

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2224**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 23, 2005

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2224.

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 is identical to Assembly, No. 1350.