

**52:27D-287.1**  
**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST**

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**LAWS OF:** 2017                    **CHAPTER:** 29

**NJSA:** 52:27D-287.1 (Requires reservation of portion of tenant vouchers under State rental assistance program for veterans)

**BILL NO:** S260                    (Substituted for A452)

**SPONSOR(S)** Connors and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** 1-12-2016

**COMMITTEE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** Housing and Community Development

**SENATE:** Community and Urban Affairs

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** No

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** 1-23-2017

**SENATE:** 5-9-2016

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** 3-13-2017

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL** (Introduced version of bill enacted) Yes

**S260**

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

**SENATE:** Yes

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at [www.njleg.state.nj.us](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us))

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

**A452/984**

**INTRODUCED BILL (A452)** (Sponsor's statement begins on page 2) Yes

**INTRODUCED BILL (A984)** (Sponsor's statement begins on page 2) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

**SENATE:** No

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**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

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**VETO MESSAGE:** No

**GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING:** Yes

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P.L.2017, CHAPTER 29, *approved March 13, 2017*

Senate, No. 260

1 AN ACT concerning rental assistance and amending P.L.2004,  
2 c.140.

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

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.2004, c.140 (C.52:27D-287.1) is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 1. The Commissioner of Community Affairs shall establish a  
10 rental assistance program for low income individuals or households.  
11 This program shall be in addition to and supplement any existing  
12 programs established pursuant to the "Prevention of Homelessness  
13 Act (1984)," P.L.1984, c.180 (C.52:27D-280 et al.).

14 a. The program shall provide rental assistance grants  
15 comparable to the federal section 8 program, but shall be available  
16 only to State residents who are not currently holders of federal  
17 section 8 vouchers.

18 b. Assistance to an individual or household under the State  
19 program shall be terminated upon the award of federal section 8  
20 rental assistance to the same individual or household.

21 c. The program shall reserve a portion of the grants for  
22 assistance to senior citizens aged 62 or older who otherwise meet  
23 the criteria of subsection a. of this section.

24 d. The program shall reserve a portion of the grants for  
25 assistance to veterans who have successfully completed the  
26 Veterans Transitional Housing Program, or "Veterans Haven," a  
27 vocational and transitional housing program for homeless veterans  
28 administered by the New Jersey Department of Military and  
29 Veterans' Affairs.

30 e. The program shall reserve a portion of the funds available to  
31 it for tenant-based vouchers to veterans, other than those veterans  
32 eligible for assistance pursuant to subsection d. of this section.

33 (cf: P.L.2007, c.237, s.1)  
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35 2. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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41 Requires reservation of portion of tenant vouchers under State  
rental assistance program for veterans.

**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. 260

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2016 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator CHRISTOPHER J. CONNORS**

**District 9 (Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean)**

**Senator JEFF VAN DREW**

**District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Allen and Stack**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires reservation of portion of tenant vouchers under State rental assistance program for veterans.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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STATEMENT

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40 This bill would reserve a portion of the tenant-based rental  
41 assistance vouchers under the State rental assistance program (SRAP)  
42 for grants to veterans. Current law reserves a portion of SRAP  
43 funding for veterans who have completed certain transitional housing  
44 programs. The bill would reserve a portion of SRAP funds for tenant  
45 based rental vouchers for all other veterans.

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ASSEMBLY HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 260**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2017

The Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 260.

This bill would reserve a portion of the tenant-based rental assistance vouchers under the State rental assistance program (SRAP) for grants to veterans. Current law reserves a portion of SRAP funding for veterans who have completed certain transitional housing programs. The bill would reserve a portion of SRAP funds for tenant based rental vouchers for all other veterans.

This bill is identical to the Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Nos. 952 and 984, as reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 260**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 7, 2016

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 260.

This bill would reserve a portion of the tenant-based rental assistance vouchers under the State rental assistance program (SRAP) for grants to veterans. Current law reserves a portion of SRAP funding for veterans who have completed certain transitional housing programs. The bill would reserve a portion of SRAP funds for tenant based rental vouchers for all other veterans.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2016-2017 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 260**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 7, 2016

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2016-2017 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

**ASSEMBLY, No. 452**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**217th LEGISLATURE**

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2016 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman VINCENT MAZZEO**

**District 2 (Atlantic)**

**Assemblyman BOB ANDRZEJCZAK**

**District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)**

**Assemblywoman ANGELICA M. JIMENEZ**

**District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)**

**Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON**

**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

**Assemblyman BENJIE E. WIMBERLY**

**District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman Tucker, Assemblymen Eustace, Lagana, DeAngelo and Johnson**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires reservation of portion of tenant vouchers under State rental assistance program for veterans.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/11/2017)**

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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**ASSEMBLY, Nos. 452 and 984**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**217th LEGISLATURE**

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ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2017

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman VINCENT MAZZEO**

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**Assemblyman BOB ANDRZEJCZAK**

**District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)**

**Assemblywoman ANGELICA M. JIMENEZ**

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**Assemblywoman DIANNE C. GOVE**

**District 9 (Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean)**

**Assemblyman BRIAN E. RUMPF**

**District 9 (Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman Tucker, Assemblymen Eustace, Lagana, DeAngelo,  
Johnson, Space, Assemblywomen McKnight, Pinkin and Lampitt**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires reservation of portion of tenant vouchers under State rental assistance program for veterans.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Substitute as adopted by the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/24/2017)

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ASSEMBLY HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**ASSEMBLY, Nos. 452 and 984**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2017

The Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee reports favorably on Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill Nos. 452 and 984.

The Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly, Nos. 452 and 984 reserves a portion of the tenant-based rental assistance vouchers under the State rental assistance program (SRAP) for grants to veterans. Current law reserves a portion of SRAP funding for veterans who have completed certain transitional housing programs. The committee substitute reserves a portion of SRAP funds for tenant based rental vouchers for all other veterans.

## Governor Chris Christie Takes Action On Pending Legislation

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**Trenton, NJ** – Governor Chris Christie announced that he has taken action on the following legislation:

### BILL SIGNINGS:

**S-260/ACS for A-452 (Connors, Van Drew/Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Jimenez, Vainieri Huttie, Benson, Wimberly, Gove, Rumpf)** - Requires reservation of portion of tenant vouchers under State rental assistance program for veterans

**S-793/A-4474 (Sarfo, Cunningham/Jasey)** - Prohibits president or other employee of public institution of higher education from taking final action on purchase of property unless prior notice is provided to institution's governing board and general counsel and board approves action

**S-2375/A-3961 (Sarfo, Kyrillos/Eustace, Kennedy)** - Dissolves New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory Commission and New Jersey Hall of Fame corporation and transfers their functions to Foundation for New Jersey Hall of Fame

**A-34/S-2897 (Prieto, Singleton, Benson, Wimberly, Burzichelli, Jasey, Sumter/Sarfo, T. Kean)** - Appropriates \$34,293,697 from "Building Our Future Bond Act" and provides for reallocating amount remaining from project grants not awarded, for public and private institutions of higher education

**A-1628/S-2777 (Rodriguez-Gregg, Howarth, Holley, Wimberly/Cruz-Perez, Van Drew)** - Codifies DEP's New Jersey Recycling Awards Program to annually recognize outstanding recycling achievements

**A-4295/S-2852 (Muio, Vainieri Huttie, Quijano/Sweeney, Beach)** - Concerns emergency assistance which is repaid by the recipient

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