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Assembly, No. 3534 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning sewerage and water service fees for deployed
2 military personnel ¹**[and]** ² ¹ amending P.L.1992, c.215 and
3 P.L.1994, c.78 ¹, and supplementing chapter 62 of Title 40 of the
4 Revised Statutes¹.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. Section 1 of P.L.1992, c.215 (C.40:14B-22.2) is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 1. Any municipal or county authority ¹, including any municipal
12 authority which provides electricity to a single municipality,¹ may
13 establish within its district rates or schedules which provide for a
14 reduction, deferment, without accruing interest during the period of
15 the deferment, or total abatement of the rents, rates, fees, or other
16 charges pertaining to a primary residence owned, in full or in part,
17 by a person who is enlisted in any branch of the United States
18 Armed Forces. The reduction, deferment, without interest, or total
19 abatement shall be effective during the period of time in which that
20 person is deployed for active service in time of war. Any municipal
21 or county authority may establish within its district rates or
22 schedules which provide for a reduction or total abatement of the
23 rents, rates, fees, or other charges which are charged to or collected
24 from any person residing in the district of the age of 65 or more
25 years, or less than 65 years of age and permanently and totally
26 disabled according to the provisions of the federal Social Security
27 Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et seq., or disabled under any federal law
28 administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs if
29 the disability is rated as **[60%]** 60 percent or higher, and the person
30 either is annually eligible to receive assistance under the
31 "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled" (PAAD)
32 program, P.L.1975, c.194 (C.30:4D-20 et seq.) or has a total income
33 not in excess of \$10,000 per year exclusive of benefits under any
34 one of the following:

35 a. The federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et seq. and
36 all amendments and supplements thereto;

37 b. Any other program of the federal government or pursuant to
38 any other federal law which provides benefits in whole or in part in
39 lieu of benefits referred to in, or for persons excluded from
40 coverage under subsection a. of this section including, but not

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly floor amendments adopted September 15, 2016.

1 limited to, the federal "Railroad Retirement Act of 1974," 45 U.S.C.
2 s.231 et seq., and federal pension, disability and retirement
3 programs; or

4 c. Pension, disability or retirement programs of any state or its
5 political subdivisions, or agencies thereof, for persons not covered
6 under subsection a. of this section except that, the total amount of
7 benefits to be allowed exclusion by any owner under subsection b.
8 or c. of this section shall not be in excess of the maximum amount
9 of benefits payable to, and allowable for exclusion by, an owner in
10 similar circumstances under subsection a. of this section.

11 (cf: P.L.1994, c.78, s.4)

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13 2. Section 1 of P.L.1994, c.78 (C.40:14A-8.2) is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 1. Any county or municipal sewerage authority may establish
16 within its district rates or schedules which provide for a reduction,
17 deferment, without accruing interest during the period of the
18 deferment, or total abatement of the rents, rates, fees, or other
19 charges pertaining to a primary residence owned, in full or in part,
20 by a person who is enlisted in any branch of the United States
21 Armed Forces. The reduction, deferment, without interest, or total
22 abatement shall be effective during the period of time in which that
23 person is deployed for active service in time of war. Any county or
24 municipal sewerage authority **【**or county or municipal utilities
25 authority**】** may establish within its district rates or schedules which
26 provide for a reduction or total abatement of the periodic rents,
27 rates, fees, or other charges for the use or services of the sewerage
28 system which are charged to or collected from any person residing
29 in the district of the age of 65 or more years, or less than 65 years of
30 age and permanently and totally disabled according to the
31 provisions of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et
32 seq., or disabled under any federal law administered by the United
33 States Department of Veterans Affairs if the disability is rated as
34 **【60%】** 60 percent or higher, and the person either is annually
35 eligible to receive assistance under the "Pharmaceutical Assistance
36 to the Aged and Disabled" (PAAD) program, P.L.1975, c.194
37 (C.30:4D-20 et seq.) or has a total income not in excess of \$10,000
38 per year exclusive of benefits under any one of the following:

39 a. The federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et seq. and
40 all amendments and supplements thereto;

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42 any other federal law which provides benefits in whole or in part in
43 lieu of benefits referred to in, or for persons excluded from
44 coverage under subsection a. of this section including, but not
45 limited to, the federal "Railroad Retirement Act of 1974," 45 U.S.C.
46 s.231 et seq., and federal pension, disability and retirement
47 programs; or

1 c. Pension, disability or retirement programs of any state or its
2 political subdivisions, or agencies thereof, for persons not covered
3 under subsection a. of this section except that, the total amount of
4 benefits to be allowed exclusion by any owner under subsection b.
5 or c. of this section shall not be in excess of the maximum amount
6 of benefits payable to, and allowable for exclusion by, an owner in
7 similar circumstances under subsection a. of this section.

