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SYNOPSIS

Establishes veterans' preference for affordable housing in certain housing projects.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee on February 22, 2016, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/20/2016)

1 AN ACT concerning affordable housing occupancy preferences for
2 veterans and related individuals, supplementing P.L.1979, c.275
3 (C.40:37A-106 et seq.) and P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-1 et al.).
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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. a. As used in this section:

9 “Disabled veteran” means any resident of the State who has been
10 honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances
11 from active service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United
12 States and who has been or shall be declared by the United States
13 Veterans Administration, or its successor, to have a service-
14 connected disability. ¹【; and】¹

15 “Veteran” means any resident of the State who has been
16 honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances
17 from active service in any branch of the armed forces of the United
18 States, or any honorably discharged member of the American
19 Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is declared
20 by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for
21 federal veterans' benefits.

22 b. In addition to any other federal or State law regarding
23 providing a veteran’s affordable housing preference, the
24 ¹【authority】 Commissioner of Community Affairs¹ shall establish
25 rules and regulations to provide a preference for affordable housing
26 in a housing project, as defined under subsection f. of section 2 of
27 P.L.1979, c.275 (C.40:37A-107), to homeless veterans, disabled
28 veterans, and family members who are the primary residential
29 caregivers to disabled veterans residing with them. All applicants
30 for the housing preference as specified herein shall also be required
31 to meet the income requirements for admission to the housing
32 project.

33 c. Among applicants eligible to receive a housing project
34 preference provided under subsection ¹【a.】 b.¹ of this section,
35 priority for the preference shall be given to applicants as follows:
36 (1) homeless veterans shall receive first priority; (2) disabled
37 veterans shall receive second priority; and (3) family members who
38 are the primary residential caregivers to disabled veterans residing
39 with them shall receive third priority.
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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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHO committee amendments adopted February 22, 2016.

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29 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
30 next following enactment.