by the office;

18 (2) A comprehensive long-term human resource development  
19 plan which:

20 (a) Extends significantly beyond the period of time in which the  
21 services are funded by the office;

22 (b) Significantly enhances the productivity and competitiveness  
23 of the employer operations located in the State and the employment  
24 security of workers employed by the employer in the State; and

25 (c) States the number of current or newly-hired workers who  
26 will be trained under the grant and the pay levels of jobs which will  
27 be created or retained for those workers as a result of the funding  
28 and the plan.

29 (3) Evidence, if the training sought is for an occupation which is  
30 not a labor demand occupation, that the customized training  
31 services are needed to prevent job loss caused by obsolete skills,  
32 technological change or national or global competition or that the  
33 services are being provided to employees at a facility which is  
34 being relocated from another state into New Jersey;

35 (4) Information demonstrating that most of the individuals  
36 receiving the services will be trained primarily for work in the  
37 direct production of goods or services;

38 (5) A commitment to provide the information needed by the  
39 commissioner to evaluate the success of the funding and the plan in  
40 creating and retaining jobs, to assure compliance with the  
41 provisions of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-1 et seq.); and

42 (6) Any other information or commitments which the  
43 commissioner deems appropriate to assure compliance with the  
44 provisions of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-1 et seq.).

45 The commissioner may provide whatever assistance he deems  
46 appropriate in the preparation of the application and business plan,  
47 which may include labor market information, projections of



1 occupational demand and information and advice on alternative  
2 training and instruction strategies.

3 d. Each employer that receives a grant for customized training  
4 services shall contribute a minimum of **【50%】** 50 percent of the  
5 total cost of the customized training services, except that the  
6 commissioner shall set a higher or lower minimum contribution by  
7 an employer, if warranted by the size and economic resources of the  
8 employer or other factors deemed appropriate by the commissioner,  
9 and except that, for individuals hired by the employer through a  
10 One Stop Career Center who receive classroom training under the  
11 grant and were recipients of benefits under the Work First New  
12 Jersey program at any time during the 12 months preceding the date  
13 of employment, the employer shall be eligible for reimbursement of  
14 up to **【50%】** 50 percent of wages paid to the individual during the  
15 classroom training in addition to reimbursement for tuition and  
16 other direct costs of the training as determined to be appropriate by  
17 the office, and provided, further, that no individual shall be hired or  
18 placed in a manner which results in a violation of the restrictions of  
19 subsection f. of section 4 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-4) against  
20 displacing current employees.

21 e. Each employer receiving a grant for customized training  
22 services shall hire or retain in permanent employment each worker  
23 who successfully completes the training and instruction provided  
24 under the customized training. The employer shall be entitled to  
25 select the qualified employed, disadvantaged or displaced workers  
26 who will participate in the customized training, except that if any  
27 collective bargaining unit represents a qualified employed worker,  
28 the selection shall be conducted in a manner acceptable to both the  
29 employer and the collective bargaining unit. The commissioner  
30 shall provide for the withholding, for a time period he deems  
31 appropriate, of whatever portion he deems appropriate of program  
32 funding as a final payment for customized training services,  
33 contingent upon the hiring and retention of a program completer as  
34 required pursuant to this section. If an employer receiving a grant  
35 for customized training services pursuant to this section relocates or  
36 outsources any or all of the jobs out of the State for which the  
37 customized training services were provided under the grant within  
38 three years following the end date of the customized contract, the  
39 employer shall, if all of the jobs are relocated or outsourced, return  
40 all of the moneys provided to the employer by the State for  
41 customized training services, or, if only a portion of the jobs are  
42 relocated or outsourced, return a part of the moneys, deemed by the  
43 commissioner to be appropriate and proportional to the portion of  
44 the jobs relocated or outsourced, and the returned amount shall be  
45 deposited into the Workforce Development Partnership Fund.

46 f. The customized training services provided to an approved  
47 applicant may include any combination of employment and training  
48 services or any single employment and training service approved by

1 the commissioner, including remedial instruction provided to  
2 upgrade workplace literacy. Each service may be provided by a  
3 separate approved service provider. No training or employment  
4 service shall be funded through a customized training grant, unless  
5 the service is provided directly by an employer or is provided by an  
6 approved service provider. An employer who directly provides  
7 training and employment services to his own employees shall not be  
8 regarded as a service provider and shall not be subject to any  
9 requirement to obtain approval by the State as a service provider,  
10 including the requirements of section 13 of P.L.2005, c.354  
11 (C.34:15C-10.1) to be approved as a qualifying school or the  
12 requirements of section 14 of P.L.2005, c.354 (C.34:15C-10.2) to  
13 be included on the State Eligible Training Provider List.

14 g. Customized training services shall include any remedial  
15 instruction determined necessary pursuant to section 7 of this act.  
16 Applications for customized training services shall include  
17 estimates of the total need for remedial instruction determined in a  
18 manner deemed appropriate by the commissioner.

19 h. Any business seeking customized training services shall, in  
20 the manner prescribed by the commissioner, participate in the  
21 development of a plan to provide the services. Any business  
22 seeking customized training services for workers represented by a  
23 collective bargaining unit shall notify the collective bargaining unit  
24 and permit it to participate in developing the plan. No customized  
25 training services shall be provided to a business employing workers  
26 represented by a collective bargaining unit without the written  
27 consent of both the business and the collective bargaining unit.

28 i. Any business receiving customized training services shall be  
29 responsible for providing workers' compensation coverage for any  
30 worker participating in the customized training.

31 j. The commissioner shall establish an annual goal that **[15%]**  
32 15 percent or more of the jobs to be created or retained in  
33 connection with training supported by grants from the office shall  
34 be jobs provided to individuals who were recipients of benefits  
35 under the Work First New Jersey program at any time during the 12  
36 months prior to being placed in the jobs. The means to attain the  
37 goal shall include coordinated efforts between the office and One  
38 Stop Career Centers to prepare recipients for employment and make  
39 them available to employers, but shall not include any policy which  
40 may penalize employers or discourage employers from using  
41 customized training service provided by the office.

42 (cf. P.L.2017, c.22, s.2)

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44 4. Section 1 of P.L.2013, c.165 (C.39:3-10f6) is amended to  
45 read as follows:

46 1. a. (1) In addition to the requirements for the form and  
47 content of a motor vehicle driver's license under R.S.39:3-10 and a  
48 probationary license issued under section 4 of P.L.1950, c.127

1 (C.39:3-13.4), the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor  
2 Vehicle Commission shall, upon submission of satisfactory proof,  
3 designate on an initial license, renewal license, or probationary  
4 license, as appropriate, that the license holder is a veteran of the  
5 Armed Forces of the United States of America. The designation of  
6 veteran status on an initial license, renewal license, or probationary  
7 license shall not be deemed sufficient valid proof of veteran status  
8 for official governmental purposes when any other statute, or any  
9 regulation or other directive of a governmental entity, requires  
10 documentation of veteran status.

11 (2) In addition to the requirements for the form and content of a  
12 motor vehicle driver's license under R.S.39:3-10 and a probationary  
13 license issued under section 4 of P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.4), the  
14 Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission  
15 shall, upon submission of satisfactory proof, designate on an initial  
16 license, renewal license, or probationary license, as appropriate,  
17 that the license holder is a Gold Star Family member. The  
18 commission shall provide to the Department of Military and  
19 Veterans' Affairs personal identifying information of any person  
20 issued a driver's license with a Gold Star Family designation  
21 pursuant to this section.

22 b. For the purpose of this section:

23 "Gold Star Family member" means a spouse, domestic partner,  
24 partner in a civil union, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian,  
25 or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by  
26 adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or  
27 National Guard, who lost his or her life while on active duty for the  
28 United States.

29 "Veteran" means **【**a person who has been honorably discharged  
30 from the active military service of the United States**】** any resident  
31 of the State now or hereafter who has been discharged honorably or  
32 under general honorable conditions in any branch of the Armed  
33 Forces of the United States, or a Reserve component thereof, or the  
34 National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1  
35 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1).

36 "Satisfactory proof" means, in the case of a veteran, **【**a copy of  
37 form**】** the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued  
38 by the federal government, NGB-22 or other approved separation  
39 forms as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces, or federal  
40 activation orders showing service under Title 10, section 672 or  
41 section 12301, of the United States Code, or a county-issued  
42 veteran identification card **【**only if issuance of the card requires a  
43 copy of form DD-214 discharge papers or approved separation  
44 forms as outlined by all branches of the military and duly recorded  
45 by the county clerk's office.**】** pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (40A:9-  
46 78.1 et seq.), or a veteran identification card as issued by the United  
47 States Department of Veterans Affairs under the "Veterans

1 Identification Card Act of 2015,” (38 U.S.C. 5706.) In the case of a  
2 Gold Star Family member, satisfactory proof includes any or all of  
3 the following:

4 (1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of  
5 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed  
6 for the support of family members of members of the Armed Forces  
7 of the United States or National Guard, who lost their lives while on  
8 active duty for the United States, that the applicant is either the  
9 spouse, domestic partner, partner in a civil union, parent, brother,  
10 sister, child, legal guardian, or other legal custodian, whether of the  
11 whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed  
12 forces or National Guard who died while on active duty for the  
13 United States; or

14 (2) (a) documentation deemed acceptable by the Adjutant  
15 General, including, but not limited to, a federal DD Form 1300,  
16 Report of Casualty, or a federal DD Form 2064, Certificate of  
17 Death Overseas, which identifies the member of the Armed Forces  
18 of the United States or National Guard who died while on active  
19 duty for the United States; and

20 (b) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the  
21 service member.

22 (cf. P.L.2017, c.175, s.5)

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24 5. Section 1 of P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148) is amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 1. a. Upon proper application, the Chief Administrator of the  
27 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue Military Veteran  
28 motorcycle license plates for any motorcycle owned or leased and  
29 registered in this State. In addition to the registration number and  
30 other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, the  
31 license plate shall display the words, "U.S. Vet" along with an  
32 image or other pictorial representation of the flag of the United  
33 States of America. The chief administrator, in consultation with the  
34 Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans'  
35 Affairs, shall select the design of the Military Veteran motorcycle  
36 license plates. The Military Veteran motorcycle license plates shall  
37 be subject to the provisions of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised  
38 Statutes, except as hereinafter otherwise specifically provided.

39 b. Application for issuance of a Military Veteran motorcycle  
40 license plate shall be made to the chief administrator on forms and  
41 in a manner prescribed by the chief administrator. The application  
42 shall include proof satisfactory to the chief administrator that the  
43 applicant **【is a military veteran and】** has been **【honorably】**  
44 discharged honorably or under general honorable conditions in any  
45 branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, or a Reserve  
46 component thereof, or the National Guard of this State or another  
47 state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), as  
48 certified on the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as

1 issued by the federal government, NGB-22 or other approved  
2 separation forms as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces, a  
3 county-issued veteran identification card pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30  
4 (40A:9-78.1 et seq.), or a veteran identification card as issued by  
5 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs under the  
6 “Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015,” (38 U.S.C. 5706;) or on  
7 a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. In order to  
8 be deemed complete, an application shall be accompanied by a fee  
9 of \$50, payable to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission,  
10 which shall be in addition to the fee otherwise prescribed by law for  
11 the registration of a motorcycle. The chief administrator shall  
12 collect annually, subsequent to the year of issuance of the Military  
13 Veteran motorcycle license plate, a \$10 fee for the license plate in  
14 addition to the fee otherwise prescribed by law for the registration  
15 of a motorcycle. The additional fees required by this subsection  
16 shall be deposited in the "Military Veteran Motorcycle License  
17 Plate Fund" created pursuant to subsection c. of this section.

18 The surviving spouse of a deceased veteran, who is eligible to  
19 operate a motorcycle in this State under the provisions of R.S.39:3-  
20 10, may retain the Military Veteran motorcycle license plates  
21 obtained by the deceased spouse pursuant to this section for display  
22 on a motorcycle owned or leased by the surviving spouse.

23 c. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special  
24 non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Military Veteran Motorcycle  
25 License Plate Fund." There shall be deposited in the fund the  
26 amount collected from all license plate fees collected pursuant to  
27 subsection b. of this section, less the amounts necessary to  
28 reimburse the commission for administrative costs pursuant to  
29 subsection d. of this section. Monies deposited in the fund shall be  
30 appropriated annually to the Department of Military and Veterans'  
31 Affairs and shall be used to support programs benefiting military  
32 veterans. Monies deposited in the fund shall be held in interest-  
33 bearing accounts in a public depository as defined pursuant to  
34 section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may be invested or  
35 reinvested in securities approved by the State Treasurer. Interest or  
36 other income earned on monies deposited into the fund, and any  
37 monies which may be appropriated or otherwise become available  
38 for the purposes of the fund, shall be credited to and deposited in  
39 the fund for use as set forth in P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148 et  
40 seq.).

41 d. Prior to the deposit of the additional fees collected pursuant  
42 to subsection b. of this section into the "Military Veteran  
43 Motorcycle License Plate Fund," amounts thereof as are necessary  
44 shall be used to reimburse the commission for all costs reasonably  
45 and actually incurred, as stipulated by the chief administrator, for:

46 (1) designing, producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the  
47 availability of the Military Veteran motorcycle license plates; and

1 (2) any computer programming changes that may be initially  
2 necessary to implement the Military Veteran motorcycle license  
3 plate program in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

4 The chief administrator shall annually certify to the State  
5 Treasurer the average cost per license plate incurred in the  
6 immediately preceding year by the commission in producing,  
7 issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the Military  
8 Veteran motorcycle license plates. The annual certification of the  
9 average cost per license plate shall be approved by the Joint Budget  
10 Oversight Committee, or its successor.

11 In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified by  
12 the chief administrator and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight  
13 Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee  
14 established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal  
15 years, the chief administrator may discontinue the issuance of  
16 Military Veteran motorcycle license plates.

17 e. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the  
18 opportunity to obtain Military Veteran motorcycle license plates by  
19 publicizing the availability of the license plates on the commission's  
20 website. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, and any  
21 other individual or entity designated by the department, may  
22 publicize the availability of the Military Veteran motorcycle license  
23 plates in any manner that the department deems appropriate.

24 f. The chief administrator and adjutant general shall develop  
25 and enter into an inter-departmental memorandum of agreement  
26 setting forth the procedures to be followed in carrying out their  
27 respective responsibilities under P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148 et  
28 seq.).

29 g. The adjutant general shall appoint a representative who shall  
30 act as a liaison between the Department of Military and Veterans'  
31 Affairs and the commission. The liaison shall represent the  
32 department in any and all communications with the commission  
33 regarding the Military Veteran motorcycle license plates established  
34 by P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148 et seq.).

35 (cf. P.L.2017, c.193, s.1)

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37 6. Section 2 of P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.3) is amended to read  
38 as follows:

39 2. a. (1) The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall  
40 issue an identification card to any resident of the State who is 14  
41 years of age or older and who is not the holder of a valid permit or  
42 basic driver's license. The identification card shall attest to the true  
43 name, correct age, and veteran status, upon submission of  
44 satisfactory proof, by any veteran, and shall contain other  
45 identifying data as certified by the applicant for such identification  
46 card. Every application for an identification card shall be signed  
47 and verified by the applicant and shall be accompanied by the  
48 written consent of at least one parent or the person's legal guardian

1 if the person is under 17 years of age and shall be supported by such  
2 documentary evidence of the age, identity, and veteran status, or  
3 blindness, or disability of such person as the chief administrator  
4 may require. In addition to requiring an applicant for an  
5 identification card to submit satisfactory proof of identity, age, and,  
6 if appropriate, veteran status, the chief administrator also shall  
7 require the applicant to provide, as a condition for obtaining the  
8 card, satisfactory proof that the applicant's presence in the United  
9 States is authorized under federal law. If the chief administrator  
10 has reasonable cause to suspect that any document presented by an  
11 applicant as proof of identity, age, veteran status, or legal residency  
12 is altered, false or otherwise invalid, the chief administrator shall  
13 refuse to grant the identification card until such time as the  
14 document may be verified by the issuing agency to the chief  
15 administrator's satisfaction.

16 (2) In addition to the requirements for the form and content of  
17 an identification card pursuant to this section, the Chief  
18 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall,  
19 upon submission of satisfactory proof, designate on an  
20 identification card that the card holder is a Gold Star Family  
21 member. The commission shall provide to the Department of  
22 Military and Veterans' Affairs personal identifying information for  
23 any person issued an identification card with a Gold Star Family  
24 designation pursuant to this section.

25 b. The designation of veteran status on an identification card  
26 shall not be deemed sufficient valid proof of veteran status for  
27 official governmental purposes when any other statute, or any  
28 regulation or other directive of a governmental entity, requires  
29 documentation of veteran status.

30 c. For the purpose of this section:

31 "Gold Star Family member" means a spouse, domestic partner,  
32 partner in a civil union, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian,  
33 or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by  
34 adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or  
35 National Guard, who lost his or her life while on active duty for the  
36 United States.

37 "Veteran" means **【**a person who has been honorably discharged  
38 from the active military service of the United States**】** any resident  
39 of the State now or hereafter who has been discharged honorably or  
40 under general honorable conditions in any branch of the Armed  
41 Forces of the United States, or a Reserve component thereof, or the  
42 National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1  
43 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1); and

44 "Satisfactory proof" means, in the case of a veteran, **【**a copy of  
45 form**】** the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued  
46 by the federal government, or NGB-22 or other approved separation  
47 forms as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces, or federal  
48 activation orders showing service under Title 10, section 672 or

1 section 12301, of the United States Code, or a county-issued  
2 veteran identification card [only if issuance of the card requires a  
3 copy of form DD-214 discharge papers or approved separation  
4 forms as outlined by all branches of the military and duly recorded  
5 by the county clerk's office] pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-  
6 78.1 et seq.), or a veteran identification card as issued by the United  
7 States Department of Veterans Affairs under the “Veterans  
8 Identification Card Act of 2015,” (38 U.S.C. 5706). In the case of a  
9 Gold Star Family member, satisfactory proof includes any or all of  
10 the following:

11 (1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of  
12 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed  
13 for the support of family members of members of the Armed Forces  
14 of the United States or National Guard, who lost their lives while on  
15 active duty for the United States, that the applicant is either the  
16 spouse, domestic partner, partner in a civil union, parent, brother,  
17 sister, child, legal guardian, or other legal custodian, whether of the  
18 whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed  
19 forces or National Guard who died while on active duty for the  
20 United States; or

21 (2) (a) documentation deemed acceptable by the Adjutant  
22 General, including, but not limited to, a federal DD Form 1300,  
23 Report of Casualty, or a federal DD Form 2064, Certificate of  
24 Death Overseas, which identifies the member of the Armed Forces  
25 of the United States or National Guard who died while on active  
26 duty for the United States; and

27 (b) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the  
28 service member.

29 (cf. P.L.2017, c.175, s.7)

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31 7. Section 1 of P.L.1955, c.49 (C.40:61-22.20) is amended to  
32 read as follows:

33 1. a. The governing body of any municipality bordering on the  
34 Atlantic Ocean, tidal water bays or rivers which owns or shall  
35 acquire, by any deed of dedication or otherwise, lands bordering on  
36 the ocean, tidal water bays or rivers, or easement rights therein, for  
37 a place of resort for public health and recreation and for other  
38 public purposes shall have the exclusive control, government and  
39 care thereof and of any boardwalk, bathing and recreational  
40 facilities, safeguards and equipment, now or hereafter constructed  
41 or provided thereon, and may, by ordinance, make and enforce rules  
42 and regulations for the government and policing of such lands,  
43 boardwalk, bathing facilities, safeguards and equipment; provided,  
44 that such power of control, government, care and policing shall not  
45 be construed in any manner to exclude or interfere with the  
46 operation of any State law or authority with respect to such lands,  
47 property and facilities. Any such municipality may, in order to  
48 provide funds to improve, maintain and police the same and to



1 protect the same from erosion, encroachment and damage by sea or  
2 otherwise, and to provide facilities and safeguards for public  
3 bathing and recreation, including the employment of lifeguards, by  
4 ordinance, make and enforce rules and regulations for the  
5 government, use, maintenance and policing thereof and provide for  
6 the charging and collecting of reasonable fees for the registration of  
7 persons using said lands and bathing facilities, for access to the  
8 beach and bathing and recreational grounds so provided and for the  
9 use of the bathing and recreational facilities, but no such fees shall  
10 be charged or collected from children under the age of 12 years.