8 (cf: P.L.1994, c.78, s.1.)

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10 3. Section 5 of P.L.1994, c.78 (C.40A:31-10.1) is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 5. Any local unit operating a county or municipal sewerage
13 facility may establish within its district rates or schedules which
14 provide for a reduction, deferment, without accruing interest during
15 the period of the deferment, or total abatement of the rents, rates,
16 fees, or other charges pertaining to a primary residence owned, in
17 full or in part, by a person who is enlisted in any branch of the
18 United States Armed Forces. The reduction, deferment, without
19 interest, or total abatement shall be effective during the period of
20 time in which that person is deployed for active service in time of
21 war. Any local unit operating a county or municipal sewerage
22 facility may establish within its district rates or schedules which
23 provide for a reduction or total abatement of the periodic rates,
24 rentals, or other charges for the use or services of the sewerage
25 system which are charged to or collected from any person residing
26 in the district of the age of 65 or more years, or less than 65 years of
27 age and permanently and totally disabled according to the
28 provisions of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et
29 seq., or disabled under any federal law administered by the United
30 States Department of Veterans Affairs if the disability is rated as
31 **【60%】** 60 percent or higher, and the person either is annually
32 eligible to receive assistance under the "Pharmaceutical Assistance
33 to the Aged and Disabled" (PAAD) program, P.L.1975, c.194
34 (C.30:4D-20 et seq.) or has a total income not in excess of \$10,000
35 per year exclusive of benefits under any one of the following:

36 a. The federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et seq. and
37 all amendments and supplements thereto;

38 b. Any other program of the federal government or pursuant to
39 any other federal law which provides benefits in whole or in part in
40 lieu of benefits referred to in, or for persons excluded from
41 coverage under subsection a. of this section including, but not
42 limited to, the federal "Railroad Retirement Act of 1974," 45 U.S.C.
43 s.231 et seq., and federal pension, disability and retirement
44 programs; or

45 c. Pension, disability or retirement programs of any state or its
46 political subdivisions, or agencies thereof, for persons not covered
47 under subsection a. of this section except that, the total amount of
48 benefits to be allowed exclusion by any owner under subsection b.

1 or c. of this section shall not be in excess of the maximum amount
2 of benefits payable to, and allowable for exclusion by, an owner in
3 similar circumstances under subsection a. of this section.
4 (cf: P.L.1994, c.78, s.5)

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6 4. Section 7 of P.L.1994, c.78 (C.40A:26A-10.1) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 7. Any local unit operating a county or municipal water supply
9 facility may establish within its district rates or schedules which
10 provide for a reduction, deferment, without accruing interest during
11 the period of the deferment, or total abatement of the rents, rates,
12 fees, or other charges pertaining to a primary residence owned, in
13 full or in part, by a person who is enlisted in any branch of the
14 United States Armed Forces. The reduction, deferment, without
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16 time in which that person is deployed for active service in time of
17 war. Any local unit operating a county or municipal water supply
18 facility may establish within its district rates or schedules which
19 provide for a reduction or total abatement of the periodic rates,
20 rentals, or other charges for water supply service which are charged
21 to or collected from any person residing in the district of the age of
22 65 or more years, or less than 65 years of age and permanently and
23 totally disabled according to the provisions of the federal Social
24 Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et seq., or disabled under any federal
25 law administered by the United States Department of Veterans
26 Affairs if the disability is rated as **【60%】** 60 percent or higher, and
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28 "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled" (PAAD)
29 program, P.L.1975, c.194 (C.30:4D-20 et seq.) or has a total income
30 not in excess of \$10,000 per year exclusive of benefits under any
31 one of the following:

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33 all amendments and supplements thereto;

34 b. Any other program of the federal government or pursuant to
35 any other federal law which provides benefits in whole or in part in
36 lieu of benefits referred to in, or for persons excluded from
37 coverage under subsection a. of this section including, but not
38 limited to, the federal "Railroad Retirement Act of 1974," 45 U.S.C.
39 s.231 et seq., and federal pension, disability and retirement
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42 political subdivisions, or agencies thereof, for persons not covered
43 under subsection a. of this section except that, the total amount of
44 benefits to be allowed exclusion by any owner under subsection b.
45 or c. of this section shall not be in excess of the maximum amount
46 of benefits payable to, and allowable for exclusion by, an owner in
47 similar circumstances under subsection a. of this section.

