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P.L. 1996, CHAPTER 75, *approved July 25, 1996*
Senate No. 59

1 **AN ACT** concerning the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Committee and
2 amending P.L.1992, c.113.

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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. (New section) The Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Committee,
8 created by P.L.1985, c.494 and reconstituted by P.L.1989, c.148, shall
9 continue in existence with the same membership serving on May 7,
10 1995 and the same powers and duties heretofore provided, including
11 responsibility for the design and construction of that part of the
12 Vietnam Veterans' Memorial known as the Vietnam Era Educational
13 Center. Any vacancy in the membership of the committee shall be
14 filled in the same manner as the original appointments were made.

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16 2. (New section) Official actions taken by the committee between
17 May 7, 1995 and the effective date of this act are hereby expressly
18 validated. The committee is authorized to expend funds appropriated
19 to it from the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund for expenses related
20 to the design and construction of the Vietnam Era Educational Center.

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22 3. Section 1 of P.L.1992, c.113 (C.5:5-44.7) is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 1. a. The New Jersey Racing Commission shall designate one of
25 the racing days authorized each year to a holder of a permit to hold or
26 conduct a horse race meeting pursuant to P.L.1940, c.17 (C.5:5-22 et
27 seq.) as "Charity Racing Day for the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial" or
28 shall allot to each such permit holder one additional racing day to be
29 known as "Charity Racing Day for the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial."

30 b. All moneys received by the commission as its share of the total
31 contributions to all parimutuel pools conducted or made on the racing
32 day designated or allotted pursuant to subsection a. of this section
33 shall be deposited in the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund, created
34 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.494 (C.52:18A-208).

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 c. The commission shall designate or allot the days provided for in
2 subsection a. of this section until sufficient funds from all sources have
3 been credited to the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund, created
4 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.494 (C.52:18A-208), to pay for
5 the construction of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial. The Vietnam
6 Veterans' Memorial Committee, established pursuant to section 2 of
7 P.L.1985, c.494 and reconstituted pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1989,
8 c.148, shall inform the commission of the amount necessary to
9 construct this memorial, and the State Treasurer shall periodically
10 certify to the commission the amount of moneys in the fund.

11 d. For the purposes of this section, the Vietnam Veterans'
12 Memorial shall include that part of the memorial known as the
13 Vietnam Era Educational Center.

14 (cf: P.L.1992, c.113, s.1)

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16 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be retroactive to
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28 existence until completion of that part of the Vietnam Veterans'
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30 memorial consists of two parts: the "circular memorial" which was
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32 completed, will explain the history of the Vietnam War and the role of
33 the military personnel who served and died in Southeast Asia.
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ASSEMBLY COMMERCE AND MILITARY AND VETERANS'
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 59

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 3, 1996

The Assembly Commerce and Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 59.

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SENATE SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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DATED: FEBRUARY 15, 1996

The Senate Senior Citizens, Veterans' Affairs and Agriculture Committee reports favorably Senate, No. 59.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1996 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.