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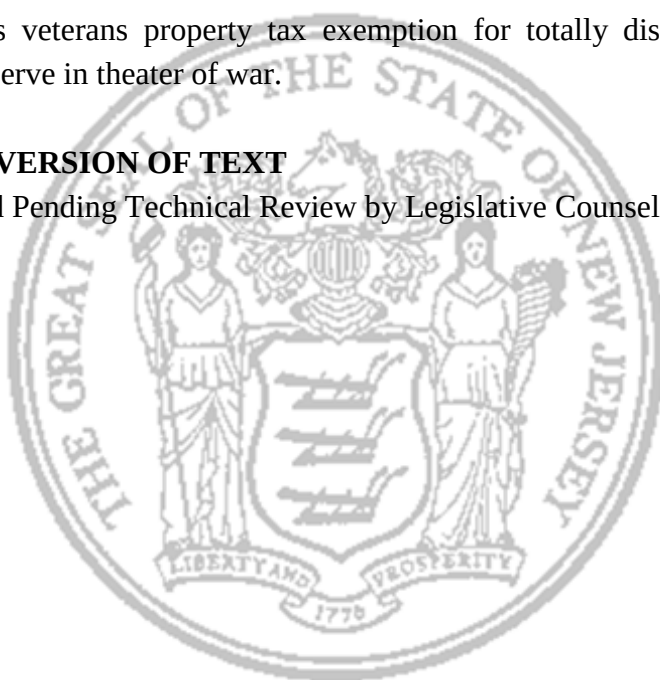
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Assemblyman Space and Assemblywoman Murphy**

SYNOPSIS

Authorizes veterans property tax exemption for totally disabled veterans who did not serve in theater of war.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning eligibility to receive the veteran's property tax
2 exemption and amending P.L.1971, c.398.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1971, c.398 (C.54:4-3.33a) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 2. a. **For** Except as provided in subsection b. of this section,
10 for the purposes of **this act and the act hereby amended and**
11 **supplemented** P.L.1948, c.259, as amended and supplemented by
12 P.L.1971, c.398, "active service in time of war" means the periods
13 of time set forth in subsection (a) of section 1(a) 1 of chapter
14 171 of the laws of 1963 P.L.1963, c.171 (C.54:4-8.10), and
15 chapter 165 of the laws of 1965], except that "active service in time
16 of war" for World War II means active service at some time during
17 December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946.

18 b. For the purpose of eligibility for the property tax exemption
19 authorized in section 1 of P.L.1948, c.259 (C.54:4-3.30), "active
20 service in time of war" shall mean active service during a time
21 period specified in the definition of "active service in time of war"
22 in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.171 (C.54:4-8.10), but shall not require a
23 minimum length of continuous or aggregate service in any foreign
24 country, on board any ship or naval vessel, or in any foreign
25 airspace; and also shall not require that the service-connected
26 disability suffered by a veteran shall have occurred during
27 contiguous or aggregate service in any foreign country, on board
28 any ship or naval vessel, or in any foreign airspace.

29 (cf: P.L.1971, c.398, s.2)

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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34 STATEMENT

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36 This bill amends current law regarding eligibility for the veterans'
37 property tax exemption to expand eligibility to receive the property tax
38 exemption.

39 Under current law, service in a foreign country, on board a ship
40 or naval vessel, or in foreign airspace is required with respect to
41 service in the conflicts that did not reach the status of "war,"
42 thereby rendering ineligible for the property tax exemption those
43 veterans who became 100% disabled as the result of their service,
44 but who did not serve in the "theater of war." This bill allows

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 veterans who became 100% disabled as the result of their service
2 during conflicts, but who did not serve in the “theater of war,” to
3 receive the property tax exemption.

4 The bill provides that for the purpose of eligibility for the
5 property tax exemption, there shall be no minimum length of
6 continuous or aggregate service required in any foreign country, on
7 board any ship or naval vessel, or in any foreign airspace; and there
8 shall be no requirement that the service-connected disability
9 suffered by a veteran shall have occurred during any service in any
10 foreign country, on board any ship or naval vessel, or in any foreign
11 airspace.