48 (cf: P.L.1994, c.78, s.7)

1 ¹5. (New section) Any municipal utility which provides
2 electricity to a single municipality may establish within its district
3 rates or schedules which provide for a reduction, deferment, without
4 accruing interest during the period of the deferment, or total
5 abatement of the rents, rates, fees, or other charges pertaining to a
6 primary residence owned, in full or in part, by a person who is
7 enlisted in any branch of the United States Armed Forces. The
8 reduction, deferment, without interest, or total abatement shall be
9 effective during the period of time in which that person is deployed
10 for active service in time of war.¹

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12 ¹[5.] 6.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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17 Permits authorities and local units operating water supply or
18 sewerage facilities to waive, reduce, or defer sewerage and water
19 service fees for deployed military personnel.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3534

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED APRIL 4, 2016

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ANTHONY M. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris and Somerset)

Assemblyman TROY SINGLETON

District 7 (Burlington)

Assemblyman JAY WEBBER

District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

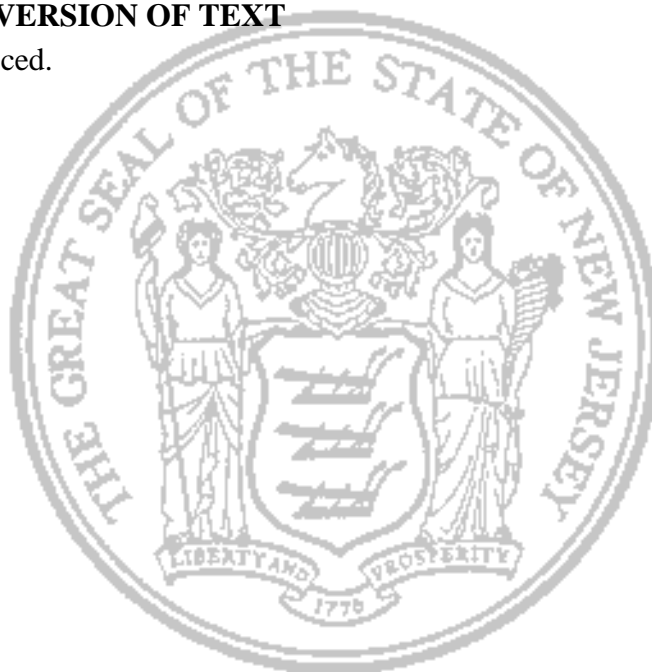
Assemblywoman N.Munoz

SYNOPSIS

Permits authorities and local units operating water supply or sewerage facilities to waive, reduce, or defer sewerage and water service fees for deployed military personnel.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/7/2016)

1 AN ACT concerning sewerage and water service fees for deployed
2 military personnel and amending P.L.1992, c.215 and P.L.1994,
3 c.78.

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20 provide for a reduction or total abatement of the rents, rates, fees, or
21 other charges which are charged to or collected from any person
22 residing in the district of the age of 65 or more years, or less than
23 65 years of age and permanently and totally disabled according to
24 the provisions of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et
25 seq., or disabled under any federal law administered by the United
26 States Department of Veterans Affairs if the disability is rated as
27 **[60%]** 60 percent or higher, and the person either is annually
28 eligible to receive assistance under the "Pharmaceutical Assistance
29 to the Aged and Disabled" (PAAD) program, P.L.1975, c.194
30 (C.30:4D-20 et seq.) or has a total income not in excess of \$10,000
31 per year exclusive of benefits under any one of the following:

32 a. The federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et seq. and
33 all amendments and supplements thereto;

34 b. Any other program of the federal government or pursuant to
35 any other federal law which provides benefits in whole or in part in
36 lieu of benefits referred to in, or for persons excluded from
37 coverage under subsection a. of this section including, but not
38 limited to, the federal "Railroad Retirement Act of 1974," 45 U.S.C.
39 s.231 et seq., and federal pension, disability and retirement
40 programs; or

41 c. Pension, disability or retirement programs of any state or its
42 political subdivisions, or agencies thereof, for persons not covered
43 under subsection a. of this section except that, the total amount of
44 benefits to be allowed exclusion by any owner under subsection b.
45 or c. of this section shall not be in excess of the maximum amount

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1 of benefits payable to, and allowable for exclusion by, an owner in
2 similar circumstances under subsection a. of this section.