11 b. A municipality may by ordinance provide that no fees, or  
12 reduced fees, shall be charged to:

13 (1) persons 65 or more years of age;

14 (2) persons who meet the disability criteria for disability  
15 benefits under Title II of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
16 s.401 et seq.);

17 (3) persons in active military service in any of the Armed Forces  
18 of the United States and to their spouse or dependent children over  
19 the age of 12 years;

20 (4) persons who are active members of the New Jersey National  
21 Guard who have completed Initial Active Duty Training and to their  
22 spouse or dependent children over the age of 12 years. As used in  
23 this paragraph, "Initial Active Duty Training" means Basic Military  
24 Training, for members of the New Jersey Air National Guard, and  
25 Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training, for  
26 members of the New Jersey Army National Guard;

27 (5) persons who have served in any of the Armed Forces of the  
28 United States and who were discharged or released therefrom under  
29 conditions other than dishonorable and who either have served at  
30 least 90 days in active duty or have been discharged or released  
31 from active duty by reason of a service-incurred injury or disability.  
32 The Adjutant General of the New Jersey Department of Military  
33 and Veterans' Affairs shall promulgate rules and regulations  
34 pertaining to veteran eligibility under this paragraph; and

35 (6) persons holding a driver's license or identification card with  
36 a Gold Star Family designation issued pursuant to section 1 of  
37 P.L.2013, c.165 (C.39:3-10f6) or section 2 of P.L.1980, c.47  
38 (C.39:3-29.3), respectively.

39 c. A municipality providing for no fees or reduced fees  
40 pursuant to paragraph (3), (4), (5), or (6) of subsection b. of this  
41 section shall track, in a manner deemed appropriate by the  
42 governing body of the municipality, the number of persons who  
43 qualify under the provisions of those paragraphs.

44 d. A person who qualifies for free access to beaches and  
45 bathing and recreational grounds and free use of bathing and  
46 recreational facilities pursuant to paragraph (3), (4), (5), or (6) of  
47 subsection b. of this section may, in lieu of obtaining and presenting  
48 a municipal beach tag or similar admission pass to gain such access

1 and use, present a **【valid military identification card, form】** DD-  
2 214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued by the federal government,  
3 NGB-22 or other approved separation forms as outlined by all  
4 branches of the Armed Forces, a county-issued veteran  
5 identification card pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (40A:9-78.1 et seq.),  
6 a veteran identification card as issued by the United States  
7 Department of Veterans Affairs under the “Veterans Identification  
8 Card Act of 2015,” (38 U.S.C. 5706,) or similar document, or State  
9 driver's license or identification card indicating that the holder is a  
10 veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States or a Gold Star  
11 Family member.

12 (cf. P.L.2017, c.175, s.8)

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14 8. Section 2 of P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.2) is amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 2. As used in this act, P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.1 et seq.),  
17 "veteran" means **【a person】** any resident of this State now or  
18 hereafter who has served in **【the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines**  
19 **or Coast Guard】** any branch of the Armed Forces of the United  
20 States or a Reserve component thereof or the National Guard of this  
21 State or another State as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109  
22 (C.38A:1-1), and has been **【honorably】** discharged honorably or  
23 **【released】** under general honorable conditions **【other than**  
24 **dishonorable】** from such service.

25 (cf. P.L.2017, c.292, s.1)

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27 9. Section 3 of P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.3) is amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 3. A county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as  
30 appropriate, may establish a veteran identification card program for  
31 the sole purpose of identifying the holder as a veteran when such  
32 identification is required to receive discounts or other courtesies  
33 extended to military veterans, or to prove status as a veteran or  
34 character of service to receive benefits afforded veterans under the  
35 laws of this State, if eligible.

36 (cf. P.L.2012, c.30, s.3)

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38 10. Section 4 of P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.4) is amended to  
39 read as follows:

40 4. a. When such a program has been authorized, the county  
41 clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, shall issue  
42 an identification card to any veteran who is a resident of the county  
43 **【and who does not hold an identification card issued by the federal**  
44 **government that identifies the person as a veteran】**. The veteran  
45 identification card shall bear the true name, branch of the military  
46 in which the veteran served, date of card issuance, **【separation form**  
47 **submitted,】** and other identifying information as certified by the

1 applicant for such veteran identification card. Every application for  
2 a veteran identification card shall be signed and certified by the  
3 applicant and shall be supported by such documentary evidence as  
4 the county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate,  
5 may require.

6 b. ~~【The】~~ Any of the following shall constitute documentary  
7 evidence required by subsection a. of this section ~~【shall include】~~ ;  
8 the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued by the  
9 federal government, an NGB-22 or other approved separation forms  
10 as outlined by all branches of the 【military】 Armed Forces, or  
11 veteran identification card as issued by the United States  
12 Department of Veteran Affairs under the “Veterans Identification  
13 Card Act of 2015,” (38 U.S.C. 5706,) and duly recorded by the  
14 office. The county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as  
15 appropriate, shall require a copy of the documentary evidence  
16 submitted to be kept on file with the application for the veteran  
17 identification card, and shall note the location of the original ~~【DD-~~  
18 ~~214 or other approved separation form on that application form】~~  
19 documentary evidence as pursuant to this subsection. The copy of  
20 the documentary evidence submitted and the application shall be  
21 kept confidential and shall not be considered a government record  
22 under P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), except that they may be  
23 released to another government agency. The Adjutant General of  
24 the Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs shall assist in the  
25 identification, and verification as needed, of approved separation  
26 forms as outlined by all branches of the military and submitted by  
27 applicants.

28 (cf. P.L.2017, c.292, s.2)

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30 11. Section 1 of P.L.1985, c.482 (C.40A:11-41) is amended to  
31 read as follows:

32 1. As used in this act:

33 a. "County or municipal contracting agency" shall mean the  
34 governing body of a county or municipality or any department,  
35 board, commission, committee, authority or agency of a county or  
36 municipality but shall not include school districts;

37 b. "Minority group members" shall mean persons who are  
38 black, Hispanic, Portuguese, Asian-American, American Indian or  
39 Alaskan natives;

40 c. "Qualified women's business enterprise" shall mean a  
41 business which has its principal place of business in this State, is  
42 independently owned and operated, is at least ~~【51%】~~ 51 percent  
43 owned and controlled by women and is qualified pursuant to section  
44 25 of P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-25);

45 d. "Qualified minority business enterprise" shall mean a  
46 business which has its principal place of business in this State, is  
47 independently owned and operated, is at least ~~【51%】~~ 51 percent

1 owned and controlled by minority group members and is qualified  
2 pursuant to section 25 of P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-25);

3 e. "Qualified small business enterprise" shall mean a business  
4 which has its principal place of business in this State, is  
5 independently owned and operated and meets all other  
6 qualifications as may be established in accordance with P.L.1981,  
7 c.283 (C.52:27H-21.1 et seq.);

8 f. "Set-aside contracts" shall mean (1) a contract for goods,  
9 equipment, construction, or services which is designated as a  
10 contract for which bids are invited and accepted only from qualified  
11 small business enterprises, qualified veteran business enterprises,  
12 qualified minority business enterprises or qualified women's  
13 business enterprises, as appropriate, (2) a portion of a contract when  
14 that portion has been so designated, or (3) any other purchase or  
15 procurement so designated;

16 g. "Total procurements" shall mean all purchases, contracts or  
17 acquisitions of a county or municipal contracting agency, whether  
18 by competitive bidding, single source contracting, or other method  
19 of procurement, as prescribed or permitted by law;

20 h. "Veteran" **【shall have the same meaning as set forth in**  
21 **subsection b. of N.J.S.11A:5-1,】** means any resident of this State  
22 now or hereafter who has served in any branch of the Armed Forces  
23 of the United States or a Reserve component thereof or the National  
24 Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1 of  
25 P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), and has been discharged honorably or  
26 under general honorable conditions from such service, except that  
27 the veteran shall present to the Adjutant General of the Department  
28 of Military and Veterans' Affairs sufficient evidence of a record of  
29 service, which shall include the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or  
30 DD-256 form as issued by the federal government; NGB-22 or  
31 other approved separation forms as outlined by all branches of the  
32 Armed Forces; a county-issued veteran identification card pursuant  
33 to P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.1 et seq.); or a veteran identification  
34 card as issued by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs  
35 under the "Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015," (38 U.S.C.  
36 5706;) and receive a determination of status no later than the date  
37 established for the submission of bids; and

38 i. "Qualified veteran business enterprise" shall mean a  
39 business which has its principal place of business in this State, is  
40 independently owned and operated, is at least **【51%】** 51 percent  
41 owned and controlled by a veteran or that wherein at least twenty  
42 five percent of the required workforce for the contract are veterans,  
43 including new hires if additional workers are required to perform  
44 the contract, and is qualified pursuant to section 25 of P.L.1971,  
45 c.198 (C.40A:11-25). The business shall also submit forms  
46 quarterly to the contracting agency showing proof of veteran status  
47 for all the veteran employees.

48 (cf. P.L.2013, c.5, s.1)

1       12. Section 2 of P.L.2017, c.258 (C.52:27D-517) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       2. As used in this act:

4       "Director" means the Director of the Division of Housing and  
5 Community Resources in the Department of Community Affairs.

6       "Disabled" means a person who fulfills the definition of having a  
7 "disability" pursuant to section 3 of the "Americans with  
8 Disabilities Act of 1990," 42 U.S.C. s.12102.

9       "Division" means the Division of Housing and Community  
10 Resources in the Department of Community Affairs.

11       "Eligible veteran" means a disabled or low-income veteran.

12       "Energy efficient features or equipment" means features or  
13 equipment within a primary residence that help to reduce the  
14 amount of electricity used to heat, cool, or ventilate the residence,  
15 including but not limited to insulation, weatherstripping, air sealing,  
16 repaired heating systems, or duct sealing.

17       "Family member" means a spouse, child, parent, sibling, aunt,  
18 uncle, niece, nephew, first cousin, grandparent, grandchild, father-  
19 in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepparent,  
20 stepchild, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, or half sister, whether  
21 the individual is related by blood, marriage, or adoption.

22       "Low-income veteran" means a veteran occupying a household  
23 with a gross household income equal to 50 percent or less of the  
24 median gross household income for households of the same size,  
25 and within the same housing region, as defined by subsection b. of  
26 section 4 of P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-304).

27       "Primary residence" means a dwelling unit that is owned by the  
28 eligible veteran or by a family member of the eligible veteran, and  
29 occupied by the eligible veteran as his or her principal residence.

30       "Qualified organization" means a nonprofit veterans'  
31 organization that qualifies as a section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) tax  
32 exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code.

33       "Veteran" means any resident of the State now or hereafter who  
34 has been **【honorably】** discharged honorably or **【released】** under  
35 general honorable **【circumstances from active service】** conditions  
36 in any branch of the **【armed forces】** Armed Forces of the United  
37 States, or a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of  
38 this State or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109  
39 (C.38A:1-1), or any honorably discharged member of the American  
40 Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is declared  
41 by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for  
42 federal veterans' benefits.

43 (cf. P.L.2017, c.258, s.2)

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45       13. Section 2 of P.L.2011, c. 147 (C.52:32-50) is amended to  
46 read as follows:

47       2. As used in this act:

1 "Authority" means the New Jersey Economic Development  
2 Authority.

3 "Contracting agency" means the State or any board, commission,  
4 authority or agency of the State.

5 "Department" means the New Jersey Department of the  
6 Treasury.

7 "Veteran" means any **[citizen and]** resident of this State now or  
8 hereafter **[honorably]** who has been discharged honorably or  
9 **[released]** under general honorable **[circumstances]** conditions  
10 who served in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States  
11 or a Reserve component thereof or the National Guard of this State  
12 or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109  
13 (C.38A:1-1), **[for at least 90 days]** and shall include disabled  
14 veterans.

15 "Veteran-owned business" means a business that has its principal  
16 place of business in the State, is independently owned and operated  
17 and at least **[51%]** 51 percent of the business is owned and  
18 controlled by persons who are veterans.

19 (cf. P.L.2011, c.147, s.2)

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21 14. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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26 This bill establishes a uniform standard for acceptable proof of  
27 veteran status for veteran identification cards and various State and  
28 local programs.

29 N.J.S.A.40A:9-78.2 establishes a county veterans ID card  
30 program for the sole purpose of identifying the holder as a veteran  
31 when such identification is required to receive discounts or other  
32 courtesies extended to military veterans. In 2015, the federal  
33 government enacted the "Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015,"  
34 which created an additional veterans' identification card. These  
35 two identification cards were created to allow veterans to prove  
36 their Armed Forces service without having to carry around their  
37 DD-214 form or other sensitive documents.

38 The creation of these additional veterans' identification cards has  
39 led to different standards of proof across State and local agencies  
40 and programs designed to benefit veterans. In addition, several  
41 State and local agencies do not accept certain forms of proof for  
42 reservists of the Armed Forces whose active duty was limited to  
43 reserve-connected active training or service, such as a DD-256  
44 form. This bill streamlines the disparate list of documents  
45 acceptable to various State and local agencies to demonstrate  
46 uniformed service for veterans.

1       This bill also re-defines the “character of service” benchmark  
2 that veterans must reach to qualify for various State and local  
3 programs. To qualify for benefits afforded veterans under the laws  
4 of this State, a veteran is required to be released from service under  
5 honorable or general honorable conditions. This removes the  
6 previous benchmark of being released under conditions other than  
7 dishonorable, which included “bad conduct” and “other than  
8 honorable conditions” releases.

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13       Establishes uniform standard for acceptable proof of veteran  
14 status for veteran’s ID cards and various State and local programs.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 5344

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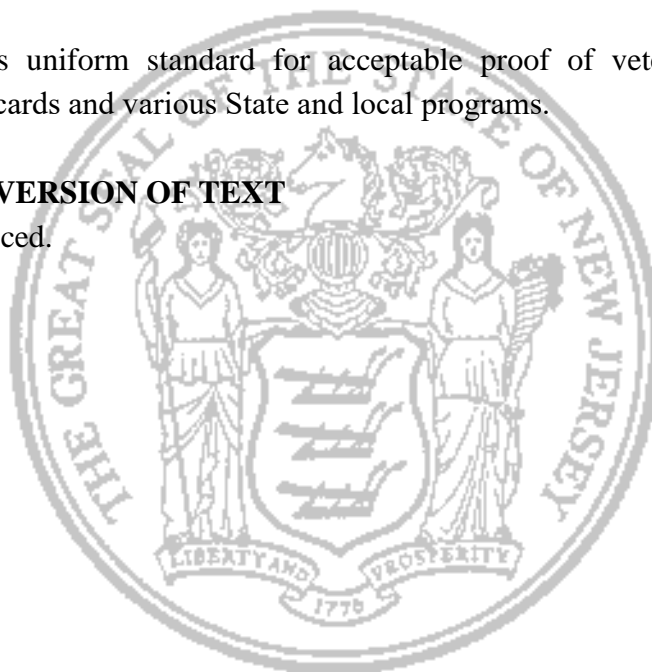
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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes uniform standard for acceptable proof of veteran status for veteran's ID cards and various State and local programs.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/14/2020)**



1 AN ACT concerning acceptable proof of veteran status for State and  
2 local programs and amending various parts of the statutory law.

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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. Section 1 of P.L.2007, c.275 (C.13:1L-12.1) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 1. a. (1) The department shall not charge an admission fee for  
10 entrance into a State park or forest by any veteran during an event  
11 held by a veterans' organization. In addition, the department shall  
12 not charge a facilities fee of any kind to any veterans' organization  
13 using a State park or forest for an event.

14 (2) The department shall not charge an admission fee or  
15 facilities fee of any kind for entrance into a State park or forest by a  
16 person holding a driver's license or identification card with a Gold  
17 Star Family designation issued pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2013,  
18 c.165 (C.39:3-10f6) or section 2 of P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.3),  
19 respectively.

20 b. As used in this section:

21 "Veteran" means any resident of the State now or hereafter who  
22 has been **[honorably]** discharged honorably or **[released]** under  
23 general honorable **[circumstances from active service]** conditions  
24 in any branch of the **[armed forces]** Armed Forces of the United  
25 States, or a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of  
26 this State or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109  
27 (C.38A:1-1), or any honorably discharged member of the American  
28 Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is declared  
29 by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for  
30 federal veterans' benefits; and

31 "Veterans' organization" means the American Legion, Veterans  
32 of Foreign Wars, or other veterans' organizations chartered under  
33 federal law, or any service foundation of such an organization  
34 recognized in its bylaws.

35 (cf. P.L.2017, c.173, s.3)

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37 2. Section 4 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-4) is amended to read  
38 as follows:

39 4. a. The Workforce Development Partnership Program is  
40 hereby established in the Department of Labor and Workforce  
41 Development and shall be administered by the Commissioner of  
42 Labor and Workforce Development. The purpose of the program is  
43 to provide qualified displaced, disadvantaged and employed  
44 workers with the employment and training services most likely to  
45 enable the individual to obtain employment providing self-

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

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 sufficiency for the individual and also to provide the greatest  
2 opportunity for long-range career advancement with high levels of  
3 productivity and earning power. To implement that purpose, the  
4 program shall provide those services by means of training grants or  
5 customized training services in coordination with funding for the  
6 services from federal or other sources. The commissioner is  
7 authorized to expend moneys from the Workforce Development  
8 Partnership Fund to provide the training grants or customized  
9 training services and provide for each of the following:

10 (1) The cost of counseling required pursuant to section 7 of  
11 P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-7), to the extent that adequate funding for  
12 counseling is not available from federal or other sources;

13 (2) Reasonable administrative costs, which shall not exceed  
14 **【10%】** 10 percent of the revenues collected pursuant to section 2 of  
15 P.L.1992, c.44 (C.34:15D-13) during any fiscal year ending before  
16 July 1, 2001, except for additional start-up administrative costs  
17 approved by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget  
18 during the first year of the program's operation;

19 (3) Reasonable costs, which shall not exceed **【0.5%】** 0.5  
20 percent of the revenues collected pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1992,  
21 c.44 (C.34:15D-13) during any fiscal year ending before July 1,  
22 2001, as required by the State Employment and Training  
23 Commission to design criteria and conduct an annual evaluation of  
24 the program; and

25 (4) The cost of reimbursement to individuals for excess  
26 contributions pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1992, c.44 (C.34:15D-  
27 17).

28 b. Not more than **【10%】** 10 percent of the moneys received by  
29 any service provider pursuant to this act shall be expended on  
30 anything other than direct costs to the provider of providing the  
31 employment and training services, which direct costs shall not  
32 include any administrative or overhead expense of the provider.

33 c. Training and employment services or other workforce  
34 investment services shall be provided to a worker who receives  
35 counseling pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-7)  
36 only if the counselor who evaluates the worker pursuant to that  
37 section determines that the worker can reasonably be expected to  
38 successfully complete the training and instruction identified in the  
39 Employability Development Plan developed pursuant to that section  
40 for the worker.

41 d. All occupational training provided under this act:

42 (1) Shall be training which is likely to substantially enhance the  
43 individual's marketable skills and earning power; and

44 (2) Shall be training for a labor demand occupation, except for:

45 (a) Customized training provided to the present employees of a  
46 business which the commissioner deems to be in need of the  
47 training to prevent job loss caused by obsolete skills, technological  
48 change or national or global competition; or

1 (b) Customized training provided to employees at a facility  
2 which is being relocated from another state into New Jersey; or

3 (c) Entrepreneurial training and technical assistance supported  
4 by training grants provided pursuant to subsection b. of section 6 of  
5 P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-6).

