

SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2493**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2493.

This bill defines indigent veteran for county veteran interment purposes. Current law does not define indigent, but under this bill, “indigent” will mean a person who has an income that is below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. “Poverty level” will mean the official poverty level based on family size established and adjusted under the “Community Services Block Grant Act,” of Pub.L.97-35 (42 U.S.C. s.9902(2)).

The bill adds National cemeteries as a permissible burial site for a deceased indigent veteran. The bill also changes the discharge status of the veteran from honorable discharge to other than dishonorable, encompassing a larger number of veterans.