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SYNOPSIS

Requires municipalities to designate parking spaces for disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** requiring municipalities to designate parking spaces for
2 disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients and amending
3 P.L.2015, c.218.

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

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8 1. Section 1 of P.L.2015, c.218 (C.39:4-207.10) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 1. a. (1) A person who is a disabled veteran or a recipient of
11 the Purple Heart is exempt from the payment of municipal parking
12 meter fees when a motor vehicle owned by the disabled veteran or
13 the Purple Heart recipient displays disabled veteran's or Purple
14 Heart license plates or a placard issued by the New Jersey Motor
15 Vehicle Commission pursuant to the provisions of Title 39 of the
16 Revised Statutes, unless the vehicle has been parked in one location
17 for more than 24 hours. The exemption provided under this
18 subsection shall apply only when the disabled veteran or recipient
19 of the Purple Heart to whom the special license plates or placards
20 have been issued is either the driver, or a passenger, of the vehicle.

21 (2) The governing body of each municipality shall designate a
22 parking space at or near the municipality's city hall or other
23 principal municipal building for the exclusive use of a motor
24 vehicle owned by and transporting a disabled veteran or Purple
25 Heart recipient, which vehicle displays a disabled veteran's or
26 Purple Heart license plate or a placard issued by the New Jersey
27 Motor Vehicle Commission pursuant to the provisions of Title 39 of
28 the Revised Statutes.

29 b. The Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission
30 shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to
31 effectuate the provisions of subsection a. of this section, pursuant to
32 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
33 seq.), and shall include provisions for the issuance of disabled
34 veteran's or Purple Heart recipient's placards.

35 (cf: P.L.2015, c.218, s.1)

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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately but shall be
38 inoperative until the first day of the sixth month following the date
39 of enactment.

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42 **STATEMENT**

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44 This bill would require the governing body of each municipality
45 to designate a parking space at or near the municipality's city hall or

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 other principal municipal building for the exclusive use of a motor
2 vehicle owned by and transporting a disabled veteran or Purple
3 Heart recipient, which vehicle displays a disabled veteran's or
4 Purple Heart license plate or placard issued by the New Jersey
5 Motor Vehicle Commission. The bill would take effect
6 immediately but remain inoperative until the first day of the sixth
7 month following the date of enactment in order to allow
8 municipalities a period of time to comply with the bill's
9 requirements.

10 The Motor Vehicle Commission already issues specialized
11 license plates to persons who qualify as disabled veterans and to
12 active members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The
13 Motor Vehicle Commission also issues placards to eligible disabled
14 veterans and Purple Heart recipients so that eligible persons who do
15 not have a specialized license plate may qualify for the exemption
16 from payment of municipal parking meter fees that was established
17 by P.L.2015, c.218 (C.39:4-207.10).

18 By reserving parking spots for disabled veterans and Purple
19 Heart recipients, municipalities will call attention to the significant
20 contributions made by wounded combat veterans, and of their
21 existence in our communities.