6 e. During any fiscal year ending before July 1, 2001, not less  
7 than ~~【25%】~~ 25 percent of the total revenues dedicated to the  
8 program during any one fiscal year shall be reserved to provide  
9 employment and training services for qualified displaced workers;  
10 not less than six percent of the total revenues dedicated to the  
11 program during any one fiscal year shall be reserved to provide  
12 employment and training services for qualified disadvantaged  
13 workers; not less than ~~【45%】~~ 45 percent of the total revenues  
14 dedicated to the program during any one fiscal year shall be  
15 reserved for and appropriated to the Office of Customized Training;  
16 not less than ~~【3%】~~ three percent of the total revenues dedicated to  
17 the program during any one fiscal year shall be reserved for  
18 occupational safety and health training; and ~~【5%】~~ five percent of  
19 the total revenues dedicated to the program during any one fiscal  
20 year shall be reserved for and appropriated to the Youth Transitions  
21 to Work Partnership created pursuant to P.L.1993, c.268 (C.34:15E-  
22 1 et seq.).

23 f. Funds available under the program shall not be used for  
24 activities which induce, encourage or assist: any displacement of  
25 currently employed workers by trainees, including partial  
26 displacement by means such as reduced hours of currently  
27 employed workers; any replacement of laid off workers by trainees;  
28 or any relocation of operations resulting in a loss of employment at  
29 a previous workplace located in the State.

30 g. On-the-job training shall not be funded by the program for  
31 any employment found by the commissioner to be of a level of skill  
32 and complexity too low to merit training. The duration of on-the-  
33 job training funded by the program for any worker shall not exceed  
34 the duration indicated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics'  
35 Occupational Information Network, or "O\*NET," for the  
36 occupation for which the training is provided and shall in no case  
37 exceed 26 weeks. The department shall set the duration of on-the-  
38 job training for a worker for less than the indicated maximum, when  
39 training for the maximum duration is not warranted because of the  
40 level of the individual's previous training, education or work  
41 experience. On-the-job training shall not be funded by the program  
42 unless it is accompanied, concurrently or otherwise, by whatever  
43 amount of classroom-based or equivalent occupational training,  
44 remedial instruction or both, is deemed appropriate for the worker  
45 by the commissioner. On-the-job training shall not be funded by  
46 the program unless the trainee is provided benefits, pay and  
47 working conditions at a level and extent not less than the benefits  
48 and working conditions of other trainees or employees of the

1 trainee's employer with comparable skills, responsibilities,  
2 experience and seniority.

3 h. Employment and training services funded by the program  
4 shall not replace, supplant, compete with or duplicate in any way  
5 approved apprenticeship programs.

6 i. No activities funded by the program shall impair existing  
7 contracts for services or collective bargaining agreements, except  
8 that activities which would be inconsistent with the terms of a  
9 collective bargaining agreement may be undertaken with the written  
10 concurrence of the collective bargaining unit and employer who are  
11 parties to the agreement.

12 j. All staff who are hired and supported by moneys from the  
13 Workforce Development Partnership Fund, including any of those  
14 staff located at any One Stop Career Center, but not including any  
15 staff of a service provider providing employment and training  
16 services supported by a customized training grant pursuant to  
17 section 5 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-5) or an individual training  
18 grant pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-6), shall be  
19 hired and employed by the State pursuant to Title 11A, Civil  
20 Service, of the New Jersey Statutes, be hired and employed by a  
21 political subdivision of the State, or be qualified staff hired and  
22 employed by a non-profit organization which began functioning as  
23 the One Stop Career Center operator with the written consent of the  
24 chief elected official and the commissioner prior to the effective  
25 date of P.L.2004, c.39 (C.34:1A-1.2 et al.), or be qualified staff  
26 hired and employed by an approved community-based or faith-  
27 based organization to provide services at the level of staffing  
28 provided in an agreement entered into by the organization before  
29 the effective date of P.L.2004, c.39 (C.34:1A-1.2 et al.).

30 k. Employers in the State who apply for grants for training and  
31 employment services or other workforce investment services for  
32 their employees in the State shall be evaluated by the commissioner  
33 and preference shall be given to those employers who:

34 (1) provide equipment, supplies, or services to military bases  
35 and installations pursuant to a procurement or military contract with  
36 the United States Department of Defense, the United States  
37 Department of Veterans Affairs, or any branch of the United States  
38 Armed Forces;

39 (2) are engaged in one or more of the following fields or  
40 industries: science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or  
41 advanced manufacturing within these fields or industries; or

42 (3) intend to train veterans.

43 Pursuant to this paragraph, "veteran" means **【a person】** any  
44 resident of the State now or hereafter who has served in **【the Army,**  
45 **Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard】** any branch of the Armed  
46 Forces of the United States or a Reserve component thereof or the  
47 National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1  
48 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), and has been **【honorably】**

1 discharged honorably or **【released】** under general honorable  
2 conditions **【other than dishonorable】** from that service.  
3 (cf. P.L.2017, c.22, s.1)

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5 3. Section 5 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-5) is amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 5. a. There is hereby established, as part of the Workforce  
8 Development Partnership Program, the Office of Customized  
9 Training. Moneys allocated to the office from the fund shall be used  
10 to provide employment and training services to eligible applicants  
11 approved by the commissioner.

12 b. An applicant shall be eligible for customized training  
13 services if it is one of the following:

14 (1) An individual employer that seeks the customized training  
15 services to create, upgrade or retain jobs in a labor demand  
16 occupation;

17 (2) An individual employer that seeks customized training  
18 services to upgrade or retain jobs in an occupation which is not a  
19 labor demand occupation, if the commissioner determines that the  
20 services are necessary to prevent the likely loss of the jobs or that  
21 the services are being provided to employees at a facility which is  
22 being relocated from another state into New Jersey;

23 (3) An employer organization, labor organization or community-  
24 based or faith-based organization seeking the customized training  
25 services to provide training in labor demand occupations in a  
26 particular industry;

27 (4) A consortium made up of one or more educational  
28 institutions and one or more eligible individual employers or labor,  
29 employer or community-based or faith-based organizations that  
30 seeks the customized training services to provide training in labor  
31 demand occupations in a particular industry;

32 (5) An individual employer who provides equipment, supplies,  
33 or services to military bases and installations pursuant to a  
34 procurement or military contract with the United States Department  
35 of Defense, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or  
36 any branch of the United States Armed Forces;

37 (6) An individual employer who is engaged in one or more of  
38 the following fields or industries: science, technology, engineering,  
39 mathematics, or advanced manufacturing within these fields or  
40 industries; or

41 (7) An individual employer who intends to train veterans. For  
42 the purposes of this subparagraph, a "veteran" is **【a person】** any  
43 resident of the State now or hereafter who has served in **【the Army,**  
44 **Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard】** any branch of the Armed  
45 Forces of the United States or a Reserve component thereof or the  
46 National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1  
47 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), and has been **【honorably】**

1 discharged honorably or **[released]** under general honorable  
2 conditions **[other than dishonorable]** from that service.

3 c. Each applicant seeking funding for customized training  
4 services shall submit an application to the commissioner in a form  
5 and manner prescribed in regulations adopted by the commissioner.  
6 The application shall be accompanied by a business plan of each  
7 employer which will receive customized training services if the  
8 application is approved. The business plan shall include:

9 (1) A justification of the need for the services and funding from  
10 the office, including information sufficient to demonstrate to the  
11 satisfaction of the commissioner that the applicant will provide  
12 significantly less of the services if the requested funding is not  
13 provided by the office;

14 (2) A comprehensive long-term human resource development  
15 plan which:

16 (a) Extends significantly beyond the period of time in which the  
17 services are funded by the office;

18 (b) Significantly enhances the productivity and competitiveness  
19 of the employer operations located in the State and the employment  
20 security of workers employed by the employer in the State; and

21 (c) States the number of current or newly-hired workers who  
22 will be trained under the grant and the pay levels of jobs which will  
23 be created or retained for those workers as a result of the funding  
24 and the plan.

25 (3) Evidence, if the training sought is for an occupation which is  
26 not a labor demand occupation, that the customized training  
27 services are needed to prevent job loss caused by obsolete skills,  
28 technological change or national or global competition or that the  
29 services are being provided to employees at a facility which is  
30 being relocated from another state into New Jersey;

31 (4) Information demonstrating that most of the individuals  
32 receiving the services will be trained primarily for work in the  
33 direct production of goods or services;

34 (5) A commitment to provide the information needed by the  
35 commissioner to evaluate the success of the funding and the plan in  
36 creating and retaining jobs, to assure compliance with the  
37 provisions of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-1 et seq.); and

38 (6) Any other information or commitments which the  
39 commissioner deems appropriate to assure compliance with the  
40 provisions of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-1 et seq.).

41 The commissioner may provide whatever assistance he deems  
42 appropriate in the preparation of the application and business plan,  
43 which may include labor market information, projections of  
44 occupational demand and information and advice on alternative  
45 training and instruction strategies.

46 d. Each employer that receives a grant for customized training  
47 services shall contribute a minimum of **[50%]** 50 percent of the  
48 total cost of the customized training services, except that the

1 commissioner shall set a higher or lower minimum contribution by  
2 an employer, if warranted by the size and economic resources of the  
3 employer or other factors deemed appropriate by the commissioner,  
4 and except that, for individuals hired by the employer through a  
5 One Stop Career Center who receive classroom training under the  
6 grant and were recipients of benefits under the Work First New  
7 Jersey program at any time during the 12 months preceding the date  
8 of employment, the employer shall be eligible for reimbursement of  
9 up to **50%** 50 percent of wages paid to the individual during the  
10 classroom training in addition to reimbursement for tuition and  
11 other direct costs of the training as determined to be appropriate by  
12 the office, and provided, further, that no individual shall be hired or  
13 placed in a manner which results in a violation of the restrictions of  
14 subsection f. of section 4 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-4) against  
15 displacing current employees.

16 e. Each employer receiving a grant for customized training  
17 services shall hire or retain in permanent employment each worker  
18 who successfully completes the training and instruction provided  
19 under the customized training. The employer shall be entitled to  
20 select the qualified employed, disadvantaged or displaced workers  
21 who will participate in the customized training, except that if any  
22 collective bargaining unit represents a qualified employed worker,  
23 the selection shall be conducted in a manner acceptable to both the  
24 employer and the collective bargaining unit. The commissioner  
25 shall provide for the withholding, for a time period he deems  
26 appropriate, of whatever portion he deems appropriate of program  
27 funding as a final payment for customized training services,  
28 contingent upon the hiring and retention of a program completer as  
29 required pursuant to this section. If an employer receiving a grant  
30 for customized training services pursuant to this section relocates or  
31 outsources any or all of the jobs out of the State for which the  
32 customized training services were provided under the grant within  
33 three years following the end date of the customized contract, the  
34 employer shall, if all of the jobs are relocated or outsourced, return  
35 all of the moneys provided to the employer by the State for  
36 customized training services, or, if only a portion of the jobs are  
37 relocated or outsourced, return a part of the moneys, deemed by the  
38 commissioner to be appropriate and proportional to the portion of  
39 the jobs relocated or outsourced, and the returned amount shall be  
40 deposited into the Workforce Development Partnership Fund.

41 f. The customized training services provided to an approved  
42 applicant may include any combination of employment and training  
43 services or any single employment and training service approved by  
44 the commissioner, including remedial instruction provided to  
45 upgrade workplace literacy. Each service may be provided by a  
46 separate approved service provider. No training or employment  
47 service shall be funded through a customized training grant, unless  
48 the service is provided directly by an employer or is provided by an

1 approved service provider. An employer who directly provides  
2 training and employment services to his own employees shall not be  
3 regarded as a service provider and shall not be subject to any  
4 requirement to obtain approval by the State as a service provider,  
5 including the requirements of section 13 of P.L.2005, c.354  
6 (C.34:15C-10.1) to be approved as a qualifying school or the  
7 requirements of section 14 of P.L.2005, c.354 (C.34:15C-10.2) to  
8 be included on the State Eligible Training Provider List.

9 g. Customized training services shall include any remedial  
10 instruction determined necessary pursuant to section 7 of this act.  
11 Applications for customized training services shall include  
12 estimates of the total need for remedial instruction determined in a  
13 manner deemed appropriate by the commissioner.

14 h. Any business seeking customized training services shall, in  
15 the manner prescribed by the commissioner, participate in the  
16 development of a plan to provide the services. Any business  
17 seeking customized training services for workers represented by a  
18 collective bargaining unit shall notify the collective bargaining unit  
19 and permit it to participate in developing the plan. No customized  
20 training services shall be provided to a business employing workers  
21 represented by a collective bargaining unit without the written  
22 consent of both the business and the collective bargaining unit.

23 i. Any business receiving customized training services shall be  
24 responsible for providing workers' compensation coverage for any  
25 worker participating in the customized training.

26 j. The commissioner shall establish an annual goal that **[15%]**  
27 15 percent or more of the jobs to be created or retained in  
28 connection with training supported by grants from the office shall  
29 be jobs provided to individuals who were recipients of benefits  
30 under the Work First New Jersey program at any time during the 12  
31 months prior to being placed in the jobs. The means to attain the  
32 goal shall include coordinated efforts between the office and One  
33 Stop Career Centers to prepare recipients for employment and make  
34 them available to employers, but shall not include any policy which  
35 may penalize employers or discourage employers from using  
36 customized training service provided by the office.

37 (cf. P.L.2017, c.22, s.2)

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39 4. Section 1 of P.L.2013, c.165 (C.39:3-10f6) is amended to  
40 read as follows:

41 1. a. (1) In addition to the requirements for the form and  
42 content of a motor vehicle driver's license under R.S.39:3-10 and a  
43 probationary license issued under section 4 of P.L.1950, c.127  
44 (C.39:3-13.4), the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor  
45 Vehicle Commission shall, upon submission of satisfactory proof,  
46 designate on an initial license, renewal license, or probationary  
47 license, as appropriate, that the license holder is a veteran of the  
48 Armed Forces of the United States of America. The designation of



1 veteran status on an initial license, renewal license, or probationary  
2 license shall not be deemed sufficient valid proof of veteran status  
3 for official governmental purposes when any other statute, or any  
4 regulation or other directive of a governmental entity, requires  
5 documentation of veteran status.

6 (2) In addition to the requirements for the form and content of a  
7 motor vehicle driver's license under R.S.39:3-10 and a probationary  
8 license issued under section 4 of P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.4), the  
9 Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission  
10 shall, upon submission of satisfactory proof, designate on an initial  
11 license, renewal license, or probationary license, as appropriate,  
12 that the license holder is a Gold Star Family member. The  
13 commission shall provide to the Department of Military and  
14 Veterans' Affairs personal identifying information of any person  
15 issued a driver's license with a Gold Star Family designation  
16 pursuant to this section.

17 b. For the purpose of this section:

18 "Gold Star Family member" means a spouse, domestic partner,  
19 partner in a civil union, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian,  
20 or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by  
21 adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or  
22 National Guard, who lost his or her life while on active duty for the  
23 United States.

24 "Veteran" means [a person who has been honorably discharged  
25 from the active military service of the United States] any resident  
26 of the State now or hereafter who has been discharged honorably or  
27 under general honorable conditions in any branch of the Armed  
28 Forces of the United States, or a Reserve component thereof, or the  
29 National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1  
30 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1).

31 "Satisfactory proof" means, in the case of a veteran, [a copy of  
32 form] the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued  
33 by the federal government, NGB-22 or other approved separation  
34 forms as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces, or federal  
35 activation orders showing service under Title 10, section 672 or  
36 section 12301, of the United States Code, or a county-issued  
37 veteran identification card [only if issuance of the card requires a  
38 copy of form DD-214 discharge papers or approved separation  
39 forms as outlined by all branches of the military and duly recorded  
40 by the county clerk's office.] pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (40A:9-  
41 78.1 et seq.), or a veteran identification card as issued by the United  
42 States Department of Veterans Affairs under the "Veterans  
43 Identification Card Act of 2015," (38 U.S.C. 5706.) In the case of a  
44 Gold Star Family member, satisfactory proof includes any or all of  
45 the following:

46 (1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of  
47 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed

1 for the support of family members of members of the Armed Forces  
2 of the United States or National Guard, who lost their lives while on  
3 active duty for the United States, that the applicant is either the  
4 spouse, domestic partner, partner in a civil union, parent, brother,  
5 sister, child, legal guardian, or other legal custodian, whether of the  
6 whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed  
7 forces or National Guard who died while on active duty for the  
8 United States; or

9 (2) (a) documentation deemed acceptable by the Adjutant  
10 General, including, but not limited to, a federal DD Form 1300,  
11 Report of Casualty, or a federal DD Form 2064, Certificate of  
12 Death Overseas, which identifies the member of the Armed Forces  
13 of the United States or National Guard who died while on active  
14 duty for the United States; and

15 (b) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the  
16 service member.

17 (cf. P.L.2017, c.175, s.5)

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19 5. Section 1 of P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148) is amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 1. a. Upon proper application, the Chief Administrator of the  
22 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue Military Veteran  
23 motorcycle license plates for any motorcycle owned or leased and  
24 registered in this State. In addition to the registration number and  
25 other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, the  
26 license plate shall display the words, "U.S. Vet" along with an  
27 image or other pictorial representation of the flag of the United  
28 States of America. The chief administrator, in consultation with the  
29 Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans'  
30 Affairs, shall select the design of the Military Veteran motorcycle  
31 license plates. The Military Veteran motorcycle license plates shall  
32 be subject to the provisions of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised  
33 Statutes, except as hereinafter otherwise specifically provided.

34 b. Application for issuance of a Military Veteran motorcycle  
35 license plate shall be made to the chief administrator on forms and  
36 in a manner prescribed by the chief administrator. The application  
37 shall include proof satisfactory to the chief administrator that the  
38 applicant **【is a military veteran and】** has been **【honorably】**  
39 discharged honorably or under general honorable conditions in any  
40 branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, or a Reserve  
41 component thereof, or the National Guard of this State or another  
42 state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), as  
43 certified on the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as  
44 issued by the federal government, NGB-22 or other approved  
45 separation forms as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces, a  
46 county-issued veteran identification card pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30  
47 (40A:9-78.1 et seq.), or a veteran identification card as issued by  
48 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs under the

1 “Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015,” (38 U.S.C. 5706;) or on  
2 a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. In order to  
3 be deemed complete, an application shall be accompanied by a fee  
4 of \$50, payable to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission,  
5 which shall be in addition to the fee otherwise prescribed by law for  
6 the registration of a motorcycle. The chief administrator shall  
7 collect annually, subsequent to the year of issuance of the Military  
8 Veteran motorcycle license plate, a \$10 fee for the license plate in  
9 addition to the fee otherwise prescribed by law for the registration  
10 of a motorcycle. The additional fees required by this subsection  
11 shall be deposited in the "Military Veteran Motorcycle License  
12 Plate Fund" created pursuant to subsection c. of this section.

13 The surviving spouse of a deceased veteran, who is eligible to  
14 operate a motorcycle in this State under the provisions of R.S.39:3-  
15 10, may retain the Military Veteran motorcycle license plates  
16 obtained by the deceased spouse pursuant to this section for display  
17 on a motorcycle owned or leased by the surviving spouse.

