

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 1944**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 13, 2010

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly, No. 1944.

This bill changes the membership of the Veterans' Services Council from nine members to twelve members, changes the term of membership from four years to three years, and limits the number of terms of office to two terms in the aggregate. It also requires the members to nominate a chairman for approval by the Governor; currently, the Governor designates a chairman. Additionally, if a member misses three meetings without being excused for good cause by the chairman, the council will vote to recommend to the Governor that the member be removed from office.

Finally, the term "war veteran" is changed to "veteran" to encompass the conflicts and emergencies that the Armed Forces are engaged in today.

Committee Amendments

The committee amended the bill by changing the requirement that upon recommendation of the council to remove from office any member that misses three meetings without being excused for good cause, the Governor must remove that person, to a permissible option by the Governor to remove that person from office.