3 (cf: P.L.1994, c.78, s.4)

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5 2. Section 1 of P.L.1994, c.78 (C.40:14A-8.2) is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 1. Any county or municipal sewerage authority may establish
8 within its district rates or schedules which provide for a reduction,
9 deferment, without accruing interest during the period of the
10 deferment, or total abatement of the rents, rates, fees, or other
11 charges pertaining to a primary residence owned, in full or in part,
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22 age and permanently and totally disabled according to the
23 provisions of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et
24 seq., or disabled under any federal law administered by the United
25 States Department of Veterans Affairs if the disability is rated as
26 **【60%】** 60 percent or higher, and the person either is annually
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37 limited to, the federal "Railroad Retirement Act of 1974," 45 U.S.C.
38 s.231 et seq., and federal pension, disability and retirement
39 programs; or

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43 benefits to be allowed exclusion by any owner under subsection b.
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45 of benefits payable to, and allowable for exclusion by, an owner in
46 similar circumstances under subsection a. of this section.

47 (cf: P.L.1994, c.78, s.1.)

1 3. Section 5 of P.L.1994, c.78 (C.40A:31-10.1) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 5. Any local unit operating a county or municipal sewerage
4 facility may establish within its district rates or schedules which
5 provide for a reduction, deferment, without accruing interest during
6 the period of the deferment, or total abatement of the rents, rates,
7 fees, or other charges pertaining to a primary residence owned, in
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9 United States Armed Forces. The reduction, deferment, without
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12 war. Any local unit operating a county or municipal sewerage
13 facility may establish within its district rates or schedules which
14 provide for a reduction or total abatement of the periodic rates,
15 rentals, or other charges for the use or services of the sewerage
16 system which are charged to or collected from any person residing
17 in the district of the age of 65 or more years, or less than 65 years of
18 age and permanently and totally disabled according to the
19 provisions of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et
20 seq., or disabled under any federal law administered by the United
21 States Department of Veterans Affairs if the disability is rated as
22 **【60%】** 60 percent or higher, and the person either is annually
23 eligible to receive assistance under the "Pharmaceutical Assistance
24 to the Aged and Disabled" (PAAD) program, P.L.1975, c.194
25 (C.30:4D-20 et seq.) or has a total income not in excess of \$10,000
26 per year exclusive of benefits under any one of the following:

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28 all amendments and supplements thereto;

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30 any other federal law which provides benefits in whole or in part in
31 lieu of benefits referred to in, or for persons excluded from
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33 limited to, the federal "Railroad Retirement Act of 1974," 45 U.S.C.
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35 programs; or

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38 under subsection a. of this section except that, the total amount of
39 benefits to be allowed exclusion by any owner under subsection b.
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41 of benefits payable to, and allowable for exclusion by, an owner in
42 similar circumstances under subsection a. of this section.

43 (cf: P.L.1994, c.78, s.5)

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45 4. Section 7 of P.L.1994, c.78 (C.40A:26A-10.1) is amended to
46 read as follows:

47 7. Any local unit operating a county or municipal water supply
48 facility may establish within its district rates or schedules which

1 provide for a reduction, deferment, without accruing interest during
2 the period of the deferment, or total abatement of the rents, rates,
3 fees, or other charges pertaining to a primary residence owned, in
4 full or in part, by a person who is enlisted in any branch of the
5 United States Armed Forces. The reduction, deferment, without
6 interest, or total abatement shall be effective during the period of
7 time in which that person is deployed for active service in time of
8 war. Any local unit operating a county or municipal water supply
9 facility may establish within its district rates or schedules which
10 provide for a reduction or total abatement of the periodic rates,
11 rentals, or other charges for water supply service which are charged
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13 65 or more years, or less than 65 years of age and permanently and
14 totally disabled according to the provisions of the federal Social
15 Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et seq., or disabled under any federal
16 law administered by the United States Department of Veterans
17 Affairs if the disability is rated as **【60%】** 60 percent or higher, and
18 the person either is annually eligible to receive assistance under the
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21 not in excess of \$10,000 per year exclusive of benefits under any
22 one of the following:

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27 lieu of benefits referred to in, or for persons excluded from
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29 limited to, the federal "Railroad Retirement Act of 1974," 45 U.S.C.
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35 benefits to be allowed exclusion by any owner under subsection b.
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37 of benefits payable to, and allowable for exclusion by, an owner in
38 similar circumstances under subsection a. of this section.