18 c. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special  
19 non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Military Veteran Motorcycle  
20 License Plate Fund." There shall be deposited in the fund the  
21 amount collected from all license plate fees collected pursuant to  
22 subsection b. of this section, less the amounts necessary to  
23 reimburse the commission for administrative costs pursuant to  
24 subsection d. of this section. Monies deposited in the fund shall be  
25 appropriated annually to the Department of Military and Veterans'  
26 Affairs and shall be used to support programs benefiting military  
27 veterans. Monies deposited in the fund shall be held in interest-  
28 bearing accounts in a public depository as defined pursuant to  
29 section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may be invested or  
30 reinvested in securities approved by the State Treasurer. Interest or  
31 other income earned on monies deposited into the fund, and any  
32 monies which may be appropriated or otherwise become available  
33 for the purposes of the fund, shall be credited to and deposited in  
34 the fund for use as set forth in P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148 et  
35 seq.).

36 d. Prior to the deposit of the additional fees collected pursuant  
37 to subsection b. of this section into the "Military Veteran  
38 Motorcycle License Plate Fund," amounts thereof as are necessary  
39 shall be used to reimburse the commission for all costs reasonably  
40 and actually incurred, as stipulated by the chief administrator, for:

41 (1) designing, producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the  
42 availability of the Military Veteran motorcycle license plates; and

43 (2) any computer programming changes that may be initially  
44 necessary to implement the Military Veteran motorcycle license  
45 plate program in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

46 The chief administrator shall annually certify to the State  
47 Treasurer the average cost per license plate incurred in the  
48 immediately preceding year by the commission in producing,

1 issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the Military  
2 Veteran motorcycle license plates. The annual certification of the  
3 average cost per license plate shall be approved by the Joint Budget  
4 Oversight Committee, or its successor.

5 In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified by  
6 the chief administrator and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight  
7 Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee  
8 established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal  
9 years, the chief administrator may discontinue the issuance of  
10 Military Veteran motorcycle license plates.

11 e. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the  
12 opportunity to obtain Military Veteran motorcycle license plates by  
13 publicizing the availability of the license plates on the commission's  
14 website. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, and any  
15 other individual or entity designated by the department, may  
16 publicize the availability of the Military Veteran motorcycle license  
17 plates in any manner that the department deems appropriate.

18 f. The chief administrator and adjutant general shall develop  
19 and enter into an inter-departmental memorandum of agreement  
20 setting forth the procedures to be followed in carrying out their  
21 respective responsibilities under P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148 et  
22 seq.).

23 g. The adjutant general shall appoint a representative who shall  
24 act as a liaison between the Department of Military and Veterans'  
25 Affairs and the commission. The liaison shall represent the  
26 department in any and all communications with the commission  
27 regarding the Military Veteran motorcycle license plates established  
28 by P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148 et seq.).  
29 (cf. P.L.2017, c.193, s.1)

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31 6. Section 2 of P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.3) is amended to read  
32 as follows:

33 2. a. (1) The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall  
34 issue an identification card to any resident of the State who is 14  
35 years of age or older and who is not the holder of a valid permit or  
36 basic driver's license. The identification card shall attest to the true  
37 name, correct age, and veteran status, upon submission of  
38 satisfactory proof, by any veteran, and shall contain other  
39 identifying data as certified by the applicant for such identification  
40 card. Every application for an identification card shall be signed  
41 and verified by the applicant and shall be accompanied by the  
42 written consent of at least one parent or the person's legal guardian  
43 if the person is under 17 years of age and shall be supported by such  
44 documentary evidence of the age, identity, and veteran status, or  
45 blindness, or disability of such person as the chief administrator  
46 may require. In addition to requiring an applicant for an  
47 identification card to submit satisfactory proof of identity, age, and,  
48 if appropriate, veteran status, the chief administrator also shall

1 require the applicant to provide, as a condition for obtaining the  
2 card, satisfactory proof that the applicant's presence in the United  
3 States is authorized under federal law. If the chief administrator  
4 has reasonable cause to suspect that any document presented by an  
5 applicant as proof of identity, age, veteran status, or legal residency  
6 is altered, false or otherwise invalid, the chief administrator shall  
7 refuse to grant the identification card until such time as the  
8 document may be verified by the issuing agency to the chief  
9 administrator's satisfaction.

10 (2) In addition to the requirements for the form and content of  
11 an identification card pursuant to this section, the Chief  
12 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall,  
13 upon submission of satisfactory proof, designate on an  
14 identification card that the card holder is a Gold Star Family  
15 member. The commission shall provide to the Department of  
16 Military and Veterans' Affairs personal identifying information for  
17 any person issued an identification card with a Gold Star Family  
18 designation pursuant to this section.

19 b. The designation of veteran status on an identification card  
20 shall not be deemed sufficient valid proof of veteran status for  
21 official governmental purposes when any other statute, or any  
22 regulation or other directive of a governmental entity, requires  
23 documentation of veteran status.

24 c. For the purpose of this section:

25 "Gold Star Family member" means a spouse, domestic partner,  
26 partner in a civil union, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian,  
27 or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by  
28 adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or  
29 National Guard, who lost his or her life while on active duty for the  
30 United States.

31 "Veteran" means **【**a person who has been honorably discharged  
32 from the active military service of the United States**】** any resident  
33 of the State now or hereafter who has been discharged honorably or  
34 under general honorable conditions in any branch of the Armed  
35 Forces of the United States, or a Reserve component thereof, or the  
36 National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1  
37 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1); and

38 "Satisfactory proof" means, in the case of a veteran, **【**a copy of  
39 form**】** the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued  
40 by the federal government, or NGB-22 or other approved separation  
41 forms as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces, or federal  
42 activation orders showing service under Title 10, section 672 or  
43 section 12301, of the United States Code, or a county-issued  
44 veteran identification card **【**only if issuance of the card requires a  
45 copy of form DD-214 discharge papers or approved separation  
46 forms as outlined by all branches of the military and duly recorded  
47 by the county clerk's office**】** pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-

1 78.1 et seq.), or a veteran identification card as issued by the United  
2 States Department of Veterans Affairs under the “Veterans  
3 Identification Card Act of 2015,” (38 U.S.C. 5706). In the case of a  
4 Gold Star Family member, satisfactory proof includes any or all of  
5 the following:

6 (1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of  
7 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed  
8 for the support of family members of members of the Armed Forces  
9 of the United States or National Guard, who lost their lives while on  
10 active duty for the United States, that the applicant is either the  
11 spouse, domestic partner, partner in a civil union, parent, brother,  
12 sister, child, legal guardian, or other legal custodian, whether of the  
13 whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed  
14 forces or National Guard who died while on active duty for the  
15 United States; or

16 (2) (a) documentation deemed acceptable by the Adjutant  
17 General, including, but not limited to, a federal DD Form 1300,  
18 Report of Casualty, or a federal DD Form 2064, Certificate of  
19 Death Overseas, which identifies the member of the Armed Forces  
20 of the United States or National Guard who died while on active  
21 duty for the United States; and

22 (b) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the  
23 service member.

24 (cf. P.L.2017, c.175, s.7)

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26 7. Section 1 of P.L.1955, c.49 (C.40:61-22.20) is amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 1. a. The governing body of any municipality bordering on the  
29 Atlantic Ocean, tidal water bays or rivers which owns or shall  
30 acquire, by any deed of dedication or otherwise, lands bordering on  
31 the ocean, tidal water bays or rivers, or easement rights therein, for  
32 a place of resort for public health and recreation and for other  
33 public purposes shall have the exclusive control, government and  
34 care thereof and of any boardwalk, bathing and recreational  
35 facilities, safeguards and equipment, now or hereafter constructed  
36 or provided thereon, and may, by ordinance, make and enforce rules  
37 and regulations for the government and policing of such lands,  
38 boardwalk, bathing facilities, safeguards and equipment; provided,  
39 that such power of control, government, care and policing shall not  
40 be construed in any manner to exclude or interfere with the  
41 operation of any State law or authority with respect to such lands,  
42 property and facilities. Any such municipality may, in order to  
43 provide funds to improve, maintain and police the same and to  
44 protect the same from erosion, encroachment and damage by sea or  
45 otherwise, and to provide facilities and safeguards for public  
46 bathing and recreation, including the employment of lifeguards, by  
47 ordinance, make and enforce rules and regulations for the  
48 government, use, maintenance and policing thereof and provide for

1 the charging and collecting of reasonable fees for the registration of  
2 persons using said lands and bathing facilities, for access to the  
3 beach and bathing and recreational grounds so provided and for the  
4 use of the bathing and recreational facilities, but no such fees shall  
5 be charged or collected from children under the age of 12 years.

6 b. A municipality may by ordinance provide that no fees, or  
7 reduced fees, shall be charged to:

8 (1) persons 65 or more years of age;

9 (2) persons who meet the disability criteria for disability  
10 benefits under Title II of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
11 s.401 et seq.);

12 (3) persons in active military service in any of the Armed Forces  
13 of the United States and to their spouse or dependent children over  
14 the age of 12 years;

15 (4) persons who are active members of the New Jersey National  
16 Guard who have completed Initial Active Duty Training and to their  
17 spouse or dependent children over the age of 12 years. As used in  
18 this paragraph, "Initial Active Duty Training" means Basic Military  
19 Training, for members of the New Jersey Air National Guard, and  
20 Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training, for  
21 members of the New Jersey Army National Guard;

22 (5) persons who have served in any of the Armed Forces of the  
23 United States and who were discharged or released therefrom under  
24 conditions other than dishonorable and who either have served at  
25 least 90 days in active duty or have been discharged or released  
26 from active duty by reason of a service-incurred injury or disability.  
27 The Adjutant General of the New Jersey Department of Military  
28 and Veterans' Affairs shall promulgate rules and regulations  
29 pertaining to veteran eligibility under this paragraph; and

30 (6) persons holding a driver's license or identification card with  
31 a Gold Star Family designation issued pursuant to section 1 of  
32 P.L.2013, c.165 (C.39:3-10f6) or section 2 of P.L.1980, c.47  
33 (C.39:3-29.3), respectively.

34 c. A municipality providing for no fees or reduced fees  
35 pursuant to paragraph (3), (4), (5), or (6) of subsection b. of this  
36 section shall track, in a manner deemed appropriate by the  
37 governing body of the municipality, the number of persons who  
38 qualify under the provisions of those paragraphs.

39 d. A person who qualifies for free access to beaches and  
40 bathing and recreational grounds and free use of bathing and  
41 recreational facilities pursuant to paragraph (3), (4), (5), or (6) of  
42 subsection b. of this section may, in lieu of obtaining and presenting  
43 a municipal beach tag or similar admission pass to gain such access  
44 and use, present a **valid military identification card, form** DD-  
45 214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued by the federal government,  
46 NGB-22 or other approved separation forms as outlined by all  
47 branches of the Armed Forces, a county-issued veteran  
48 identification card pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (40A:9-78.1 et seq.).

1 a veteran identification card as issued by the United States  
2 Department of Veterans Affairs under the “Veterans Identification  
3 Card Act of 2015,” (38 U.S.C. 5706,) or similar document, or State  
4 driver's license or identification card indicating that the holder is a  
5 veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States or a Gold Star  
6 Family member.  
7 (cf. P.L.2017, c.175, s.8)

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9 8. Section 2 of P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.2) is amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 2. As used in this act, P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.1 et seq.),  
12 "veteran" means **[a person]** any resident of this State now or  
13 hereafter who has served in **[the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines**  
14 **or Coast Guard]** any branch of the Armed Forces of the United  
15 States or a Reserve component thereof or the National Guard of this  
16 State or another State as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109  
17 (C.38A:1-1), and has been **[honorably]** discharged honorably or  
18 **[released]** under general honorable conditions **[other than**  
19 **dishonorable]** from such service.  
20 (cf. P.L.2017, c.292, s.1)

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22 9. Section 3 of P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.3) is amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 3. A county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as  
25 appropriate, may establish a veteran identification card program for  
26 the sole purpose of identifying the holder as a veteran when such  
27 identification is required to receive discounts or other courtesies  
28 extended to military veterans, or to prove status as a veteran or  
29 character of service to receive benefits afforded veterans under the  
30 laws of this State, if eligible.  
31 (cf. P.L.2012, c.30, s.3)

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33 10. Section 4 of P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.4) is amended to  
34 read as follows:

35 4. a. When such a program has been authorized, the county  
36 clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, shall issue  
37 an identification card to any veteran who is a resident of the county  
38 **[and who does not hold an identification card issued by the federal**  
39 **government that identifies the person as a veteran]**. The veteran  
40 identification card shall bear the true name, branch of the military  
41 in which the veteran served, date of card issuance, **[separation form**  
42 **submitted,]** and other identifying information as certified by the  
43 applicant for such veteran identification card. Every application for  
44 a veteran identification card shall be signed and certified by the  
45 applicant and shall be supported by such documentary evidence as  
46 the county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate,  
47 may require.



1       b. **【The】** Any of the following shall constitute documentary  
2 evidence required by subsection a. of this section **【shall include】** ;  
3 the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued by the  
4 federal government, an NGB-22 or other approved separation forms  
5 as outlined by all branches of the **【military】** Armed Forces, or  
6 veteran identification card as issued by the United States  
7 Department of Veteran Affairs under the “Veterans Identification  
8 Card Act of 2015,” (38 U.S.C. 5706,) and duly recorded by the  
9 office. The county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as  
10 appropriate, shall require a copy of the documentary evidence  
11 submitted to be kept on file with the application for the veteran  
12 identification card, and shall note the location of the original **【DD-**  
13 **214 or other approved separation form on that application form】**  
14 documentary evidence as pursuant to this subsection. The copy of  
15 the documentary evidence submitted and the application shall be  
16 kept confidential and shall not be considered a government record  
17 under P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), except that they may be  
18 released to another government agency. The Adjutant General of  
19 the Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs shall assist in the  
20 identification, and verification as needed, of approved separation  
21 forms as outlined by all branches of the military and submitted by  
22 applicants.

23 (cf. P.L.2017, c.292, s.2)

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25       11. Section 1 of P.L.1985, c.482 (C.40A:11-41) is amended to  
26 read as follows:

27       1. As used in this act:

28       a. "County or municipal contracting agency" shall mean the  
29 governing body of a county or municipality or any department,  
30 board, commission, committee, authority or agency of a county or  
31 municipality but shall not include school districts;

32       b. "Minority group members" shall mean persons who are  
33 black, Hispanic, Portuguese, Asian-American, American Indian or  
34 Alaskan natives;

35       c. "Qualified women's business enterprise" shall mean a  
36 business which has its principal place of business in this State, is  
37 independently owned and operated, is at least **【51%】** 51 percent  
38 owned and controlled by women and is qualified pursuant to section  
39 25 of P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-25);

40       d. "Qualified minority business enterprise" shall mean a  
41 business which has its principal place of business in this State, is  
42 independently owned and operated, is at least **【51%】** 51 percent  
43 owned and controlled by minority group members and is qualified  
44 pursuant to section 25 of P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-25);

45       e. "Qualified small business enterprise" shall mean a business  
46 which has its principal place of business in this State, is  
47 independently owned and operated and meets all other

1 qualifications as may be established in accordance with P.L.1981,  
2 c.283 (C.52:27H-21.1 et seq.);

3 f. "Set-aside contracts" shall mean (1) a contract for goods,  
4 equipment, construction, or services which is designated as a  
5 contract for which bids are invited and accepted only from qualified  
6 small business enterprises, qualified veteran business enterprises,  
7 qualified minority business enterprises or qualified women's  
8 business enterprises, as appropriate, (2) a portion of a contract when  
9 that portion has been so designated, or (3) any other purchase or  
10 procurement so designated;

11 g. "Total procurements" shall mean all purchases, contracts or  
12 acquisitions of a county or municipal contracting agency, whether  
13 by competitive bidding, single source contracting, or other method  
14 of procurement, as prescribed or permitted by law;

15 h. "Veteran" **【shall have the same meaning as set forth in**  
16 **subsection b. of N.J.S.11A:5-1,】** means any resident of this State  
17 now or hereafter who has served in any branch of the Armed Forces  
18 of the United States or a Reserve component thereof or the National  
19 Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1 of  
20 P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), and has been discharged honorably or  
21 under general honorable conditions from such service, except that  
22 the veteran shall present to the Adjutant General of the Department  
23 of Military and Veterans' Affairs sufficient evidence of a record of  
24 service, which shall include the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or  
25 DD-256 form as issued by the federal government; NGB-22 or  
26 other approved separation forms as outlined by all branches of the  
27 Armed Forces; a county-issued veteran identification card pursuant  
28 to P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.1 et seq.); or a veteran identification  
29 card as issued by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs  
30 under the "Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015," (38 U.S.C.  
31 5706;) and receive a determination of status no later than the date  
32 established for the submission of bids; and

33 i. "Qualified veteran business enterprise" shall mean a  
34 business which has its principal place of business in this State, is  
35 independently owned and operated, is at least **【51%】** 51 percent  
36 owned and controlled by a veteran or that wherein at least twenty  
37 five percent of the required workforce for the contract are veterans,  
38 including new hires if additional workers are required to perform  
39 the contract, and is qualified pursuant to section 25 of P.L.1971,  
40 c.198 (C.40A:11-25). The business shall also submit forms  
41 quarterly to the contracting agency showing proof of veteran status  
42 for all the veteran employees.

43 (cf. P.L.2013, c.5, s.1)

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45 12. Section 2 of P.L.2017, c.258 (C.52:27D-517) is amended to  
46 read as follows:

47 2. As used in this act:

1 "Director" means the Director of the Division of Housing and  
2 Community Resources in the Department of Community Affairs.

3 "Disabled" means a person who fulfills the definition of having a  
4 "disability" pursuant to section 3 of the "Americans with  
5 Disabilities Act of 1990," 42 U.S.C. s.12102.

6 "Division" means the Division of Housing and Community  
7 Resources in the Department of Community Affairs.

8 "Eligible veteran" means a disabled or low-income veteran.

9 "Energy efficient features or equipment" means features or  
10 equipment within a primary residence that help to reduce the  
11 amount of electricity used to heat, cool, or ventilate the residence,  
12 including but not limited to insulation, weatherstripping, air sealing,  
13 repaired heating systems, or duct sealing.

14 "Family member" means a spouse, child, parent, sibling, aunt,  
15 uncle, niece, nephew, first cousin, grandparent, grandchild, father-  
16 in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepparent,  
17 stepchild, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, or half sister, whether  
18 the individual is related by blood, marriage, or adoption.

19 "Low-income veteran" means a veteran occupying a household  
20 with a gross household income equal to 50 percent or less of the  
21 median gross household income for households of the same size,  
22 and within the same housing region, as defined by subsection b. of  
23 section 4 of P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-304).

24 "Primary residence" means a dwelling unit that is owned by the  
25 eligible veteran or by a family member of the eligible veteran, and  
26 occupied by the eligible veteran as his or her principal residence.

27 "Qualified organization" means a nonprofit veterans'  
28 organization that qualifies as a section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) tax  
29 exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code.

30 "Veteran" means any resident of the State now or hereafter who  
31 has been **【honorably】** discharged honorably or **【released】** under  
32 general honorable **【circumstances from active service】** conditions  
33 in any branch of the **【armed forces】** Armed Forces of the United  
34 States, or a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of  
35 this State or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109  
36 (C.38A:1-1), or any honorably discharged member of the American  
37 Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is declared  
38 by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for  
39 federal veterans' benefits.  
40 (cf. P.L.2017, c.258, s.2)

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42 13. Section 2 of P.L.2011, c. 147 (C.52:32-50) is amended to  
43 read as follows:

44 2. As used in this act:

45 "Authority" means the New Jersey Economic Development  
46 Authority.

47 "Contracting agency" means the State or any board, commission,  
48 authority or agency of the State.

1 “Department” means the New Jersey Department of the  
2 Treasury.

3 “Veteran” means any **[citizen and]** resident of this State now or  
4 hereafter **[honorably]** who has been discharged honorably or  
5 **[released]** under general honorable **[circumstances]** conditions  
6 who served in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States  
7 or a Reserve component thereof or the National Guard of this State  
8 or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109  
9 (C.38A:1-1), **[for at least 90 days]** and shall include disabled  
10 veterans.

