

38A:1-2

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NJSA: 38A:1-2

(State Militia--  
women)

LAWS OF: 1991

CHAPTER: 195

Bill No: S422

Sponsor(s): Brown

Date Introduced: Pre-filed

Committee: Assembly: Veterans and Military

Senate: Law, Public Safety

Amended during passage: No

Date of Passage: Assembly: May 23, 1991

Senate: November 19, 1990

Date of Approval: July 9, 1991

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: Yes

Committee Statement: Assembly: Yes

Senate: Yes

Fiscal Note: No

Veto Message: No

Message on signing: No

Following were printed:

Reports: No

Hearings: No

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10 [male] persons residing in this State who have made a legal  
11 declaration of intent to become citizens of the United States,  
12 who are at least 17 years of age and, except as hereinafter  
13 provided, not more than 45 years of age, and such other persons  
14 as may upon their own application be enlisted or commissioned  
15 therein in accordance with Federal or State law and regulations.  
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PUBLIC SAFETY

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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.

SENATE, No. 422  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1990 SESSION

By Senator BROWN

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ASSEMBLY VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 422

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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DATED: APRIL 8, 1991

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SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 422**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 25, 1990

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1990 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by the technical review which has been performed.