

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1040

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1040.

The bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to coordinate with county governments an expansion of the service provided under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program to provide disabled veterans with transportation to and from medical counseling appointments for service-connected conditions within the State. The department will help counties identify transportation service needs in the veteran community for the purposes outlined in the bill and provide financial assistance to the counties to cover the cost of such service expansions.

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 requires four percent of the amount appropriated under current law to the New Jersey Transit Corporation from the Casino Revenue Fund to be used for the issuance of grants to counties for the purpose of providing transportation services to disabled veterans to and from medical counseling appointments for service-connected conditions, across county boundaries, but within the State.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2026-2027 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.