39 (cf: P.L.1994, c.78, s.7)

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41 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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46 This bill would allow county and municipal sewerage and
47 utilities authorities and local units operating a water supply or
48 sewerage facility to waive, defer, or reduce sewerage and water

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1 service fees for deployed military personnel. The bill permits
2 county and municipal authorities and local units operating a water
3 supply or sewerage facility to establish rates or schedules that
4 provide for a reduction, deferment, without accruing interest during
5 the period of the deferment, or total abatement of the periodic rates,
6 rentals, or other charges for sewerage and water supply service
7 pertaining to a primary residence owned, in full or in part, by a
8 person who is enlisted in any branch of the United States Armed
9 Forces. The reduction, deferment (without interest) or total
10 abatement would be effective during the period of time in which
11 that person is deployed for active service in time of war.

ASSEMBLY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3534

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 19, 2016

The Assembly State and Local Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3534.

As amended, this This bill would allow county and municipal sewerage and utilities authorities and local units operating a water supply or sewerage facility to waive, defer, or reduce sewerage and water service fees for deployed military personnel. The bill permits county and municipal authorities and local units operating a water supply or sewerage facility to establish rates or schedules that provide for a reduction, deferment, without accruing interest during the period of the deferment, or total abatement of the periodic rates, rentals, or other charges for sewerage and water supply service pertaining to a primary residence owned, in full or in part, by a person who is enlisted in any branch of the United States Armed Forces. The reduction, deferment (without interest) or total abatement would be effective during the period of time in which that person is deployed for active service in time of war.

SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 3534

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 13, 2016

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3534 (1R).

As amended by the General Assembly, this bill would allow county and municipal sewerage and utilities authorities, local units operating a water supply sewerage facility, and municipal electric utilities that provide electricity to a single municipality to waive, defer, or reduce sewerage and water service fees for deployed military personnel. The bill permits county and municipal authorities and local units operating a water supply or sewerage facility to establish rates or schedules that provide for a reduction, deferment, without accruing interest during the period of the deferment, or total abatement of the periodic rates, rentals, or other charges for sewerage and water supply service pertaining to a primary residence owned, in full or in part, by a person who is enlisted in any branch of the United States Armed Forces. The reduction, deferment (without interest) or total abatement would be effective during the period of time in which that person is deployed for active service in time of war.

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3534

with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Assemblyman BUCCO)

ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

This Assembly for amendment revises the bill to include electric utilities in the fees that may be reduced, deferred, or waived under the bill.

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ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

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SENATE, No. 2086

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 2, 2016

Sponsored by:

Senator ANTHONY R. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris and Somerset)

Senator JEFF VAN DREW

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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22 residing in the district of the age of 65 or more years, or less than
23 65 years of age and permanently and totally disabled according to
24 the provisions of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et
25 seq., or disabled under any federal law administered by the United
26 States Department of Veterans Affairs if the disability is rated as
27 **[60%]** 60 percent or higher, and the person either is annually
28 eligible to receive assistance under the "Pharmaceutical Assistance
29 to the Aged and Disabled" (PAAD) program, P.L.1975, c.194
30 (C.30:4D-20 et seq.) or has a total income not in excess of \$10,000
31 per year exclusive of benefits under any one of the following:

32 a. The federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et seq. and
33 all amendments and supplements thereto;

34 b. Any other program of the federal government or pursuant to
35 any other federal law which provides benefits in whole or in part in
36 lieu of benefits referred to in, or for persons excluded from
37 coverage under subsection a. of this section including, but not
38 limited to, the federal "Railroad Retirement Act of 1974," 45 U.S.C.
39 s.231 et seq., and federal pension, disability and retirement
40 programs; or

41 c. Pension, disability or retirement programs of any state or its
42 political subdivisions, or agencies thereof, for persons not covered
43 under subsection a. of this section except that, the total amount of
44 benefits to be allowed exclusion by any owner under subsection b.
45 or c. of this section shall not be in excess of the maximum amount

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 of benefits payable to, and allowable for exclusion by, an owner in
2 similar circumstances under subsection a. of this section.

3 (cf: P.L.1994, c.78, s.4)

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5 2. Section 1 of P.L.1994, c.78 (C.40:14A-8.2) is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 1. Any county or municipal sewerage authority may establish
8 within its district rates or schedules which provide for a reduction,
9 deferral, without accruing interest during the period of the
10 deferral, or total abatement of the rents, rates, fees, or other
11 charges pertaining to a primary residence owned, in full or in part,
12 by a person who is enlisted in any branch of the United States
13 Armed Forces. The reduction, deferral, without interest, or total
14 abatement shall be effective during the period of time in which that
15 person is deployed for active service in time of war. Any county or
16 municipal sewerage authority **【**or county or municipal utilities
17 authority**】** may establish within its district rates or schedules which
18 provide for a reduction or total abatement of the periodic rents,
19 rates, fees, or other charges for the use or services of the sewerage
20 system which are charged to or collected from any person residing
21 in the district of the age of 65 or more years, or less than 65 years of
22 age and permanently and totally disabled according to the
23 provisions of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et
24 seq., or disabled under any federal law administered by the United
25 States Department of Veterans Affairs if the disability is rated as
26 **【60%】** 60 percent or higher, and the person either is annually
27 eligible to receive assistance under the "Pharmaceutical Assistance
28 to the Aged and Disabled" (PAAD) program, P.L.1975, c.194
29 (C.30:4D-20 et seq.) or has a total income not in excess of \$10,000
30 per year exclusive of benefits under any one of the following:

