

ASSEMBLY, No. 4351

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

Assemblyman RONALD S. DANCER

District 12 (Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Prohibits expenditure of State funds through private organizations to promote patriotism and honor members of Armed Forces, including National Guard and Reserve Component, at sporting events in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the expenditure of State Funds for certain
2 patriotic events and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 38A of the
3 New Jersey Statutes.

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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. Notwithstanding any provision of any other law to the
9 contrary, no State funds may be used for programs by private
10 organizations to promote patriotism and honor service members of
11 the Armed Forces of the United States, including the National
12 Guard and the Reserves, at sporting events in New Jersey.

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14 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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19 This bill prohibits the expenditure of State funds through private
20 organizations for programs promoting patriotism and honoring
21 service members of the Armed Forces of the United States,
22 including the National Guard and Reserves, at sporting events in
23 New Jersey. The sponsor believes that patriotism should not have
24 to be purchased with taxpayer dollars. According to a Fox News
25 Report on November 4, 2015 entitled, Should Congress Ban Pay for
26 Patriotism at Sporting Events?, “the National Defense Authorization
27 Act prohibits the Pentagon from spending taxpayer dollars on
28 tributes at sporting events.”