

CHAPTER 340

AN ACT concerning document required to claim veterans' preference for civil service and amending P.L.2000, c.127.

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

1. Section 3 of P.L.2000, c.127 (C.11A:5-1.1) is amended to read as follows:

C.11A:5-1.1 Veteran status determined for civil service preference.

3. a. The Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall be responsible for determining whether any person seeking to be considered a "veteran" or a "disabled veteran" under N.J.S.11A:5-1, for the purpose of receiving civil service preference, meets the criteria set forth therein and adjudicating an appeal from any person disputing this determination. The determination of the Adjutant General shall apply only prospectively from the date of initial determination or date of determination from an appeal, as appropriate, and shall be binding upon the commission.

b. A person seeking to be considered a "veteran" or a "disabled veteran" under N.J.S.11A:5-1, for the purpose of receiving civil service preference, who has not yet been issued Form DD-214 as proof of military service may submit, in lieu thereof, an official certification or verification of military service statement or letter that provides the date of entry into military service, the estimated date of discharge or release, the character of the discharge, and such other information as the Adjutant General shall require. The Adjutant General shall specify the form, content, and source for an official certification or verification of military service statement or letter based on such statements or letters that are approved and provided by the federal military authorities.

The person shall submit to the Adjutant General the Form DD-214 no later than 30 days from the date the person receives the form. If a copy is not provided, the prior determination of veteran status shall be revoked.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 10, 2022.