

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 429, *approved January 18, 2022*
Assembly, No. 259

1 **AN ACT** concerning civil service preference for veterans with
2 campaign or expedition medals and amending N.J.S.11A:5-1.

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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. N.J.S.11A:5-1 is amended to read as follows:

8 11A:5-1. As used in this chapter:

9 a. "Disabled veteran" means any veteran who is eligible to be
10 compensated for a service-connected disability from war service by
11 the United States Veterans Administration or who receives or is
12 entitled to receive equivalent compensation for a service-connected
13 disability which arises out of military or naval service as set forth in
14 this chapter and who has submitted sufficient evidence of the record
15 of disability incurred in the line of duty to the Adjutant General of
16 the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and received a
17 determination of status no later than eight days prior to the issuance
18 of an employment list, for which that individual received a passing
19 score on an examination;

20 b. "Veteran" means any honorably discharged soldier, sailor,
21 marine or nurse who served in any army or navy of the allies of the
22 United States in World War I, between July 14, 1914 and November
23 11, 1918, or who served in any army or navy of the allies of the
24 United States in World War II, between September 1, 1939 and
25 September 2, 1945 and who was inducted into that service through
26 voluntary enlistment, and was a citizen of the United States at the
27 time of the enlistment, and who did not renounce or lose his or her
28 United States citizenship; or any soldier, sailor, marine, airman,
29 nurse or army field clerk, who has served in the active military or
30 naval service of the United States and has been discharged or
31 released under other than dishonorable conditions from that service
32 in any of the following wars or conflicts and who has presented to
33 the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans'
34 Affairs sufficient evidence of the record of service and received a
35 determination of status no later than eight days prior to the issuance
36 of an employment list, for which that individual received a passing
37 score on an examination:

38 (1) World War I, between April 6, 1917 and November 11,
39 1918;

40 (2) World War II, on or after September 16, 1940, who shall
41 have served at least 90 days beginning on or before December 31,
42 1946 in such active service, exclusive of any period of assignment

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 for a course of education or training under the Army Specialized
2 Training Program or the Navy College Training Program, which
3 course was a continuation of a civilian course and was pursued to
4 completion, or as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service
5 academies; except that any person receiving an actual service-
6 incurred injury or disability shall be classed a veteran whether or
7 not that person has completed the 90-day service;

8 (3) Korean conflict, on or after June 23, 1950, who shall have
9 served at least 90 days beginning on or before January 31, 1955, in
10 active service, exclusive of any period of assignment for a course of
11 education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program
12 or the Navy College Training Program, which course was a
13 continuation of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or
14 as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies; except
15 that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or
16 disability shall be classed as a veteran, whether or not that person
17 has completed the 90-day service;

18 (4) Lebanon crisis, on or after July 1, 1958, who has served in
19 Lebanon or on board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the
20 territorial waters of that nation for a period, continuous or in the
21 aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or before November
22 1, 1958 or the date of termination of that conflict, as proclaimed by
23 the President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of
24 termination is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any
25 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall
26 be classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the
27 14 days' service as herein provided;

28 (5) Vietnam conflict, on or after December 31, 1960, who shall
29 have served at least 90 days beginning on or before May 7, 1975, in
30 active service, exclusive of any period of assignment for a course of
31 education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program
32 or the Navy College Training Program, which course was a
33 continuation of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or
34 as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, and
35 exclusive of any service performed pursuant to the provisions of
36 section 511(d) of Title 10, United States Code, or exclusive of any
37 service performed pursuant to enlistment in the National Guard or
38 the Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine
39 Corps Reserve, or Coast Guard Reserve; except that any person
40 receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be
41 classed as a veteran, whether or not that person has completed the
42 90-day service as provided;

43 (6) Lebanon peacekeeping mission, on or after September 26,
44 1982, who has served in Lebanon or on board any ship actively
45 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a
46 period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
47 commencing on or before December 1, 1987 or the date of

1 termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the
2 United States or Congress, whichever date of termination is the
3 latest, in such active service; provided, that any person receiving an
4 actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a
5 veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days'
6 service as herein provided;

7 (7) Grenada peacekeeping mission, on or after October 23,
8 1983, who has served in Grenada or on board any ship actively
9 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a
10 period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
11 commencing on or before November 21, 1983 or the date of
12 termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the
13 United States or Congress, whichever date of termination is the
14 latest, in such active service; provided, that any person receiving an
15 actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a
16 veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days'
17 service as herein provided;

