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SYNOPSIS

Allows active duty service members to provide document other than DD-214 when claiming veterans' preference for civil service.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/20/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning document required to claim veterans'
2 preference for civil service and amending P.L.2000, c.127.

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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 3 of P.L.2000, c.127 (C.11A:5-1.1) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 3. a. The Adjutant General of the Department of Military and
10 Veterans' Affairs shall be responsible for determining whether any
11 person seeking to be considered a "veteran" or a "disabled veteran"
12 under N.J.S.11A:5-1, for the purpose of receiving civil service
13 preference, meets the criteria set forth therein and adjudicating an
14 appeal from any person disputing this determination. The
15 determination of the Adjutant General shall apply only
16 prospectively from the date of initial determination or date of
17 determination from an appeal, as appropriate, and shall be binding
18 upon the commission.

19 b. A person seeking to be considered a "veteran" or a "disabled
20 veteran" under N.J.S.11A:5-1, for the purpose of receiving civil
21 service preference, who has not yet been issued Form DD-214 as
22 proof of military service may submit, in lieu thereof, an official
23 certification or verification of military service statement or letter
24 that provides the date of entry into military service, the estimated
25 date of discharge or release, the character of the discharge, and such
26 other information as the Adjutant General shall require. The
27 Adjutant General shall specify the form, content, and source for an
28 official certification or verification of military service statement or
29 letter based on such statements or letters that are approved and
30 provided by the federal military authorities.

31 The person shall submit to the Adjutant General the Form DD-
32 214 no later than 30 days from the date the person receives the
33 form. If a copy is not provided, the prior determination of veteran
34 status shall be revoked.

35 (cf: P.L.2008, c.29, s.43)

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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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42 This bill would allow a person seeking veterans' preference for
43 civil service purposes who has not yet been issued the official Form
44 DD-214 as proof of military service to submit, in lieu thereof, an
45 official certification or verification of military service statement 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 letter that provides the date of entry into military service, the
2 estimated date of discharge or release, the character of the
3 discharge, and such other information as the Adjutant General shall
4 require. The Adjutant General will specify the form, content, and
5 source for an official certification or verification of military service
6 statement or letter based on such statements or letters that are
7 approved and provided by the federal military authorities.

8 The person must submit to the Adjutant General the Form DD-
9 214 no later than 30 days from the date the person receives the
10 form. If a copy is not provided, the prior determination of veteran
11 status will be revoked.

12 In order to receive veterans' preference on a civil service
13 application, the regulations of the Department of Military and
14 Veterans' Affairs require a veteran to submit a copy of Form DD-
15 214, or another document if military records have been destroyed.

16 This bill would allow a person who is still on active military
17 duty, but who expects to be discharged or released soon, to begin
18 the process of securing veterans' preference before discharge
19 occurs.