

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 310**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 17, 2022

The Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 310.

This bill amends R.S.30:4-60 to exclude veterans' benefits from income for the purpose of calculating the financial obligation for care in a psychiatric facility, which is defined as a State psychiatric hospital listed in R.S.30:1-7, county psychiatric hospital, or psychiatric unit of a county hospital.

Currently, subsection c. of R.S.30:4-60, which was added by P.L.2005, c.55, provides that the financial obligation of an adult with mental illness, after taking a credit for all available third party insurance or medical assistance program payments, is based on the sliding scale fee schedule established for charity care under section 10 of P.L.1992, c.160 (C.26:2H-18.60).

Under the bill, veterans' benefits the person receives would be excluded from income when calculating the adult's obligation for psychiatric care using the sliding scale fee for charity care.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2022-2023 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.