18 (8) Panama peacekeeping mission, on or after December 20,
19 1989 or the date of inception of that mission, as proclaimed by the
20 President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of
21 inception is earliest, who has served in Panama or on board any ship
22 actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for
23 a period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
24 commencing on or before January 31, 1990 or the date of
25 termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the
26 United States or Congress, whichever date of termination is the
27 latest, in such active service; provided, that any person receiving an
28 actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a
29 veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days'
30 service as herein provided;

31 (9) Operation "Desert Shield/Desert Storm" mission in the
32 Arabian peninsula and the Persian Gulf, on or after August 2, 1990
33 or the date of inception of that operation, as proclaimed by the
34 President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of
35 inception is earliest, who has served in the Arabian peninsula or on
36 board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the Persian Gulf for a
37 period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
38 commencing on or before the date of termination of that mission, as
39 proclaimed by the President of the United States or Congress,
40 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service;
41 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury
42 or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person
43 has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

44 (10) Operation Northern Watch and Operation Southern Watch,
45 on or after August 27, 1992, or the date of inception of that
46 operation, as proclaimed by the President of the United States,
47 Congress or United States Secretary of Defense, whichever date of

1 inception is earliest, who served in the theater of operation,
2 including in the Arabian peninsula and the Persian Gulf, and in
3 direct support of that operation for a period, continuously or in the
4 aggregate, of at least 14 days in such active service commencing on
5 or before the date of termination of that operation, as proclaimed by
6 the President of the United States, Congress or United States
7 Secretary of Defense, whichever date of termination is the latest;
8 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury
9 or disability while engaged in such service shall be classed as a
10 veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days'
11 service as herein provided;

12 (11) Operation "Restore Hope" in Somalia, on or after
13 December 5, 1992, or the date of inception of that operation as
14 proclaimed by the President of the United States or the Congress,
15 whichever date is earliest, who has served in Somalia or on board
16 any ship actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that
17 nation for a period, continuously or in the aggregate, of at least 14
18 days in such active service commencing on or before March 31,
19 1994; provided that any person receiving an actual service-incurred
20 injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that
21 person has completed the 14-day service as herein provided;

22 (12) Operations "Joint Endeavor" and "Joint Guard" in the
23 Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, on or after November 20,
24 1995, who served in such active service in direct support of one or
25 both of the operations for at least 14 days, continuously or in the
26 aggregate, commencing on or before June 20, 1998, and (1) was
27 deployed in that nation or in another area in the region, or (2) was
28 on board a United States naval vessel operating in the Adriatic Sea,
29 or (3) operated in airspace above the Republic of Bosnia and
30 Herzegovina; provided that any person receiving an actual service-
31 incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or
32 not that person completed the 14-day service requirement;

33 (13) Operation "Uphold Democracy" in Haiti, on or after
34 September 19, 1994, who served in Haiti or on board any ship
35 actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for
36 a period, continuously or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days in
37 such active service commencing on or before March 31, 1995, and
38 who received an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for such
39 service; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-
40 incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or
41 not that person has completed the 14 days' service as herein
42 provided or received an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal;

43 (14) Operation "Enduring Freedom", on or after September 11,
44 2001, who served in a theater of operation and in direct support of
45 that operation for a period, continuously or in the aggregate, of at
46 least 14 days in such active service commencing on or before the
47 date the President of the United States or the United States

1 Secretary of Defense designates as the termination date of that
2 operation; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-
3 incurred injury or disability while engaged in such service shall be
4 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14
5 days' service as herein provided; **and**

6 (15) Operation "Iraqi Freedom", on or after the date the
7 President of the United States or the United States Secretary of
8 Defense designates as the inception date of that operation, who
9 served in Iraq or in another area in the region in direct support of
10 that operation for a period, continuously or in the aggregate, of at
11 least 14 days in such active service commencing on or before the
12 date the President of the United States or the United States
13 Secretary of Defense designates as the termination date of that
14 operation; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-
15 incurred injury or disability while engaged in such service shall be
16 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14
17 days' service as herein provided; and

18 (16) In a campaign or expedition for which a medal has been
19 authorized and recognized by the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944,
20 as amended and codified under Title 5, United States Code, for civil
21 service preference and which has been awarded to the veteran.

22 c. "War service" means service by a veteran in any war or
23 conflict described in this chapter during the periods specified.
24 (cf: P.L.2007, c.115, s.1)
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26 2. This act shall take effect thirty days after the date of
27 enactment and shall apply to open competitive examinations held
28 after the effective date.
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33 Provides civil service preference to military service members
34 who did not serve in theater of operation but received campaign or
35 expedition medal.