11 "Veteran-owned business" means a business that has its principal  
12 place of business in the State, is independently owned and operated  
13 and at least **[51%]** 51 percent of the business is owned and  
14 controlled by persons who are veterans.

15 (cf. P.L.2011, c.147, s.2)

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17 14. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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22 This bill establishes a uniform standard for acceptable proof of  
23 veteran status for veteran identification cards and various State and  
24 local programs.

25 N.J.S.A.40A:9-78.2 establishes a county veterans ID card  
26 program for the sole purpose of identifying the holder as a veteran  
27 when such identification is required to receive discounts or other  
28 courtesies extended to military veterans. In 2015, the federal  
29 government enacted the “Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015,”  
30 which created an additional veterans’ identification card. These  
31 two identification cards were created to allow veterans to prove  
32 their Armed Forces service without having to carry around their  
33 DD-214 form or other sensitive documents.

34 The creation of these additional veterans’ identification cards has  
35 led to different standards of proof across State and local agencies  
36 and programs designed to benefit veterans. In addition, several  
37 State and local agencies do not accept certain forms of proof for  
38 reservists of the Armed Forces whose active duty was limited to  
39 reserve-connected active training or service, such as a DD-256  
40 form. This bill streamlines the disparate list of documents  
41 acceptable to various State and local agencies to demonstrate  
42 uniformed service for veterans.

43 This bill also re-defines the “character of service” benchmark  
44 that veterans must reach to qualify for various State and local  
45 programs. To qualify for benefits afforded veterans under the laws  
46 of this State, a veteran is required to be released from service under  
47 honorable or general honorable conditions. This removes the

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- 1 previous benchmark of being released under conditions other than
- 2 dishonorable, which included “bad conduct” and “other than
- 3 honorable conditions” releases.

# SENATE, No. 3833

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

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**District 11 (Monmouth)**

**Senator KRISTIN M. CORRADO**

**District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Andrzejczak, A.R.Bucco, Brown and Singleton**

**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes uniform standard for acceptable proof of veteran status for veteran's ID cards and various State and local programs.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning acceptable proof of veteran status for State and  
2 local programs and amending various parts of the statutory law.

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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. Section 1 of P.L.2007, c.275 (C.13:1L-12.1) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 1. a. (1) The department shall not charge an admission fee for  
10 entrance into a State park or forest by any veteran during an event  
11 held by a veterans' organization. In addition, the department shall  
12 not charge a facilities fee of any kind to any veterans' organization  
13 using a State park or forest for an event.

14 (2) The department shall not charge an admission fee or  
15 facilities fee of any kind for entrance into a State park or forest by a  
16 person holding a driver's license or identification card with a Gold  
17 Star Family designation issued pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2013,  
18 c.165 (C.39:3-10f6) or section 2 of P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.3),  
19 respectively.

20 b. As used in this section:

21 "Veteran" means any resident of the State now or hereafter who  
22 has been **[honorably]** discharged honorably or **[released]** under  
23 general honorable **[circumstances from active service]** conditions  
24 in any branch of the **[armed forces]** Armed Forces of the United  
25 States, or a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of  
26 this State or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109  
27 (C.38A:1-1), or any honorably discharged member of the American  
28 Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is declared  
29 by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for  
30 federal veterans' benefits; and

31 "Veterans' organization" means the American Legion, Veterans  
32 of Foreign Wars, or other veterans' organizations chartered under  
33 federal law, or any service foundation of such an organization  
34 recognized in its bylaws.

35 (cf. P.L.2017, c.173, s.3)

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37 2. Section 4 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-4) is amended to read  
38 as follows:

39 4. a. The Workforce Development Partnership Program is  
40 hereby established in the Department of Labor and Workforce  
41 Development and shall be administered by the Commissioner of  
42 Labor and Workforce Development. The purpose of the program is  
43 to provide qualified displaced, disadvantaged and employed  
44 workers with the employment and training services most likely to  
45 enable the individual to obtain employment providing self-  
46 sufficiency for the individual and also to provide the greatest

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 opportunity for long-range career advancement with high levels of  
2 productivity and earning power. To implement that purpose, the  
3 program shall provide those services by means of training grants or  
4 customized training services in coordination with funding for the  
5 services from federal or other sources. The commissioner is  
6 authorized to expend moneys from the Workforce Development  
7 Partnership Fund to provide the training grants or customized  
8 training services and provide for each of the following:

9 (1) The cost of counseling required pursuant to section 7 of  
10 P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-7), to the extent that adequate funding for  
11 counseling is not available from federal or other sources;

12 (2) Reasonable administrative costs, which shall not exceed  
13 **【10%】** 10 percent of the revenues collected pursuant to section 2 of  
14 P.L.1992, c.44 (C.34:15D-13) during any fiscal year ending before  
15 July 1, 2001, except for additional start-up administrative costs  
16 approved by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget  
17 during the first year of the program's operation;

18 (3) Reasonable costs, which shall not exceed **【0.5%】** 0.5  
19 percent of the revenues collected pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1992,  
20 c.44 (C.34:15D-13) during any fiscal year ending before July 1,  
21 2001, as required by the State Employment and Training  
22 Commission to design criteria and conduct an annual evaluation of  
23 the program; and

24 (4) The cost of reimbursement to individuals for excess  
25 contributions pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1992, c.44 (C.34:15D-  
26 17).

27 b. Not more than **【10%】** 10 percent of the moneys received by  
28 any service provider pursuant to this act shall be expended on  
29 anything other than direct costs to the provider of providing the  
30 employment and training services, which direct costs shall not  
31 include any administrative or overhead expense of the provider.

32 c. Training and employment services or other workforce  
33 investment services shall be provided to a worker who receives  
34 counseling pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-7)  
35 only if the counselor who evaluates the worker pursuant to that  
36 section determines that the worker can reasonably be expected to  
37 successfully complete the training and instruction identified in the  
38 Employability Development Plan developed pursuant to that section  
39 for the worker.

40 d. All occupational training provided under this act:

41 (1) Shall be training which is likely to substantially enhance the  
42 individual's marketable skills and earning power; and

43 (2) Shall be training for a labor demand occupation, except for:

44 (a) Customized training provided to the present employees of a  
45 business which the commissioner deems to be in need of the  
46 training to prevent job loss caused by obsolete skills, technological  
47 change or national or global competition; or

48 (b) Customized training provided to employees at a facility  
49 which is being relocated from another state into New Jersey; or



1 (c) Entrepreneurial training and technical assistance supported  
2 by training grants provided pursuant to subsection b. of section 6 of  
3 P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-6).

4 e. During any fiscal year ending before July 1, 2001, not less  
5 than ~~【25%】~~ 25 percent of the total revenues dedicated to the  
6 program during any one fiscal year shall be reserved to provide  
7 employment and training services for qualified displaced workers;  
8 not less than six percent of the total revenues dedicated to the  
9 program during any one fiscal year shall be reserved to provide  
10 employment and training services for qualified disadvantaged  
11 workers; not less than ~~【45%】~~ 45 percent of the total revenues  
12 dedicated to the program during any one fiscal year shall be  
13 reserved for and appropriated to the Office of Customized Training;  
14 not less than ~~【3%】~~ three percent of the total revenues dedicated to  
15 the program during any one fiscal year shall be reserved for  
16 occupational safety and health training; and ~~【5%】~~ five percent  
17 of the total revenues dedicated to the program during any one fiscal  
18 year shall be reserved for and appropriated to the Youth Transitions  
19 to Work Partnership created pursuant to P.L.1993, c.268 (C.34:15E-  
20 1 et seq.).

21 f. Funds available under the program shall not be used for  
22 activities which induce, encourage or assist: any displacement of  
23 currently employed workers by trainees, including partial  
24 displacement by means such as reduced hours of currently  
25 employed workers; any replacement of laid off workers by trainees;  
26 or any relocation of operations resulting in a loss of employment at  
27 a previous workplace located in the State.

28 g. On-the-job training shall not be funded by the program for  
29 any employment found by the commissioner to be of a level of skill  
30 and complexity too low to merit training. The duration of on-the-  
31 job training funded by the program for any worker shall not exceed  
32 the duration indicated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics'  
33 Occupational Information Network, or "O\*NET," for the  
34 occupation for which the training is provided and shall in no case  
35 exceed 26 weeks. The department shall set the duration of on-the-  
36 job training for a worker for less than the indicated maximum, when  
37 training for the maximum duration is not warranted because of the  
38 level of the individual's previous training, education or work  
39 experience. On-the-job training shall not be funded by the program  
40 unless it is accompanied, concurrently or otherwise, by whatever  
41 amount of classroom-based or equivalent occupational training,  
42 remedial instruction or both, is deemed appropriate for the worker  
43 by the commissioner. On-the-job training shall not be funded by  
44 the program unless the trainee is provided benefits, pay and  
45 working conditions at a level and extent not less than the benefits  
46 and working conditions of other trainees or employees of the  
47 trainee's employer with comparable skills, responsibilities,  
48 experience and seniority.

- 1 h. Employment and training services funded by the program  
2 shall not replace, supplant, compete with or duplicate in any way  
3 approved apprenticeship programs.
- 4 i. No activities funded by the program shall impair existing  
5 contracts for services or collective bargaining agreements, except  
6 that activities which would be inconsistent with the terms of a  
7 collective bargaining agreement may be undertaken with the written  
8 concurrence of the collective bargaining unit and employer who are  
9 parties to the agreement.
- 10 j. All staff who are hired and supported by moneys from the  
11 Workforce Development Partnership Fund, including any of those  
12 staff located at any One Stop Career Center, but not including any  
13 staff of a service provider providing employment and training  
14 services supported by a customized training grant pursuant to  
15 section 5 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-5) or an individual training  
16 grant pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-6), shall be  
17 hired and employed by the State pursuant to Title 11A, Civil  
18 Service, of the New Jersey Statutes, be hired and employed by a  
19 political subdivision of the State, or be qualified staff hired and  
20 employed by a non-profit organization which began functioning as  
21 the One Stop Career Center operator with the written consent of the  
22 chief elected official and the commissioner prior to the effective  
23 date of P.L.2004, c.39 (C.34:1A-1.2 et al.), or be qualified staff  
24 hired and employed by an approved community-based or faith-  
25 based organization to provide services at the level of staffing  
26 provided in an agreement entered into by the organization before  
27 the effective date of P.L.2004, c.39 (C.34:1A-1.2 et al.).
- 28 k. Employers in the State who apply for grants for training and  
29 employment services or other workforce investment services for  
30 their employees in the State shall be evaluated by the commissioner  
31 and preference shall be given to those employers who:
- 32 (1) provide equipment, supplies, or services to military bases  
33 and installations pursuant to a procurement or military contract with  
34 the United States Department of Defense, the United States  
35 Department of Veterans Affairs, or any branch of the United States  
36 Armed Forces;
- 37 (2) are engaged in one or more of the following fields or  
38 industries: science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or  
39 advanced manufacturing within these fields or industries; or
- 40 (3) intend to train veterans.
- 41 Pursuant to this paragraph, "veteran" means **[a person]** any  
42 resident of the State now or hereafter who has served in **[the Army,**  
43 **Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard]** any branch of the Armed  
44 Forces of the United States or a Reserve component thereof or the  
45 National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1  
46 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), and has been **[honorably]**  
47 discharged honorably or **[released]** under general honorable  
48 conditions **[other than dishonorable]** from that service.  
49 (cf. P.L.2017, c.22, s.1)

1       3. Section 5 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-5) is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       5. a. There is hereby established, as part of the Workforce  
4 Development Partnership Program, the Office of Customized  
5 Training. Moneys allocated to the office from the fund shall be used  
6 to provide employment and training services to eligible applicants  
7 approved by the commissioner.

8       b. An applicant shall be eligible for customized training  
9 services if it is one of the following:

10       (1) An individual employer that seeks the customized training  
11 services to create, upgrade or retain jobs in a labor demand  
12 occupation;

13       (2) An individual employer that seeks customized training  
14 services to upgrade or retain jobs in an occupation which is not a  
15 labor demand occupation, if the commissioner determines that the  
16 services are necessary to prevent the likely loss of the jobs or that  
17 the services are being provided to employees at a facility which is  
18 being relocated from another state into New Jersey;

19       (3) An employer organization, labor organization or community-  
20 based or faith-based organization seeking the customized training  
21 services to provide training in labor demand occupations in a  
22 particular industry;

23       (4) A consortium made up of one or more educational  
24 institutions and one or more eligible individual employers or labor,  
25 employer or community-based or faith-based organizations that  
26 seeks the customized training services to provide training in labor  
27 demand occupations in a particular industry;

28       (5) An individual employer who provides equipment, supplies,  
29 or services to military bases and installations pursuant to a  
30 procurement or military contract with the United States Department  
31 of Defense, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or  
32 any branch of the United States Armed Forces;

33       (6) An individual employer who is engaged in one or more of  
34 the following fields or industries: science, technology, engineering,  
35 mathematics, or advanced manufacturing within these fields or  
36 industries; or

37       (7) An individual employer who intends to train veterans. For  
38 the purposes of this subparagraph, a "veteran" is **【a person】** any  
39 resident of the State now or hereafter who has served in **【the Army,**  
40 **Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard】** any branch of the Armed  
41 Forces of the United States or a Reserve component thereof or the  
42 National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1  
43 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), and has been **【honorably】**  
44 discharged honorably or **【released】** under general honorable  
45 conditions **【other than dishonorable】** from that service.

46       c. Each applicant seeking funding for customized training  
47 services shall submit an application to the commissioner in a form  
48 and manner prescribed in regulations adopted by the commissioner.

1 The application shall be accompanied by a business plan of each  
2 employer which will receive customized training services if the  
3 application is approved. The business plan shall include:

4 (1) A justification of the need for the services and funding from  
5 the office, including information sufficient to demonstrate to the  
6 satisfaction of the commissioner that the applicant will provide  
7 significantly less of the services if the requested funding is not  
8 provided by the office;

9 (2) A comprehensive long-term human resource development  
10 plan which:

11 (a) Extends significantly beyond the period of time in which the  
12 services are funded by the office;

13 (b) Significantly enhances the productivity and competitiveness  
14 of the employer operations located in the State and the employment  
15 security of workers employed by the employer in the State; and

16 (c) States the number of current or newly-hired workers who  
17 will be trained under the grant and the pay levels of jobs which will  
18 be created or retained for those workers as a result of the funding  
19 and the plan.

20 (3) Evidence, if the training sought is for an occupation which is  
21 not a labor demand occupation, that the customized training  
22 services are needed to prevent job loss caused by obsolete skills,  
23 technological change or national or global competition or that the  
24 services are being provided to employees at a facility which is  
25 being relocated from another state into New Jersey;

26 (4) Information demonstrating that most of the individuals  
27 receiving the services will be trained primarily for work in the  
28 direct production of goods or services;

29 (5) A commitment to provide the information needed by the  
30 commissioner to evaluate the success of the funding and the plan in  
31 creating and retaining jobs, to assure compliance with the  
32 provisions of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-1 et seq.); and

33 (6) Any other information or commitments which the  
34 commissioner deems appropriate to assure compliance with the  
35 provisions of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-1 et seq.).

36 The commissioner may provide whatever assistance he deems  
37 appropriate in the preparation of the application and business plan,  
38 which may include labor market information, projections of  
39 occupational demand and information and advice on alternative  
40 training and instruction strategies.

41 d. Each employer that receives a grant for customized training  
42 services shall contribute a minimum of **【50%】** 50 percent of the  
43 total cost of the customized training services, except that the  
44 commissioner shall set a higher or lower minimum contribution by  
45 an employer, if warranted by the size and economic resources of the  
46 employer or other factors deemed appropriate by the commissioner,  
47 and except that, for individuals hired by the employer through a  
48 One Stop Career Center who receive classroom training under the  
49 grant and were recipients of benefits under the Work First New

1 Jersey program at any time during the 12 months preceding the date  
2 of employment, the employer shall be eligible for reimbursement of  
3 up to **[50%]** 50 percent of wages paid to the individual during the  
4 classroom training in addition to reimbursement for tuition and  
5 other direct costs of the training as determined to be appropriate by  
6 the office, and provided, further, that no individual shall be hired or  
7 placed in a manner which results in a violation of the restrictions of  
8 subsection f. of section 4 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-4) against  
9 displacing current employees.

10 e. Each employer receiving a grant for customized training  
11 services shall hire or retain in permanent employment each worker  
12 who successfully completes the training and instruction provided  
13 under the customized training. The employer shall be entitled to  
14 select the qualified employed, disadvantaged or displaced workers  
15 who will participate in the customized training, except that if any  
16 collective bargaining unit represents a qualified employed worker,  
17 the selection shall be conducted in a manner acceptable to both the  
18 employer and the collective bargaining unit. The commissioner  
19 shall provide for the withholding, for a time period he deems  
20 appropriate, of whatever portion he deems appropriate of program  
21 funding as a final payment for customized training services,  
22 contingent upon the hiring and retention of a program completer as  
23 required pursuant to this section. If an employer receiving a grant  
24 for customized training services pursuant to this section relocates or  
25 outsources any or all of the jobs out of the State for which the  
26 customized training services were provided under the grant within  
27 three years following the end date of the customized contract, the  
28 employer shall, if all of the jobs are relocated or outsourced, return  
29 all of the moneys provided to the employer by the State for  
30 customized training services, or, if only a portion of the jobs are  
31 relocated or outsourced, return a part of the moneys, deemed by the  
32 commissioner to be appropriate and proportional to the portion of  
33 the jobs relocated or outsourced, and the returned amount shall be  
34 deposited into the Workforce Development Partnership Fund.

35 f. The customized training services provided to an approved  
36 applicant may include any combination of employment and training  
37 services or any single employment and training service approved by  
38 the commissioner, including remedial instruction provided to  
39 upgrade workplace literacy. Each service may be provided by a  
40 separate approved service provider. No training or employment  
41 service shall be funded through a customized training grant, unless  
42 the service is provided directly by an employer or is provided by an  
43 approved service provider. An employer who directly provides  
44 training and employment services to his own employees shall not be  
45 regarded as a service provider and shall not be subject to any  
46 requirement to obtain approval by the State as a service provider,  
47 including the requirements of section 13 of P.L.2005, c.354  
48 (C.34:15C-10.1) to be approved as a qualifying school or the

1 requirements of section 14 of P.L.2005, c.354 (C.34:15C-10.2) to  
2 be included on the State Eligible Training Provider List.

3 g. Customized training services shall include any remedial  
4 instruction determined necessary pursuant to section 7 of this act.  
5 Applications for customized training services shall include  
6 estimates of the total need for remedial instruction determined in a  
7 manner deemed appropriate by the commissioner.

8 h. Any business seeking customized training services shall, in  
9 the manner prescribed by the commissioner, participate in the  
10 development of a plan to provide the services. Any business  
11 seeking customized training services for workers represented by a  
12 collective bargaining unit shall notify the collective bargaining unit  
13 and permit it to participate in developing the plan. No customized  
14 training services shall be provided to a business employing workers  
15 represented by a collective bargaining unit without the written  
16 consent of both the business and the collective bargaining unit.

17 i. Any business receiving customized training services shall be  
18 responsible for providing workers' compensation coverage for any  
19 worker participating in the customized training.

20 j. The commissioner shall establish an annual goal that **[15%]**  
21 15 percent or more of the jobs to be created or retained in  
22 connection with training supported by grants from the office shall  
23 be jobs provided to individuals who were recipients of benefits  
24 under the Work First New Jersey program at any time during the 12  
25 months prior to being placed in the jobs. The means to attain the  
26 goal shall include coordinated efforts between the office and One  
27 Stop Career Centers to prepare recipients for employment and make  
28 them available to employers, but shall not include any policy which  
29 may penalize employers or discourage employers from using  
30 customized training service provided by the office.