31 a. The federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et seq. and
32 all amendments and supplements thereto;

33 b. Any other program of the federal government or pursuant to
34 any other federal law which provides benefits in whole or in part in
35 lieu of benefits referred to in, or for persons excluded from
36 coverage under subsection a. of this section including, but not
37 limited to, the federal "Railroad Retirement Act of 1974," 45 U.S.C.
38 s.231 et seq., and federal pension, disability and retirement
39 programs; or

40 c. Pension, disability or retirement programs of any state or its
41 political subdivisions, or agencies thereof, for persons not covered
42 under subsection a. of this section except that, the total amount of
43 benefits to be allowed exclusion by any owner under subsection b.
44 or c. of this section shall not be in excess of the maximum amount
45 of benefits payable to, and allowable for exclusion by, an owner in
46 similar circumstances under subsection a. of this section.

47 (cf: P.L.1994, c.78, s.1.)

1 3. Section 5 of P.L.1994, c.78 (C.40A:31-10.1) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 5. Any local unit operating a county or municipal sewerage
4 facility may establish within its district rates or schedules which
5 provide for a reduction, deferment, without accruing interest during
6 the period of the deferment, or total abatement of the rents, rates,
7 fees, or other charges pertaining to a primary residence owned, in
8 full or in part, by a person who is enlisted in any branch of the
9 United States Armed Forces. The reduction, deferment, without
10 interest, or total abatement shall be effective during the period of
11 time in which that person is deployed for active service in time of
12 war. Any local unit operating a county or municipal sewerage
13 facility may establish within its district rates or schedules which
14 provide for a reduction or total abatement of the periodic rates,
15 rentals, or other charges for the use or services of the sewerage
16 system which are charged to or collected from any person residing
17 in the district of the age of 65 or more years, or less than 65 years of
18 age and permanently and totally disabled according to the
19 provisions of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et
20 seq., or disabled under any federal law administered by the United
21 States Department of Veterans Affairs if the disability is rated as
22 **【60%】** 60 percent or higher, and the person either is annually
23 eligible to receive assistance under the "Pharmaceutical Assistance
24 to the Aged and Disabled" (PAAD) program, P.L.1975, c.194
25 (C.30:4D-20 et seq.) or has a total income not in excess of \$10,000
26 per year exclusive of benefits under any one of the following:

27 a. The federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et seq. and
28 all amendments and supplements thereto;

29 b. Any other program of the federal government or pursuant to
30 any other federal law which provides benefits in whole or in part in
31 lieu of benefits referred to in, or for persons excluded from
32 coverage under subsection a. of this section including, but not
33 limited to, the federal "Railroad Retirement Act of 1974," 45 U.S.C.
34 s.231 et seq., and federal pension, disability and retirement
35 programs; or

36 c. Pension, disability or retirement programs of any state or its
37 political subdivisions, or agencies thereof, for persons not covered
38 under subsection a. of this section except that, the total amount of
39 benefits to be allowed exclusion by any owner under subsection b.
40 or c. of this section shall not be in excess of the maximum amount
41 of benefits payable to, and allowable for exclusion by, an owner in
42 similar circumstances under subsection a. of this section.

43 (cf: P.L.1994, c.78, s.5)

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45 4. Section 7 of P.L.1994, c.78 (C.40A:26A-10.1) is amended to
46 read as follows:

47 7. Any local unit operating a county or municipal water supply
48 facility may establish within its district rates or schedules which

