

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 87

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Urges shore municipalities to enact ordinances providing free or reduced fee beach access to all qualifying veterans.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 The State has enacted several laws recognizing veterans for
2 bravely sacrificing for their country. One such law, P.L.1955, c.49,
3 provides that shore municipalities in this State may enact
4 ordinances providing that no fees, or reduced fees, be charged for
5 beach access to certain veterans who have served in any of the
6 Armed Forces of the United States, who were discharged or
7 released from service under conditions other than dishonorable, and
8 who either have served at least 90 days in active duty or have been
9 discharged or released from active duty by reason of a service-
10 incurred injury or disability.

11 Recently, one shore municipality misinterpreted this law and
12 rescinded its ordinance that provided free beach access to all current
13 and veteran military personnel. In its place, the municipality
14 enacted a beach access policy that limits free beach access to
15 current military personnel and disabled veterans.

16 This resolution, in consideration of the courage and bravery that
17 veterans have displayed in their service to this country, clarifies that
18 P.L.1955, c.49, indeed, permits shore municipalities to provide free
19 or reduced fee beach access to all qualifying veterans, and urges
20 each shore municipality to enact such an ordinance if it is not
21 currently the policy of the municipality.