31 (cf. P.L.2017, c.22, s.2)

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33 4. Section 1 of P.L.2013, c.165 (C.39:3-10f6) is amended to  
34 read as follows:

35 1. a. (1) In addition to the requirements for the form and  
36 content of a motor vehicle driver's license under R.S.39:3-10 and a  
37 probationary license issued under section 4 of P.L.1950, c.127  
38 (C.39:3-13.4), the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor  
39 Vehicle Commission shall, upon submission of satisfactory proof,  
40 designate on an initial license, renewal license, or probationary  
41 license, as appropriate, that the license holder is a veteran of the  
42 Armed Forces of the United States of America. The designation of  
43 veteran status on an initial license, renewal license, or probationary  
44 license shall not be deemed sufficient valid proof of veteran status  
45 for official governmental purposes when any other statute, or any  
46 regulation or other directive of a governmental entity, requires  
47 documentation of veteran status.

48 (2) In addition to the requirements for the form and content of a  
49 motor vehicle driver's license under R.S.39:3-10 and a probationary

1 license issued under section 4 of P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.4), the  
2 Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission  
3 shall, upon submission of satisfactory proof, designate on an initial  
4 license, renewal license, or probationary license, as appropriate,  
5 that the license holder is a Gold Star Family member. The  
6 commission shall provide to the Department of Military and  
7 Veterans' Affairs personal identifying information of any person  
8 issued a driver's license with a Gold Star Family designation  
9 pursuant to this section.

10 b. For the purpose of this section:

11 "Gold Star Family member" means a spouse, domestic partner,  
12 partner in a civil union, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian,  
13 or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by  
14 adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or  
15 National Guard, who lost his or her life while on active duty for the  
16 United States.

17 "Veteran" means **【**a person who has been honorably discharged  
18 from the active military service of the United States**】** any resident  
19 of the State now or hereafter who has been discharged honorably or  
20 under general honorable conditions in any branch of the Armed  
21 Forces of the United States, or a Reserve component thereof, or the  
22 National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1  
23 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1).

24 "Satisfactory proof" means, in the case of a veteran, **【**a copy of  
25 form**】** the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued  
26 by the federal government, NGB-22 or other approved separation  
27 forms as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces, or federal  
28 activation orders showing service under Title 10, section 672 or  
29 section 12301, of the United States Code, or a county-issued  
30 veteran identification card 【only if issuance of the card requires a  
31 copy of form DD-214 discharge papers or approved separation  
32 forms as outlined by all branches of the military and duly recorded  
33 by the county clerk's office.】 pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (40A:9-  
34 78.1 et seq.), or a veteran identification card as issued by the United  
35 States Department of Veterans Affairs under the "Veterans  
36 Identification Card Act of 2015," (38 U.S.C. 5706.) In the case of a  
37 Gold Star Family member, satisfactory proof includes any or all of  
38 the following:

39 (1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of  
40 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed  
41 for the support of family members of members of the Armed Forces  
42 of the United States or National Guard, who lost their lives while on  
43 active duty for the United States, that the applicant is either the  
44 spouse, domestic partner, partner in a civil union, parent, brother,  
45 sister, child, legal guardian, or other legal custodian, whether of the  
46 whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed  
47 forces or National Guard who died while on active duty for the  
48 United States; or

1 (2) (a) documentation deemed acceptable by the Adjutant  
2 General, including, but not limited to, a federal DD Form 1300,  
3 Report of Casualty, or a federal DD Form 2064, Certificate of  
4 Death Overseas, which identifies the member of the Armed Forces  
5 of the United States or National Guard who died while on active  
6 duty for the United States; and

7 (b) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the  
8 service member.

9 (cf. P.L.2017, c.175, s.5)

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11 5. Section 1 of P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148) is amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 1. a. Upon proper application, the Chief Administrator of the  
14 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue Military Veteran  
15 motorcycle license plates for any motorcycle owned or leased and  
16 registered in this State. In addition to the registration number and  
17 other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, the  
18 license plate shall display the words, "U.S. Vet" along with an  
19 image or other pictorial representation of the flag of the United  
20 States of America. The chief administrator, in consultation with the  
21 Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans'  
22 Affairs, shall select the design of the Military Veteran motorcycle  
23 license plates. The Military Veteran motorcycle license plates shall  
24 be subject to the provisions of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised  
25 Statutes, except as hereinafter otherwise specifically provided.

26 b. Application for issuance of a Military Veteran motorcycle  
27 license plate shall be made to the chief administrator on forms and  
28 in a manner prescribed by the chief administrator. The application  
29 shall include proof satisfactory to the chief administrator that the  
30 applicant **【is a military veteran and】** has been **【honorably】**  
31 discharged honorably or under general honorable conditions in any  
32 branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, or a Reserve  
33 component thereof, or the National Guard of this State or another  
34 state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), as  
35 certified on the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as  
36 issued by the federal government, NGB-22 or other approved  
37 separation forms as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces, a  
38 county-issued veteran identification card pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30  
39 (40A:9-78.1 et seq.), or a veteran identification card as issued by  
40 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs under the  
41 “Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015,” (38 U.S.C. 5706;) or on  
42 a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. In order to  
43 be deemed complete, an application shall be accompanied by a fee  
44 of \$50, payable to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission,  
45 which shall be in addition to the fee otherwise prescribed by law for  
46 the registration of a motorcycle. The chief administrator shall  
47 collect annually, subsequent to the year of issuance of the Military  
48 Veteran motorcycle license plate, a \$10 fee for the license plate in  
49 addition to the fee otherwise prescribed by law for the registration



1 of a motorcycle. The additional fees required by this subsection  
2 shall be deposited in the "Military Veteran Motorcycle License  
3 Plate Fund" created pursuant to subsection c. of this section.

4 The surviving spouse of a deceased veteran, who is eligible to  
5 operate a motorcycle in this State under the provisions of R.S.39:3-  
6 10, may retain the Military Veteran motorcycle license plates  
7 obtained by the deceased spouse pursuant to this section for display  
8 on a motorcycle owned or leased by the surviving spouse.

9 c. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special  
10 non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Military Veteran Motorcycle  
11 License Plate Fund." There shall be deposited in the fund the  
12 amount collected from all license plate fees collected pursuant to  
13 subsection b. of this section, less the amounts necessary to  
14 reimburse the commission for administrative costs pursuant to  
15 subsection d. of this section. Monies deposited in the fund shall be  
16 appropriated annually to the Department of Military and Veterans'  
17 Affairs and shall be used to support programs benefiting military  
18 veterans. Monies deposited in the fund shall be held in interest-  
19 bearing accounts in a public depository as defined pursuant to  
20 section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may be invested or  
21 reinvested in securities approved by the State Treasurer. Interest or  
22 other income earned on monies deposited into the fund, and any  
23 monies which may be appropriated or otherwise become available  
24 for the purposes of the fund, shall be credited to and deposited in  
25 the fund for use as set forth in P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148 et  
26 seq.).

27 d. Prior to the deposit of the additional fees collected pursuant  
28 to subsection b. of this section into the "Military Veteran  
29 Motorcycle License Plate Fund," amounts thereof as are necessary  
30 shall be used to reimburse the commission for all costs reasonably  
31 and actually incurred, as stipulated by the chief administrator, for:

32 (1) designing, producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the  
33 availability of the Military Veteran motorcycle license plates; and

34 (2) any computer programming changes that may be initially  
35 necessary to implement the Military Veteran motorcycle license  
36 plate program in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

37 The chief administrator shall annually certify to the State  
38 Treasurer the average cost per license plate incurred in the  
39 immediately preceding year by the commission in producing,  
40 issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the Military  
41 Veteran motorcycle license plates. The annual certification of the  
42 average cost per license plate shall be approved by the Joint Budget  
43 Oversight Committee, or its successor.

44 In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified by  
45 the chief administrator and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight  
46 Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee  
47 established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal  
48 years, the chief administrator may discontinue the issuance of  
49 Military Veteran motorcycle license plates.

1 e. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the  
2 opportunity to obtain Military Veteran motorcycle license plates by  
3 publicizing the availability of the license plates on the commission's  
4 website. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, and any  
5 other individual or entity designated by the department, may  
6 publicize the availability of the Military Veteran motorcycle license  
7 plates in any manner that the department deems appropriate.

8 f. The chief administrator and adjutant general shall develop  
9 and enter into an inter-departmental memorandum of agreement  
10 setting forth the procedures to be followed in carrying out their  
11 respective responsibilities under P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148 et  
12 seq.).

13 g. The adjutant general shall appoint a representative who shall  
14 act as a liaison between the Department of Military and Veterans'  
15 Affairs and the commission. The liaison shall represent the  
16 department in any and all communications with the commission  
17 regarding the Military Veteran motorcycle license plates established  
18 by P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148 et seq.).  
19 (cf. P.L.2017, c.193, s.1)

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21 6. Section 2 of P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.3) is amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 2. a. (1) The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall  
24 issue an identification card to any resident of the State who is 14  
25 years of age or older and who is not the holder of a valid permit or  
26 basic driver's license. The identification card shall attest to the true  
27 name, correct age, and veteran status, upon submission of  
28 satisfactory proof, by any veteran, and shall contain other  
29 identifying data as certified by the applicant for such identification  
30 card. Every application for an identification card shall be signed  
31 and verified by the applicant and shall be accompanied by the  
32 written consent of at least one parent or the person's legal guardian  
33 if the person is under 17 years of age and shall be supported by such  
34 documentary evidence of the age, identity, and veteran status, or  
35 blindness, or disability of such person as the chief administrator  
36 may require. In addition to requiring an applicant for an  
37 identification card to submit satisfactory proof of identity, age, and,  
38 if appropriate, veteran status, the chief administrator also shall  
39 require the applicant to provide, as a condition for obtaining the  
40 card, satisfactory proof that the applicant's presence in the United  
41 States is authorized under federal law. If the chief administrator  
42 has reasonable cause to suspect that any document presented by an  
43 applicant as proof of identity, age, veteran status, or legal residency  
44 is altered, false or otherwise invalid, the chief administrator shall  
45 refuse to grant the identification card until such time as the  
46 document may be verified by the issuing agency to the chief  
47 administrator's satisfaction.

48 (2) In addition to the requirements for the form and content of  
49 an identification card pursuant to this section, the Chief  
50 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall,

1 upon submission of satisfactory proof, designate on an  
2 identification card that the card holder is a Gold Star Family  
3 member. The commission shall provide to the Department of  
4 Military and Veterans' Affairs personal identifying information for  
5 any person issued an identification card with a Gold Star Family  
6 designation pursuant to this section.

7 b. The designation of veteran status on an identification card  
8 shall not be deemed sufficient valid proof of veteran status for  
9 official governmental purposes when any other statute, or any  
10 regulation or other directive of a governmental entity, requires  
11 documentation of veteran status.

12 c. For the purpose of this section:

13 "Gold Star Family member" means a spouse, domestic partner,  
14 partner in a civil union, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian,  
15 or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by  
16 adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or  
17 National Guard, who lost his or her life while on active duty for the  
18 United States.

19 "Veteran" means **[**a person who has been honorably discharged  
20 from the active military service of the United States**]** any resident  
21 of the State now or hereafter who has been discharged honorably or  
22 under general honorable conditions in any branch of the Armed  
23 Forces of the United States, or a Reserve component thereof, or the  
24 National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1  
25 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1); and

26 "Satisfactory proof" means, in the case of a veteran, **[**a copy of  
27 form**]** the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued  
28 by the federal government, or NGB-22 or other approved separation  
29 forms as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces, or federal  
30 activation orders showing service under Title 10, section 672 or  
31 section 12301, of the United States Code, or a county-issued  
32 veteran identification card [only if issuance of the card requires a  
33 copy of form DD-214 discharge papers or approved separation  
34 forms as outlined by all branches of the military and duly recorded  
35 by the county clerk's office] pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-  
36 78.1 et seq.), or a veteran identification card as issued by the United  
37 States Department of Veterans Affairs under the "Veterans  
38 Identification Card Act of 2015," (38 U.S.C. 5706). In the case of a  
39 Gold Star Family member, satisfactory proof includes any or all of  
40 the following:

41 (1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of  
42 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed  
43 for the support of family members of members of the Armed Forces  
44 of the United States or National Guard, who lost their lives while on  
45 active duty for the United States, that the applicant is either the  
46 spouse, domestic partner, partner in a civil union, parent, brother,  
47 sister, child, legal guardian, or other legal custodian, whether of the  
48 whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed

1 forces or National Guard who died while on active duty for the  
2 United States; or

3 (2) (a) documentation deemed acceptable by the Adjutant  
4 General, including, but not limited to, a federal DD Form 1300,  
5 Report of Casualty, or a federal DD Form 2064, Certificate of  
6 Death Overseas, which identifies the member of the Armed Forces  
7 of the United States or National Guard who died while on active  
8 duty for the United States; and

9 (b) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the  
10 service member.

11 (cf. P.L.2017, c.175, s.7)

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13 7. Section 1 of P.L.1955, c.49 (C.40:61-22.20) is amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 1. a. The governing body of any municipality bordering on the  
16 Atlantic Ocean, tidal water bays or rivers which owns or shall  
17 acquire, by any deed of dedication or otherwise, lands bordering on  
18 the ocean, tidal water bays or rivers, or easement rights therein, for  
19 a place of resort for public health and recreation and for other  
20 public purposes shall have the exclusive control, government and  
21 care thereof and of any boardwalk, bathing and recreational  
22 facilities, safeguards and equipment, now or hereafter constructed  
23 or provided thereon, and may, by ordinance, make and enforce rules  
24 and regulations for the government and policing of such lands,  
25 boardwalk, bathing facilities, safeguards and equipment; provided,  
26 that such power of control, government, care and policing shall not  
27 be construed in any manner to exclude or interfere with the  
28 operation of any State law or authority with respect to such lands,  
29 property and facilities. Any such municipality may, in order to  
30 provide funds to improve, maintain and police the same and to  
31 protect the same from erosion, encroachment and damage by sea or  
32 otherwise, and to provide facilities and safeguards for public  
33 bathing and recreation, including the employment of lifeguards, by  
34 ordinance, make and enforce rules and regulations for the  
35 government, use, maintenance and policing thereof and provide for  
36 the charging and collecting of reasonable fees for the registration of  
37 persons using said lands and bathing facilities, for access to the  
38 beach and bathing and recreational grounds so provided and for the  
39 use of the bathing and recreational facilities, but no such fees shall  
40 be charged or collected from children under the age of 12 years.

41 b. A municipality may by ordinance provide that no fees, or  
42 reduced fees, shall be charged to:

43 (1) persons 65 or more years of age;

44 (2) persons who meet the disability criteria for disability  
45 benefits under Title II of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
46 s.401 et seq.);

47 (3) persons in active military service in any of the Armed Forces  
48 of the United States and to their spouse or dependent children over  
49 the age of 12 years;

1 (4) persons who are active members of the New Jersey National  
2 Guard who have completed Initial Active Duty Training and to their  
3 spouse or dependent children over the age of 12 years. As used in  
4 this paragraph, "Initial Active Duty Training" means Basic Military  
5 Training, for members of the New Jersey Air National Guard, and  
6 Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training, for  
7 members of the New Jersey Army National Guard;

8 (5) persons who have served in any of the Armed Forces of the  
9 United States and who were discharged or released therefrom under  
10 conditions other than dishonorable and who either have served at  
11 least 90 days in active duty or have been discharged or released  
12 from active duty by reason of a service-incurred injury or disability.  
13 The Adjutant General of the New Jersey Department of Military  
14 and Veterans' Affairs shall promulgate rules and regulations  
15 pertaining to veteran eligibility under this paragraph; and

16 (6) persons holding a driver's license or identification card with  
17 a Gold Star Family designation issued pursuant to section 1 of  
18 P.L.2013, c.165 (C.39:3-10f6) or section 2 of P.L.1980, c.47  
19 (C.39:3-29.3), respectively.

20 c. A municipality providing for no fees or reduced fees  
21 pursuant to paragraph (3), (4), (5), or (6) of subsection b. of this  
22 section shall track, in a manner deemed appropriate by the  
23 governing body of the municipality, the number of persons who  
24 qualify under the provisions of those paragraphs.

25 d. A person who qualifies for free access to beaches and  
26 bathing and recreational grounds and free use of bathing and  
27 recreational facilities pursuant to paragraph (3), (4), (5), or (6) of  
28 subsection b. of this section may, in lieu of obtaining and presenting  
29 a municipal beach tag or similar admission pass to gain such access  
30 and use, present a **【valid military identification card, form】** DD-  
31 214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued by the federal government,  
32 NGB-22 or other approved separation forms as outlined by all  
33 branches of the Armed Forces, a county-issued veteran  
34 identification card pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (40A:9-78.1 et seq.),  
35 a veteran identification card as issued by the United States  
36 Department of Veterans Affairs under the "Veterans Identification  
37 Card Act of 2015," (38 U.S.C. 5706,) or similar document, or State  
38 driver's license or identification card indicating that the holder is a  
39 veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States or a Gold Star  
40 Family member.

41 (cf. P.L.2017, c.175, s.8)

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43 8. Section 2 of P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.2) is amended to  
44 read as follows:

45 2. As used in this act, P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.1 et seq.),  
46 "veteran" means **【a person】** any resident of this State now or  
47 hereafter who has served in **【the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines**  
48 **or Coast Guard】** any branch of the Armed Forces of the United  
49 States or a Reserve component thereof or the National Guard of this

1 State or another State as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109  
2 (C.38A:1-1), and has been **【honorably】** discharged honorably or  
3 **【released】** under general honorable conditions **【other than**  
4 **dishonorable】** from such service.

5 (cf. P.L.2017, c.292, s.1)

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7 9. Section 3 of P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.3) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 3. A county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as  
10 appropriate, may establish a veteran identification card program for  
11 the sole purpose of identifying the holder as a veteran when such  
12 identification is required to receive discounts or other courtesies  
13 extended to military veterans, or to prove status as a veteran or  
14 character of service to receive benefits afforded veterans under the  
15 laws of this State, if eligible.

16 (cf. P.L.2012, c.30, s.3)

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18 10. Section 4 of P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.4) is amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 4. a. When such a program has been authorized, the county  
21 clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, shall issue  
22 an identification card to any veteran who is a resident of the county  
23 **【and who does not hold an identification card issued by the federal**  
24 **government that identifies the person as a veteran】**. The veteran  
25 identification card shall bear the true name, branch of the military  
26 in which the veteran served, date of card issuance, **【separation form**  
27 **submitted,】** and other identifying information as certified by the  
28 applicant for such veteran identification card. Every application for  
29 a veteran identification card shall be signed and certified by the  
30 applicant and shall be supported by such documentary evidence as  
31 the county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate,  
32 may require.