1 provide for a reduction, deferment, without accruing interest during
2 the period of the deferment, or total abatement of the rents, rates,
3 fees, or other charges pertaining to a primary residence owned, in
4 full or in part, by a person who is enlisted in any branch of the
5 United States Armed Forces. The reduction, deferment, without
6 interest, or total abatement shall be effective during the period of
7 time in which that person is deployed for active service in time of
8 war. Any local unit operating a county or municipal water supply
9 facility may establish within its district rates or schedules which
10 provide for a reduction or total abatement of the periodic rates,
11 rentals, or other charges for water supply service which are charged
12 to or collected from any person residing in the district of the age of
13 65 or more years, or less than 65 years of age and permanently and
14 totally disabled according to the provisions of the federal Social
15 Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et seq., or disabled under any federal
16 law administered by the United States Department of Veterans
17 Affairs if the disability is rated as **【60%】** 60 percent or higher, and
18 the person either is annually eligible to receive assistance under the
19 "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled" (PAAD)
20 program, P.L.1975, c.194 (C.30:4D-20 et seq.) or has a total income
21 not in excess of \$10,000 per year exclusive of benefits under any
22 one of the following:

23 a. The federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.301 et seq. and
24 all amendments and supplements thereto;

25 b. Any other program of the federal government or pursuant to
26 any other federal law which provides benefits in whole or in part in
27 lieu of benefits referred to in, or for persons excluded from
28 coverage under subsection a. of this section including, but not
29 limited to, the federal "Railroad Retirement Act of 1974," 45 U.S.C.
30 s.231 et seq., and federal pension, disability and retirement
31 programs; or

32 c. Pension, disability or retirement programs of any state or its
33 political subdivisions, or agencies thereof, for persons not covered
34 under subsection a. of this section except that, the total amount of
35 benefits to be allowed exclusion by any owner under subsection b.
36 or c. of this section shall not be in excess of the maximum amount
37 of benefits payable to, and allowable for exclusion by, an owner in
38 similar circumstances under subsection a. of this section.

39 (cf: P.L.1994, c.78, s.7)

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41 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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46 This bill would allow county and municipal sewerage and
47 utilities authorities and local units operating a water supply or
48 sewerage facility to waive, defer, or reduce sewerage and water

1 service fees for deployed military personnel. The bill permits
2 county and municipal authorities and local units operating a water
3 supply or sewerage facility to establish rates or schedules that
4 provide for a reduction, deferment, without accruing interest during
5 the period of the deferment, or total abatement of the periodic rates,
6 rentals, or other charges for sewerage and water supply service
7 pertaining to a primary residence owned, in full or in part, by a
8 person who is enlisted in any branch of the United States Armed
9 Forces. The reduction, deferment (without interest) or total
10 abatement would be effective during the period of time in which
11 that person is deployed for active service in time of war.

SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2086

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 13, 2016

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2086.

As amended, this bill would allow county and municipal sewerage and utilities authorities, local units operating a water supply sewerage facility, and municipal electric utilities that provide electricity to a single municipality to waive, defer, or reduce sewerage, water, and electricity service fees for deployed military personnel. The bill permits county and municipal authorities, local units operating a water supply or sewerage facility, and municipal electric utilities to establish rates or schedules that provide for a reduction, deferment, without accruing interest during the period of the deferment, or total abatement of the periodic rates, rentals, or other charges for sewerage, water supply, and electricity service pertaining to a primary residence owned, in full or in part, by a person who is enlisted in any branch of the United States Armed Forces. The reduction, deferment (without interest), or total abatement would be effective during the period of time in which that person is deployed for active service in time of war.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The amendments:

- make the bill identical to Assembly Bill No. 3534 (1R).
- clarify that the phrase municipal or county authority includes any municipal authority that provides electricity to a single municipality.
- authorize municipal electric utilities to waive, defer, or reduce service fees for deployed military personnel.

Governor Chris Christie Signs Legislation Enhancing Protections For Domestic Violence Survivors

Monday, January 9, 2017 Tags: [Bill Action](#)



Trenton, NJ - Governor Chris Christie today signed legislation to enhance protections for survivors of domestic violence.

This new law will deter domestic violence, partly by increasing criminal penalties for offences including maximums for repeat offenders, as urged in Governor Christie's conditional vetoes of earlier versions of this legislation.

"This new law will help prevent domestic violence in New Jersey by enhancing criminal penalties and ensuring immediate compliance with stronger protective orders," Governor Christie said. "Survivors of domestic violence will be safer than ever before. I am proud we came together to enact this model legislation that is much more than just symbolic and is real reform that fulfills our primary responsibility of improving public safety in New Jersey."

This new law reinforces existing laws by creating a more in-depth process to ensure domestic violence offenders' firearms, identification cards and permits are confiscated as required while they are subject to restraining orders. It forces offenders to immediately upon sentencing – rather than after several days – arrange for the surrender of their firearms, identification cards and permits to a law enforcement officer. It also requires an order for a temporary or final restraining order to include notice to the defendant of the penalties for a violation of any provision of the order, including but not limited to the penalties for contempt of court and unlawful possession of a firearm or other weapon.

