

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 144

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Urges Congress to require VA hospitals to provide all routine screenings for women veterans on-site at each hospital.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging Congress to require United
2 States Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals to provide all
3 routine medical screenings for women veterans on-site at each
4 hospital.

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6 **WHEREAS**, Women have played a vital role in the nations' military
7 and make up approximately 10 percent of the armed forces; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Women have medical needs that are different than those of
9 men, and the brave women who proudly served the nation and
10 risked their lives to protect our freedom deserve the investment of
11 every possible resource to ensure their well-being and good health;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, All eligible women veterans have access to certain
14 screenings at United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
15 hospitals, either on-site or at facilities in the community; and

16 **WHEREAS**, When screenings are not available on-site, women veterans
17 are forced to travel to other doctors and facilities for routine
18 medical screenings; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Traveling to different doctors and facilities for routine
20 medical screenings requires additional time and resources, thus
21 burdening women veterans; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Increased funding to VA hospitals would improve the type
23 and quality of services available at VA hospitals; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Increased funding would permit VA hospitals to be able to
25 provide all routine medical care screenings for women veterans on-
26 site, removing the burden on women veterans to travel to other
27 locations for routine screenings; and

28 **WHEREAS**, It is important for our women veterans to know that the
29 care they receive from the VA is consistent with or exceeds the care
30 found in the private sector; and

31 **WHEREAS**, Investing in the well-being of women veterans not only
32 benefits those veterans, it benefits every citizen of the United
33 States, as such an investment ensures that these individuals will
34 thrive in their civilian lives; and

35 **WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper for this House to urge
36 Congress to require VA hospitals to provide all routine medical
37 screenings for women veterans on-site at each hospital; now,
38 therefore,

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40 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
41 *Jersey:*

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43 1. This House urges Congress to require United States
44 Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals to provide all routine
45 medical screenings for women veterans on-site at each hospital.

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47 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
48 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the

1 Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, to the
2 Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, to each
3 member of Congress elected from this State, and to the Secretary of
4 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

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STATEMENT

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9 Women have played a vital role as members of the military of
10 our nation. Therefore, women veterans deserve the investment of
11 every possible resource to ensure their well-being.

12 All eligible women veterans have access to certain medical
13 screenings either on-site at United States Department of Veterans
14 Affairs (VA) hospitals or at facilities in the community. However,
15 increased funding would permit VA hospitals to be able to provide
16 all routine care screenings for women veterans on-site, removing
17 the need for women veterans to travel to various locations for their
18 routine screenings.

19 Investing in the well-being of women veterans not only benefits
20 those veterans, it benefits every citizen of the United States, as such
21 an investment ensures that these individuals will thrive in their
22 civilian lives.