33 b. **【The】** Any of the following shall constitute documentary  
34 evidence required by subsection a. of this section **【shall include】** ;  
35 the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued by the  
36 federal government, an NGB-22 or other approved separation forms  
37 as outlined by all branches of the 【military】 Armed Forces, or  
38 veteran identification card as issued by the United States  
39 Department of Veteran Affairs under the “Veterans Identification  
40 Card Act of 2015,” (38 U.S.C. 5706.) and duly recorded by the  
41 office. The county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as  
42 appropriate, shall require a copy of the documentary evidence  
43 submitted to be kept on file with the application for the veteran  
44 identification card, and shall note the location of the original **【DD-**  
45 **214 or other approved separation form on that application form】**  
46 documentary evidence as pursuant to this subsection. The copy of  
47 the documentary evidence submitted and the application shall be  
48 kept confidential and shall not be considered a government record

1 under P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), except that they may be  
2 released to another government agency. The Adjutant General of  
3 the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall assist in the  
4 identification, and verification as needed, of approved separation  
5 forms as outlined by all branches of the military and submitted by  
6 applicants.  
7 (cf. P.L.2017, c.292, s.2)

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9 11. Section 1 of P.L.1985, c.482 (C.40A:11-41) is amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 1. As used in this act:

12 a. "County or municipal contracting agency" shall mean the  
13 governing body of a county or municipality or any department,  
14 board, commission, committee, authority or agency of a county or  
15 municipality but shall not include school districts;

16 b. "Minority group members" shall mean persons who are  
17 black, Hispanic, Portuguese, Asian-American, American Indian or  
18 Alaskan natives;

19 c. "Qualified women's business enterprise" shall mean a  
20 business which has its principal place of business in this State, is  
21 independently owned and operated, is at least **【51%】** 51 percent  
22 owned and controlled by women and is qualified pursuant to section  
23 25 of P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-25);

24 d. "Qualified minority business enterprise" shall mean a  
25 business which has its principal place of business in this State, is  
26 independently owned and operated, is at least **【51%】** 51 percent  
27 owned and controlled by minority group members and is qualified  
28 pursuant to section 25 of P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-25);

29 e. "Qualified small business enterprise" shall mean a business  
30 which has its principal place of business in this State, is  
31 independently owned and operated and meets all other  
32 qualifications as may be established in accordance with P.L.1981,  
33 c.283 (C.52:27H-21.1 et seq.);

34 f. "Set-aside contracts" shall mean (1) a contract for goods,  
35 equipment, construction, or services which is designated as a  
36 contract for which bids are invited and accepted only from qualified  
37 small business enterprises, qualified veteran business enterprises,  
38 qualified minority business enterprises or qualified women's  
39 business enterprises, as appropriate, (2) a portion of a contract when  
40 that portion has been so designated, or (3) any other purchase or  
41 procurement so designated;

42 g. "Total procurements" shall mean all purchases, contracts or  
43 acquisitions of a county or municipal contracting agency, whether  
44 by competitive bidding, single source contracting, or other method  
45 of procurement, as prescribed or permitted by law;

46 h. "Veteran" **【shall have the same meaning as set forth in**  
47 subsection b. of N.J.S.11A:5-1,】 means any resident of this State  
48 now or hereafter who has served in any branch of the Armed Forces  
49 of the United States or a Reserve component thereof or the National

1 Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1 of  
2 P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), and has been discharged honorably or  
3 under general honorable conditions from such service, except that  
4 the veteran shall present to the Adjutant General of the Department  
5 of Military and Veterans' Affairs sufficient evidence of a record of  
6 service, which shall include the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or  
7 DD-256 form as issued by the federal government; NGB-22 or  
8 other approved separation forms as outlined by all branches of the  
9 Armed Forces; a county-issued veteran identification card pursuant  
10 to P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.1 et seq.); or a veteran identification  
11 card as issued by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs  
12 under the "Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015," (38 U.S.C.  
13 5706;) and receive a determination of status no later than the date  
14 established for the submission of bids; and

15 i. "Qualified veteran business enterprise" shall mean a  
16 business which has its principal place of business in this State, is  
17 independently owned and operated, is at least **[51%]** 51 percent  
18 owned and controlled by a veteran or that wherein at least twenty  
19 five percent of the required workforce for the contract are veterans,  
20 including new hires if additional workers are required to perform  
21 the contract, and is qualified pursuant to section 25 of P.L.1971,  
22 c.198 (C.40A:11-25). The business shall also submit forms  
23 quarterly to the contracting agency showing proof of veteran status  
24 for all the veteran employees.  
25 (cf. P.L.2013, c.5, s.1)

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27 12. Section 2 of P.L.2017, c.258 (C.52:27D-517) is amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 2. As used in this act:

30 "Director" means the Director of the Division of Housing and  
31 Community Resources in the Department of Community Affairs.

32 "Disabled" means a person who fulfills the definition of having a  
33 "disability" pursuant to section 3 of the "Americans with  
34 Disabilities Act of 1990," 42 U.S.C. s.12102.

35 "Division" means the Division of Housing and Community  
36 Resources in the Department of Community Affairs.

37 "Eligible veteran" means a disabled or low-income veteran.

38 "Energy efficient features or equipment" means features or  
39 equipment within a primary residence that help to reduce the  
40 amount of electricity used to heat, cool, or ventilate the residence,  
41 including but not limited to insulation, weatherstripping, air sealing,  
42 repaired heating systems, or duct sealing.

43 "Family member" means a spouse, child, parent, sibling, aunt,  
44 uncle, niece, nephew, first cousin, grandparent, grandchild, father-  
45 in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepparent,  
46 stepchild, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, or half sister, whether  
47 the individual is related by blood, marriage, or adoption.

48 "Low-income veteran" means a veteran occupying a household  
49 with a gross household income equal to 50 percent or less of the



1 median gross household income for households of the same size,  
2 and within the same housing region, as defined by subsection b. of  
3 section 4 of P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-304).

4 "Primary residence" means a dwelling unit that is owned by the  
5 eligible veteran or by a family member of the eligible veteran, and  
6 occupied by the eligible veteran as his or her principal residence.

7 "Qualified organization" means a nonprofit veterans'  
8 organization that qualifies as a section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) tax  
9 exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code.

10 "Veteran" means any resident of the State now or hereafter who  
11 has been **[honorably]** discharged honorably or **[released]** under  
12 general honorable **[circumstances from active service]** conditions  
13 in any branch of the **[armed forces]** Armed Forces of the United  
14 States, or a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of  
15 this State or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109  
16 (C.38A:1-1), or any honorably discharged member of the American  
17 Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is declared  
18 by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for  
19 federal veterans' benefits.  
20 (cf. P.L.2017, c.258, s.2)

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22 13. Section 2 of P.L.2011, c. 147 (C.52:32-50) is amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 2. As used in this act:

25 "Authority" means the New Jersey Economic Development  
26 Authority.

27 "Contracting agency" means the State or any board, commission,  
28 authority or agency of the State.

29 "Department" means the New Jersey Department of the  
30 Treasury.

31 "Veteran" means any **[citizen and]** resident of this State now or  
32 hereafter **[honorably]** who has been discharged honorably or  
33 **[released]** under general honorable **[circumstances]** conditions  
34 who served in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States  
35 or a Reserve component thereof or the National Guard of this State  
36 or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109  
37 (C.38A:1-1), **[for at least 90 days]** and shall include disabled  
38 veterans.

39 "Veteran-owned business" means a business that has its principal  
40 place of business in the State, is independently owned and operated  
41 and at least **[51%]** 51 percent of the business is owned and  
42 controlled by persons who are veterans.

43 (cf. P.L.2011, c.147, s.2)

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45 14. This act shall take effect immediately.

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SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/21/2020

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills into law:

**S-62/A-2478 (Singleton, Oroho/DeAngelo, Houghtaling, Space)** – Requires certain contractors to register under "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act"

**S-358/A-4587 (Rice/Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson)** – Establishes database with certain information about individuals elected to public office in this State

**S-376/A-3839 (Madden, Gopal/Moriarty, Lagana, Mukherji, Murphy)** – Eliminates eligibility time limit on tuition benefits for spouses of certain public safety workers killed in performance of their duties

**S-497/A-4626 (Vitale, Madden/Mosquera, McKnight, Vainieri Huttle)** – Allows certain prior statements by children to be admitted into evidence in child abuse and termination of parental rights cases

**S-498/ACS for A-3391 (Vitale, Oroho/DeCroce, Johnson, DiMaso)** – Makes various changes to "Criminal Injuries Compensation Act of 1971"

**S-521/A-4378 (T. Kean, C.A. Brown, Pou, Ruiz/Caputo, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle)** – Requires NJ State Council on Arts to establish "Artist District" designation and select certain municipalities or areas within municipalities for such designation

**S-589/ACS for A-422 (Weinberg/Mosquera, Jones, Moriarty)** – Requires Secretary of State to establish secure Internet website for online voter registration; authorizes use of digitized signatures from New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's database

**S-700/A-3836 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Schaer, Mukherji, Jasey)** – "Higher Education Citizenship Equality Act"; defines domicile for dependent students for purpose of eligibility for State student grants and scholarships, and resident tuition rate

**S-721/A-1751 (Greenstein, Cunningham, Diegnan/Quijano, Benson)** – Authorizes use of certain electric school buses

**S-758/A-1987 (Cunningham, Cruz-Perez/Sumter, Mukherji, Quijano)** – Requires incarcerated individual from State to be counted at residential address for legislative redistricting purposes

**S-765/A-541 (Cunningham, T. Kean, Ruiz/Mazzeo, Jasey, Vainieri Huttle, Sumter, Benson)** – Prohibits Higher Education Student Assistance Authority from referring defaulted loans under New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students (NJCLASS) Loan Program for certain actions if authority and borrower have entered into settlement agreement

**S-782/A-1110 (Sarlo, Scutari/Downey, Houghtaling, Dancer)** – Increases workers' compensation for loss of hand or foot

**S-834 wGR/A-4186 (Scutari, Greenstein/Jones, Pintor Marin)** – Prohibits resale of non-prescription diabetes test devices by pharmacists

**S-939/A-3331 (Pou/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, McKnight)** – Requires forms and materials for individuals with developmental disabilities to be available in languages other than English

**S-974/A-3040 (Singleton, T. Kean/Vainieri Huttle, Timberlake, Mosquera)** – Requires newborn infants be screened for spinal muscular atrophy

- S-1032/A-2389 (Vitale, Gopal/Schaer, Benson, Verrelli)** – Concerns expansion of services provided by DHS mental health screening services
- S-1146/A-2365 (Codey, Rice/Vainieri Huttle, Mukherji, Downey)** – Requires hospital patient's medical record to include notation if patient is at increased risk of confusion, agitation, behavioral problems, and wandering due to dementia related disorder
- S-1298/ACS for A-2972 (A.M. Bucco, Singleton/Mazzeo, Dunn, Space)** – Permits municipalities to provide information on property tax bills concerning amount of local tax dollars saved through shared services
- S-1318/A-3156 (Ruiz, Scutari/Lampitt, Mosquera)** – Permits counties and non-governmental, community-based agencies to establish family justice centers which provide coordinated, multi-agency governmental and non-governmental assistance to victims of certain crimes and offenses, including domestic violence, and their family members
- S-1505/A-1707 (Vitale/Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, Benson, Mosquera)** – Expands membership of NJ Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect
- S-1647/A-3181 (Diegnan, Codey/Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Murphy)** – Prohibits use of coupons, price rebates, and price reduction promotions in sales of tobacco and vapor products
- S-1683/A-4267 (Smith, Greenstein/McKeon, Space, Wirths)** – Concerns regulation of solid waste, hazardous waste, and soil and fill recycling industries
- S-1703/A-715 (Connors, Holzapfel/Gove, Rumpf, DiMaso)** – Exempts disabled veterans from beach buggy permit fees
- S-1791/A-3414 (Weinberg/Johnson, Vainieri Huttle, Houghtaling)** – Requires employers to disclose certain wage information to employees
- S-1796/A-4693 (Addiego, Sweeney/Murphy)** – Permits school district of residence to provide aid in-lieu-of transportation to pupil attending Marine Academy of Science and Technology provided certain conditions are met
- S-1832/A-211 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Chiaravalloti, Zwicker, Pintor Marin)** – Establishes loan redemption program and tuition reimbursement program for certain teachers of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
- S-2267/A-3616 (Sweeney, Corrado/Burzichelli, Holley, Calabrese)** – Gives State lottery winners option of remaining anonymous indefinitely
- S-2303/A-4843 (Sweeney, Ruiz, Cunningham/Wimberly, Karabinchak, Calabrese)** – Requires establishment of Work and Learn Consortiums by certain educational institutions to establish certificate and degree programs identified in high labor-demand industries
- S-2389 wGR/A-5449 (Singleton/Quijano, Downey, Houghtaling, Moriarty)** – Requires New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy to establish prescription drug pricing disclosure website and certain pharmaceutical manufacturing companies to provide prescription drug price information
- S-2428/A-4965 (Scutari/Quijano, Vainieri Huttle)** – Requires that massage and bodywork therapists and employers carry professional liability insurance
- S-2469/A-3745 (Singleton, Oroho/Wirths, Mazzeo, Space)** – Prohibits person from contracting for public work if person is federally debarred from receiving federal contract
- S-2511/A-4020 (Madden/Mazzeo, Murphy, Johnson)** – Changes title of DEP "conservation officer" to "conservation police officer"
- S-2521/A-4087 (Cryan, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake)** – Requires reporting of inmate abuse by employees of State correctional facilities and establishes reporting and investigation program
- S-2522/A-4090 (Cryan, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake)** – Limits cross gender strip searches in

## State correctional facilities

**S-2532/A-4086 (Greenstein, Cruz-Perez/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake)** – Requires correctional police officers receive 20 hours in-service training, including four hours in prevention of sexual misconduct, non-fraternization, and manipulation

**S-2555/A-3990 (Gopal, Ruiz/Mukherji, Benson, Karabinchak)** – Allows dependent students whose parents or guardians hold H-1B visas to qualify for in-State tuition at public institutions of higher education provided they meet certain criteria

**S-2564/A-3519 (Turner, Singleton/Benson, McKnight, Jasey)** – Establishes "Restorative Justice in Education Pilot Program" in Department of Education

**SCS for S-2599/ACS for A-1268 (Bateman, Beach/Tucker, Conaway, Lampitt, Quijano)** – Authorizes veterans' property tax exemption and veterans' property tax deduction for honorably discharged veterans of United States Armed Forces who did not serve in time of war or other emergency

**S-2826/A-3274 (Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Dancer, Benson)** – Requires institutions of higher education to offer cats and dogs no longer used for educational, research, or scientific purposes for adoption; designated the "Homes for Animal Heroes Act"

**S-2849/A-4590 (A.M. Bucco/DiMaio, Caputo, Dunn)** – Designates Seeing Eye® dog as State Dog

**S-3036/A-1697 (Lagana, Scutari/Dancer, Downey)** – Prohibits medical providers from reporting certain workers' compensation medical charges to collection and credit reporting agencies

**S-3061/A-4603 (Ruiz, Greenstein/Lampitt, Mukherji, Benson)** – Provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for businesses that participate in DOL registered apprenticeship programs; establishes grant program for tax-exempt organizations participating in DOL registered apprenticeship programs

**S-3065/A-4657 (Ruiz, Singleton/Armato, Benson, Timberlake)** – Establishes youth apprenticeship pilot program in Department of Education

**S-3067/A-4602 (Ruiz, Singleton/Lampitt, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter)** – Establishes five year Apprentice Assistance and Support Services Pilot Program

**S-3116/A-4683 (Ruiz/Speight, Munoz, Tucker)** – Requires certain medical facilities to undertake end-of-life planning and training

**S-3117/A-4685 (Ruiz/Speight, Pinkin, Munoz)** – Requires emergency departments to take certain measures concerning palliative care for patients

**S-3126/A-4107 (Gopal/Benson, DeCroce, Chiaravalloti)** – Requires drivers to stop at railroad crossing when on-track equipment is approaching railroad crossing

**S-3170/A-5145 (Cryan, Pou/Quijano, Milam, Land)** – Increases prenotification time and requires severance pay in certain plant closings, transfers, and mass layoffs

**S-3227/A-5261 (Gopal/Tully, Pinkin, Swain)** – Requires restaurants to post signs advising customers to notify servers of food allergies; requires restaurant managers to complete food allergen training

**S-3265/A-3178 (Turner, Codey, Vitale/Conaway, Murphy, Vainieri Huttle)** – Prohibits sale or distribution of flavored vapor products

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**S-3330 wGR/A-5066 (Addiego, Singleton/Jones, Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, Murphy)** – Establishes pilot program in DCF to study impact of child care services provided by community providers operating in public school facilities; requires community providers to meet certain criteria

**S-3422/A-6056 (Singer, T. Kean/Houghtaling, Downey, Vainieri Huttle)** – Requires declaration of Code Blue

alert when National Weather Service predicts temperatures of 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower

**S-3468/A-5105 (Sweeney, Singleton/Murphy, Karabinchak, Vainieri Huttie)** – Establishes Task Force on Maximizing Employment for People with Disabilities

**S-3511/A-5298 (Singer, T. Kean/Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie, Downey)** – Authorizes certain health care and social service resources to be made available during Code Blue alert

**S-3581/A-5963 (Singleton/Lopez, Quijano)** – Prohibits certain business financing contracts that contain judgment by confession provisions

**S-3685/A-5345 (Sarlo, Singleton/Mukherji, Conaway, McKnight)** – Establishes program to increase participation of underrepresented students in New Jersey's science and engineering workforce

**S-3756/A-6115 (Ruiz, Sarlo, O'Scanlon/Jasey, Jones, Wirths)** – Requires limited purpose regional school districts to coordinate with constituent districts regarding school calendar and curriculum

**S-3763/A-6116 (Addiego, Bateman, Sarlo/DeAngelo, Dancer, Space)** – Renames joint meetings as regional service agencies; grandfathers existing joint meetings

**S-3869/A-5561 (Sarlo/Burzichelli, Houghtaling)** – Prohibits local governments from imposing fines on alarm companies in certain circumstances

**S-3871/A-5427 (Bateman, Scutari/DePhillips, McKeon)** – Adds member from Retired Judges Association of New Jersey to State Investment Council

**SCS for S-3878/ACS for A-5394 (Ruiz, Weinberg, Cunningham/Moriarty, McKnight, Pinkin)** – Reaffirms and clarifies that Attorney General and Division on Civil Rights may initiate actions in Superior Court to enforce "Law Against Discrimination"

**S-3920 wGR/A-5552 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter)** – Concerns provision of energy to certain manufacturing facilities by providing exemptions to certain energy related taxes

**S-3923/A-5680 (Madden, Singleton/Giblin, Timberlake, Murphy)** – Concerns labor harmony agreements for hospitality projects

**SCS for S-3939 and 3944/ACS for A-5681 and 5682 (Smith, Greenstein, Bateman, Codey/Pinkin, Lopez, McKeon)** – Establishes Recycling Market Development Council

**S-3985/A-5663 (Smith/McKeon, Pinkin, Vainieri Huttie)** – Amends "Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act" to add definition of "open access offshore wind transmission facility" and revises law concerning "qualified offshore wind projects"

**S-4025/A-5695 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter)** – Makes FY 2020 language allocation of \$1,000,000 appropriated to Grants for Urban Parks to Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson

**S-4162/A-6014 (Smith, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttie, Pinkin, Houghtaling)** – Establishes NJ Climate Change Resource Center at Rutgers University; appropriates up to \$500,000

**S-4165/A-4364 (Rice/Giblin, Caputo, Tucker)** – Expands University Hospital board of directors membership from 11 to 13 members

**S-4188/A-6075 (Beach/Murphy, Dancer, Lampitt)** – "Lindsay's Law"; provides tax benefits to organ and bone marrow donors and their employers, and provides paid time off to donors who are State or local government employees

**S-4200/A-5855 (Ruiz, Turner/Coughlin, Lampitt, Holley)** – Requires State to pay difference between federal allocation and total cost of reduced price breakfast or lunch; appropriates \$4.5 million

**S-4247/A-6049 (Gopal, O'Scanlon/Conaway, Houghtaling, Downey)** – Establishes criteria for distribution of Fiscal Year 2020 funding to Community Food Bank of New Jersey and partner organizations

**S-4264/A-5962 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter, Calabrese)** – Designates State Highway Route 19 as "William J. Pascrell Jr. Highway"

**S-4275/A-6088 (Smith, Greenstein/Burzichelli)** – Allows BPU to increase cost to customers of Class I renewable energy requirement for energy years 2022 through 2024, under certain conditions

**S-4276/A-6109 (Corrado, Bateman/Armato, Calabrese, Land)** – Appropriates \$32,153,936 to State Agriculture Development Committee, and amends 2017 appropriations for stewardship activities, for farmland preservation purposes

**S-4277/A-6112 (Greenstein, Bateman/Freiman, Danielsen, Downey)** – Appropriates \$5,000,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