In addition to signing S-2483/A-4126 (Weinberg, Beck/Mosquera, Greenwald, Downey, Houghtaling, Munoz, Sumter, Benson, Lampitt, Wimberly) into law, the Governor also took action today on the following legislation:

BILL SIGNINGS:

S-909/A-2688 (Rice/Spencer, Pintor Marin) - Exempts person who remediates property in environmental opportunity zone from remediation funding source requirement

S-976/A-2332 (Gordon, Beck/Benson, Downey, Eustace) - Requires Public Health Council to promulgate rules and regulations for use of quality control programs in bio-analytical and clinical laboratories

S-981/A-2375 (Smith, Bateman, Greenstein/McKeon, Gusciora, Spencer) - Revises "Electronic Waste Management Act"

S-1489/A-1465 (Cruz-Perez, Cunningham/Lampitt, Mosquera, Wimberly, Downey, McKnight) - Ensures equal rights and opportunities for pregnant students in institutions of higher education

S-2098/A-3549 (Sacco, Pennacchio/Johnson, Zwicker, Wisniewski, Benson) - Exempts hydrogen fuel cell-powered vehicles from certain labeling requirements

S-2463/A-3892 (Vitale, Rice, Allen/Vainieri Huttie, Lampitt, Mukherji) - Changes the time when child placement review hearings are initiated from 45 days to 60 days

S-2526/A-4105 (Diegnan, Thompson/Dancer, DeCroce, Clifton, Pinkin, Mukherji) - Designates portion of Interstate Highway Route 195 in Upper Freehold Township as "State Trooper Anthony A. Raspa Memorial Highway"

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S-2601/A-4207 (Pou, Beck/Vainieri Huttie, Holley, Downey, Mukherji, Muoio, Jasey) - Modifies scope of "Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act of 2015" and enforcement of protective orders under that act

S-2708/A-4064 (Codey/Jasey, McKeon, Mukherji) - Authorizes State Treasurer to convey surplus real property known as Millburn Regional Day School in Millburn Township, Essex County, to Millburn Township Board of Education or to Millburn Township for \$3,550,000

SJR-29/AJR-58 (Weinberg/Vainieri Huttie, Jasey, Jones, McKnight, Phoebus, Wimberly) - Designates one night in November of each year as a "Night of Conversation" about drug and alcohol addiction

A-793/S-316 (Andrzejczak, Land, Taliaferro/Van Drew, Connors) - Requires Dept. of Agriculture and DEP to work with US Army Corps of Engineers to establish joint permit application process for aquaculture projects

A-794/S-317 (Andrzejczak, Land, Taliaferro, Van Drew, Connors) - Requires Dept. of Agriculture and DEP to adopt coordinated permit application and review program for aquaculture projects

A-1424/S-1050 (Johnson, Wimberly, Sumter/Weinberg, Stack) - Authorizes Victims of Crime Compensation Office to make payment for relocation expenses of certain witnesses of crimes

A-2106/S-2351 (Mukherji, Chaparro, Holley, Jimenez, Pintor Marin, Sumter, Wimberly/Ruiz, Madden) - Permits homeless to receive certified copy of birth certificate without fee

A-2107/S-2350 (Mukherji, Holley, Gusciora, Pintor Marin, Wimberly/Ruiz, Madden) - Exempts homeless from fee for non-driver identification cards

A-2158/S-2241 (Coughlin, Wolfe, Holley, McKnight/Diegnan) - Authorizes use of emergency reserve fund or proceeds from bonds issued by EDA to finance school security improvements

A-2763/S-1933 (Mazzeo, Mosquera, Mukherji, Andrzejczak, Land, Houghtaling/Sweeney, Stack) - Enters NJ in Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

A-3534/S-2086 (A.M. Bucco, Singleton, Webber, Benson, Moriarty/A.R. Bucco, Van Drew) - Permits authorities and local units operating water supply or sewerage facilities to waive, reduce, or defer sewerage and water service fees for deployed military personnel

BILLS VETOED:

S-790/A-3256 (Sarlo, O'Toole/Lagana, Benson, Sumter) – CONDITIONAL - Requires Police Training Commission to develop accelerated training course for certain county corrections officers

A-312/S-2557 (Singleton, Lampitt, Quijano, Pintor Marin, Wimberly, Downey/Cruz-Perez, Stack) – CONDITIONAL - Requires Division of Local Government Services to include certain property tax information on division's web page

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