

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1350**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 17, 2004

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 1350.

This bill amends the State's open public records law to exempt from being considered a government record, available to the public, a DD-214 form issued by the United States Government or another certificate of honorable discharge or certificate of release under honorable circumstances from active service or the reserves of a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or from the organized militia of the State that has been filed by an individual with a State, county or municipal official or agency.

The veteran who files the form, or the veteran's spouse or surviving spouse, would be permitted to access the veteran's own records.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2004-2005 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.