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Assembly, No. 2029

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11 their lives in our defense; and
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13 symbol, affording us a means to express our gratitude to the armed
14 service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice, along with
15 their families, who have also endured immense loss; and
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36 a unique fellowship, and found consistently that these other families
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42 their lives, the “Honor and Remember Flag” was created; and

ASSEMBLY, No. 2029

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2012 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman DAVID C. RUSSO

District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)

Assemblyman SCOTT T. RUMANA

District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)

Assemblywoman CLEOPATRA G. TUCKER

District 28 (Essex)

SYNOPSIS

Designates the “Honor and Remember Flag” as an official State flag.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/11/2012)

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44 fallen soldiers and their families, it is fitting for this State to
45 properly symbolize its gratitude; now, therefore,

1 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

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4 1. The “Honor and Remember Flag” is designated as the
5 State’s official flag for recognizing all armed service members who
6 have died as a result of serving the United States in any war or
7 conflict the nation has been involved in since its inception.

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9 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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15 State’s official flag for recognizing those of the United States
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ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2029

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 14, 2012

The Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 2029.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2012-2013 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2029

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: AUGUST 16, 2012

The Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2029.

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Assembly Bill No. 2029 is identical to Senate Bill. No. 2007 of 2012.

SENATE, No. 2007

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 31, 2012

Sponsored by:

Senator KEVIN J. O'TOOLE

District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)

Senator NELLIE POU

District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

**Senators Gordon, A.R.Bucco, Van Drew, Allen, Beach, Oroho, Madden
and Ruiz**

SYNOPSIS

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(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/5/2012)

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Senate Bill No. 2007 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2029 of 2012.