**S-4278/A-6108 (Greenstein, Bateman/Taliaferro, Karabinchak, Kennedy)** – Appropriates \$21 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

**S-4279/A-6106 (Smith, Bateman/Houghtaling, Reynolds-Jackson, Pinkin)** – Appropriates \$1,350,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for grants to certain nonprofit organizations for farmland preservation purposes

**S-4286/A-5890 (Vitale/Swain, Jones)** – Clarifies procedures concerning collection of child support on behalf of child over age 19 when court has ordered such support

**S-4309/A-6107 (Turner, Cruz-Perez/Mejia, Vainieri Huttie, Zwicker)** – Appropriates \$13,902,723 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for grants for certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses

**S-4310/A-6114 (Codey, Bateman/Carter, Murphy, Lopez)** – Appropriates \$8,872,682 to DEP from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for grants to certain nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes

**S-4311/A-6113 (Greenstein, Bateman/Speight, Mukherji, Verrelli)** – Appropriates \$77,450,448 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues and various Green Acres funds to DEP for local government open space acquisition and park development projects

**S-4312/A-6111 (Smith, Bateman/Giblin, Mazzeo, Land)** – Appropriates \$36.143 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

**S-4313/A-6110 (Corrado, Bateman/Moriarty, McKeon, Swain)** – Appropriates \$33.915 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects

**SCS for S-4315/ACS for A-6063 (Beach, Turner/Jones, Zwicker)** – Creates fund to reimburse local units of government for cost of certain mail-in ballot procedures; appropriates \$3,000,000

**SJR-51/AJR-189 (Rice, Turner/Verrelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter)** – Establishes the "New Jersey State Commission on Urban Violence"

**SJR-65/AJR-90 (Weinberg, Addiego/DiMaso, Vainieri Huttie, Schepisi)** – Designates March 19th "Women in Public Office Day" in New Jersey

**SJR-80/AJR-121 (Lagana, Weinberg/Jones, Benson, Chiaravalloti, DeCroce)** – Urges federal government to adhere to commitment to improve Northeast Corridor rail infrastructure by providing funding to complete Gateway Program

**SJR-125/AJR-169 (Gopal, Codey/Wolfe, Pinkin)** – Designates the second week of October of each year as "Obesity Care Week" in NJ



- A-344/S-1575 (Murphy, McKeon, Timberlake/Cruz-Perez, Singleton)** – Revises certain aspects of the New Jersey Individual Development Account Program
- A-1040/S-3928 (Houghtaling, Taliaferro/Andrzejczak)** – Establishes NJ "Landowner of the Year" award program
- A-1146/S-4330 (Wimberly, Holley/Pou, Singleton)** – Establishes "New Jersey Investing in You Promise Neighborhood Commission"
- A-1277/S-2629 (Tucker, Holley, Lopez/Singleton, Gopal)** – Requires hospitals and homeless shelters to provide information on services and resources to individuals who are homeless or military veterans
- A-1449/S-3168 (Benson, DeAngelo/Greenstein, Turner)** – Provides job security to certain organ and bone marrow donors
- A-1477/S-3228 (Chaparro, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Jimenez, Mukherji, Downey/Gopal, Scutari)** – Establishes Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program to facilitate apprehension of persons fleeing motor vehicle accident scene; designated as "Zackhary's Law"
- A-1478/S-1648 (Chaparro, Vainieri Huttle/Diegnan, T. Kean)** – Revises law governing theater liquor licenses
- A-1604/S-2734 (Conaway, Murphy, Jimenez/Singleton)** – "Recreational Therapists Licensing Act"
- A-1796/S-2609 (McKeon, Downey/Lagana, Gopal)** – Prevents criminal defendant from asserting "gay and transgender panic" defense to murder charge in order to reduce charge to manslaughter committed in heat of passion
- A-1924/S-2930 (Mukherji, A.M. Bucco, DeAngelo, DeCroce/Beach)** – Exempts certain honorably discharged United States military veterans from initial insurance producer licensing fee
- A-1992/S-1780 (Sumter, Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Houghtaling, Wimberly/Diegnan, Turner)** – "New Jersey Call Center Jobs Act"
- A-2183/S-1687 (Land, Johnson/Cruz-Perez, Andrzejczak)** – "Music Therapist Licensing Act"
- ACS for A-2431 wGR/SCS for S-1865 (Benson, Jimenez, DeCroce/Weinberg, T. Kean)** – Requires health insurers to provide plans that limit patient cost-sharing concerning certain prescription drug coverage
- ACS for A-2444 and S-2656/S-2081 (Benson, Lampitt, Pinkin, Mukherji/Turner, Singleton)** – Provides for coverage of comprehensive tobacco cessation benefits in Medicaid
- A-2767/S-2924 (Greenwald, Mosquera, McKnight/Greenstein, Singleton)** – Amends certain provisions of sexual assault statute to clarify elements necessary for conviction
- A-3312/S-1972 (Murphy, Lagana, Downey, Sumter/Gopal, Corrado)** – Requires Legislature to adopt and distribute policy prohibiting sexual harassment; requires members, officers, and employees of Legislature to complete online training on policy once every two years
- A-3670/S-995 (Benson, Giblin, Murphy/Vitale, Weinberg)** – Provides for designation of acute stroke ready hospitals, establishes Stroke Care Advisory Panel and Statewide stroke database, and requires development of emergency medical services stroke care protocols
- ACS for A-4136/SCS for S-2675 (Land, Milam/Andrzejczak, Van Drew)** – Establishes Possession In Excess of Daily Limit Vessel License for black sea bass and summer flounder; dedicates fees therefrom to marine fisheries programs
- A-4147/S-2744 (Lampitt, Houghtaling, Zwicker/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires school districts and nonpublic schools to conduct audit of security features of buildings, grounds, and communication systems and to submit audit to NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness and DOE

- A-4150/S-2742 (Lampitt, Jones, Timberlake/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires meeting between student and appropriate school personnel after multiple suspensions or proposed expulsion from public school to identify behavior or health difficulties
- A-4151/S-2745 (Swain, Tully, Jasey/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires school security training for persons employed by public and nonpublic schools in substitute capacity and for employees and volunteers of youth programs operated in school buildings
- A-4260/S-4335 (Timberlake, Giblin, Tucker, Caputo/Pou, Scutari)** – Prohibits sale of certain toy guns and imitation firearms
- A-4370/S-2919 (Carroll/A.M. Bucco)** – Increases membership of board of trustees of Washington Association of New Jersey
- A-4377/S-2934 (Benson, Land, DeCroce/Greenstein)** – Requires DOT and OIT to develop materials concerning capabilities of airports in NJ and establishes "Public Use Airports Task Force"
- A-4517/S-4341 (Wimberly, Speight, Reynolds-Jackson/Singleton, Cunningham)** – Establishes "New Jersey Eviction Crisis Task Force"
- A-4529/S-3191 (Mazzeo, Armato/Gopal, Andrezejczak)** – Concerns reimbursements to Superstorm Sandy-impacted homeowners subjected to contractor fraud
- A-4563/S-3096 (Zwicker, Benson/Greenstein, Gill)** – Prohibits use of bots to deceive person about origin and content of communication for certain commercial or election purposes
- A-4564/S-3087 (Zwicker, Freiman/Greenstein)** – Establishes "Voting Precinct Transparency Act;" requires filing of election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data with Secretary of State for posting and download on official website with matching election results data
- A-4699/S-2938 (Moriarty, Burzichelli, Bramnick/Turner)** – Regulates annual report filing services
- A-4803/S-4211 (Greenwald, Johnson, Pintor Marin/Cryan, Vitale)** – Authorizes certain entities to directly bill Victims of Crime Compensation Office for counseling services provided to victims of firearm and stabbing crimes
- A-4822/S-3408 (Wimberly, Tully, Swain/Singleton, Greenstein)** – Permits municipalities to lease vacant municipal land for tiny home occupancy; directs DCA to enhance regulatory guidance on acceptable tiny home construction and use
- A-4904 wGR/S-3347 (Mukherji, Quijano, Mazzeo/Cryan, Sweeney)** – Concerns property taxes due and owing on real property owned by certain federal employees or contractors under certain circumstances
- A-4954/S-3368 (Quijano, Murphy, Carter/Singleton, Greenstein)** – Revises requirements for provision of counseling and support services to emergency services personnel
- ACS for A-4972/SCS for S-1490 (Moriarty/Beach, Scutari)** – Establishes certain consumer protections related to arbitration organizations
- A-4978 wGR/S-3498 (Timberlake, Zwicker, Vainieri Huttle/Greenstein, Cryan)** – Prohibits online education services from using and disclosing certain information, engaging in targeted advertising, and requires deletion of certain information in certain circumstances
- A-5023/S-3467 (McKnight, Mukherji, Chaparro, Chiaravalloti/Cunningham)** – Exempts from DOT permitting requirements certain signs not located in protected areas that have been approved by municipality
- A-5028/S-3523 (Mukherji, Conaway, Pintor Marin/Vitale, Diegnan)** – Establishes "James Nicholas Rentas's Law," revises "New Jersey SmokeFree Air Act"
- A-5029/S-3522 (Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson, Johnson/Rice, T. Kean)** – Requires New Jersey Office on Minority and Multicultural Health to study racial disparities on sexual and reproductive health of African-American women

**A-5031/S-3455 (Speight, McKnight, Timberlake/Ruiz)** – Requires hospital emergency departments to ask person of childbearing age about recent pregnancy history

**A-5314/S-3692 (Zwicker, Milam, Mazzeo/Cryan, Ruiz)** – Requires DHS to study social isolation occurring in certain population groups

**A-5344/S-3833 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttel, Milam/Gopal, Corrado)** – Establishes uniform standard for acceptable proof of veteran status for veteran's ID cards and various State and local programs

**A-5388/S-3895 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Greenwald/Greenstein, Ruiz)** – Requires specialized in-service training regarding crime victims for police departments in certain high-crime areas

**A-5389/S-3896 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Greenwald/Greenstein, Ruiz)** – Requires training or experience in crime victims' rights for certain members of Victims of Crime Compensation Review Board

**A-5432/S-3796 (Milam, Land/Andrzejczak)** – Requires DEP Commissioner to establish individual transferable quota system for menhaden purse seine fishery

**A-5445/S-3909 (Swain, Tully, Spearman/T. Kean, Corrado)** – Requires AG to establish program to detect fentanyl in State's illegal drug supply and make information related to presence of fentanyl available in database accessible by law enforcement

**A-5511/S-1852 (Spearman, Jones, Reynolds-Jackson/Turner, Cruz-Perez)** – Revises certain penalties for illegal operation of snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or dirt bike

**A-5580/S-3842 (Johnson, Moriarty, Greenwald/Weinberg, Sarlo)** – Extends availability period for tax credits for certain expenses incurred for production of certain film and digital media content, raises annual cap related to film production, and provides for annual administration of film tax credits

**A-5583/S-3919 (Pinkin, Lopez, Mukherji/Smith, Bateman)** – Prohibits sale, lease, rent, or installation of certain equipment or products containing hydrofluorocarbons or other greenhouse gases

**A-5630/S-3981 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Reynolds-Jackson/Weinberg, Corrado)** – Requires Civil Service Commission to establish and maintain hotline for State employees to submit reports of workplace discrimination and harassment

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**A-5667/S-3933 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttel, Armato, DeCroce, Karabinchak/Singer, Scutari)** – "Charlie's Law"; requires pharmacy practice sites and hospice programs to furnish patients with information and means to safely dispose of unused prescription drugs and medications

**A-5801/S-4064 (Coughlin, Houghtaling, Verrelli/Singleton, Sweeney)** – Concerns responsibility of contractors for wage claims against subcontractors

**A-5817/S-4263 (Mazzeo, Armato/Cunningham, Sweeney, C.A. Brown)** – Allows certain persons to qualify for casino key employee license and casino employee registration

**A-5916/S-4255 (Chiaravalloti, McKnight, Karabinchak/Cunningham, Weinberg)** – Authorizes DOH to notify elected officials of financial distress of certain hospitals

**A-5918/SCS for S-3741 and 4253 (Chiaravalloti, McKnight/Weinberg, Cunningham, Vitale)** – Expands hospital reporting requirements

**A-5970/S-4201 (Lopez, Speight, Chaparro/Codey)** – Amends list of environmental infrastructure projects approved for long-term funding for FY2020 to include new projects, remove certain projects, and modify estimated loan amounts for certain projects

**A-5971/S-4202 (Mukherji, Pintor Marin, Spearman/Bateman, Corrado)** – Authorizes NJ Infrastructure Bank to expend additional sums to make loans for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2020

**A-5972/S-4203 (Pinkin, Benson, Zwicker/Greenstein, Singleton)** – Makes changes to New Jersey Infrastructure Bank's enabling act

**A-5977/S-4282 (Greenwald, Downey, Vainieri Huttie/Vitale, Singleton)** – Provides for establishment of Regional Health Hub Program as replacement to Accountable Care Organization Demonstration Project, and designates existing accountable care organizations and look-alike organizations as Regional Health Hubs

**A-6119/S-4336 (Egan, Houghtaling/Madden)** – Revises "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act" and amends definition of registered apprenticeship program

**AJR-35/SJR-159 (McKnight, Chaparro, Chiaravalloti, DeCroce/Cunningham, Greenstein)** – Designates third full week in March as "Domestic Violence Services Awareness Week" to bring awareness of services available to domestic violence victims

**AJR-103/SJR-70 (Rooney, DePhillips, Murphy/Corrado)** – Permanently designates January as "NUT Carcinoma Awareness Month" in New Jersey

**AJR-118/SJR-157 (McKnight, Timberlake, McKeon/Pou, Madden)** – Designates April of each year as "Financial Literacy Month" in New Jersey

**AJR-180/SJR-112 (DeAngelo, McKnight, Murphy/Singleton, Corrado)** – Designates February in each year as "Career and Technical Education Month" in New Jersey

**Governor Murphy declined to sign the following bills, meaning they expire without becoming law:**

**S-691/A-657 (Ruiz, Pou/Jasey, Caputo, Pintor Marin, Sumter, Wimberly)** – Requires that if a school district satisfies 80% or more of the required NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum standards in an area of district effectiveness under State intervention, the State must return that area to local control

**S-1083/A-544 (Cruz-Perez, Gopal/Mazzeo, Houghtaling, Holley, Dancer)** – Establishes loan program and provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for establishment of new vineyards and wineries

**S-2421/A-1030 (Smith, Bateman/Johnson, Kennedy, Benson, DeAngelo)** – Concerns installation of electric vehicle charging stations in common interest communities

**S-2425/A-3851 (Singleton, Andrzejczak/Conaway)** – Revises law relating to common interest communities

**S-2429/A-4028 (Scutari, Pou/Bramnick, Downey)** – Requires automobile insurers to disclose policy limits upon request by an attorney under certain circumstances

**S-2835/A-3926 (Singleton, Ruiz/Conaway, Lampitt, Murphy)** – Requires public schools to administer written screenings for depression for students in certain grades

**S-2897/A-1433 (Madden, Singer/Benson, Wimberly, Carter)** – Requires DCA to establish procedures for inspection and abatement of mold hazards in residential buildings and school facilities, and certification programs for mold inspectors and mold hazard abatement workers

**S-2957/A-4712 (Stack/Mukherji, Chaparro)** – Establishes five-year moratorium on conversions of certain residential rental premises in qualified counties

**S-2958/A-4535 (Sarlo, Oroho/Zwicker, DePhillips, DeCroce)** – Establishes the "Energy Infrastructure Public-Private Partnership Act"

**S-3062/A-2049 (Ruiz, Greenstein/Howarth, Benson, Murphy)** – Provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for businesses that employ apprentices in DOL registered apprenticeships

**S-3063/A-4655 (Ruiz/Armato, Vainieri Huttie, DeAngelo)** – Provides tuition fee waiver apprenticeship courses

**S-3137/A-1308 (Sweeney, Oroho, Singleton/Greenwald, Milam, Land)** – The "Electronic Construction Procurement Act"

**S-3252/A-4713 (Greenstein, Stack/DeAngelo, Quijano)** – "New Townhouse Fire Safety Act"; requires automatic fire sprinkler systems in new townhomes

**S-3263/A-4837 (T. Kean, Diegnan/Vainieri Huttie, Chiaravalloti, McKnight)** – Revises and updates membership and purpose of Advisory Council on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in DHS

**S-3270/A-5095 (Pou/McKeon, Freiman, DeCroce)** – Establishes certain requirements for stop loss insurance offered to small employers

**S-3393/ACS for A-5384 and 5157 (Sarlo, Addiego/Mazzeo, Murphy, Houghtaling, Calabrese, Armato, Dancer)** – Allows certain preserved farms to hold 14 special occasion events per year; imposes further event restrictions on residentially-exposed preserved farms

**S-3770/A-6118 (Sarlo, Oroho, Sweeney/Greenwald, Jones)** – Establishes "New Jersey Economic and Fiscal Policy Review Commission" to provide ongoing review of State and local tax structure, economic conditions, and related fiscal issues

**S-3888/A-5585 (Ruiz/Dancer, Pintor Marin)** – Extends document submission deadlines under Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant program and Urban Transit Hub Tax Credit program

**S-4035/A-5702 (Pou, Singleton/Wimberly, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter)** – Makes Fiscal Year 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$1,700,000 for Thomas Edison State University

**S-4281/A-6094 (Smith, Diegnan/Danielsen, Pinkin)** – Requires State to sell and convey to Educational Services Commission of New Jersey certain land and improvements known as Piscataway Regional Day School

**S-4331/A-4727 (Diegnan, Madden/Karabinchak, Holley, Jones)** – Requires person taking written examination for permit to watch video of rights and responsibilities of driver stopped by law enforcement; requires testing on rights and responsibilities of driver stopped by law enforcement

**A-491/S-4340 (Jimenez/Sacco, Stack)** – Enhances PFRS accidental death pension for surviving spouse by providing for minimum of \$50,000 annually

**A-1044/S-1441 (Houghtaling, Downey, DiMaio, Space/Doherty, Madden)** – Requires Director of Division of Taxation to examine feasibility of centralized property tax information system to verify property taxes paid by homestead property tax reimbursement claimants

**A-1045/S-2856 (Houghtaling, Downey, Dancer/Gopal, Oroho)** – Clarifies sales tax collection responsibilities of horse-boarding businesses in New Jersey

**A-1526/S-1048 (Zwicker, Johnson/Vitale)** – Concerns payment of independent contractors

**A-2731/S-3407 (Taliaferro, Space/Sweeney, Oroho)** – Removes statutory limitation on number of permits that may be issued by Division of Fish and Wildlife for the taking of beaver

**A-4382/S-2815 (Pinkin, Lopez, Kennedy/Beach, Smith)** – Requires paint producers to implement or participate in paint stewardship program

**A-4463/S-3927 (Freiman, Egan, Karabinchak/Oroho, Andrzejczak)** – Establishes "Electronic Permit Processing Review System"

**A-4788/S-3880 (Karabinchak, Freiman, Calabrese/Diegnan)** – Establishes expedited construction inspection program

**A-5072/S-3496 (Karabinchak, Johnson, Mukherji/Greenstein, Cryan)** – "Defense Against Porch Pirates Act"; creates new category of theft, with penalties including mandatory restitution and community service, for taking package delivered to residence by cargo carrier

**A-5446/S-3907 (Land, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/T. Kean, Lagana)** – Requires reporting of opioid deaths

**A-5629/S-3980 (Pintor Marin, Munoz/Weinberg, Corrado)** – Clarifies provisions concerning disclosure of existence and content of discrimination or harassment complaints; requires certain disclosures to person against whom complaint is made

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**ACS for A-5922 and 5923/SCS for S-4223 and 4224 (Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Pinkin/Vitale, Sweeney)** – Revises requirements for sale of tobacco and vapor products; increases penalties for prohibited sales; increases fees for cigarette and vapor business licensure

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