

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5531

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 15, 2023

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5531.

This bill establishes a program to provide reimbursement, subject to available State or federal funding, to qualified county governments that provide transportation services to disabled veterans to and from medical counseling appointments for service-connected conditions within the State.

The bill defines "disabled veteran" to mean any citizen and resident of this State now or hereafter honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard and who has been or will be declared by the United States Veterans Administration, or its successor, to have a service-connected disability.

The bill appropriates \$2 million to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to effectuate the purpose of the bill.