

P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 99, *approved May 10, 2019*  
Senate, No. 542 (*Second Reprint*)

- 1 AN ACT designating High Point State Park as High Point  
2 <sup>2</sup>**[Veterans']**<sup>2</sup> State Park <sup>2</sup>and New Jersey Veterans Memorial<sup>2</sup>  
3 and amending and supplementing P.L.1983, c.324.  
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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. (New section) The Legislature finds and declares that:  
9 a. In 1918, the New Jersey Department of Conservation and  
10 Development proposed the creation “on the Kittatinny Mountains in  
11 Sussex and Warren counties a great forest park for the benefit of the  
12 whole people.”  
13 b. In 1920, Director Alfred Gaskil of the Division of Parks and  
14 Forestry suggested “that the park be established as the State’s  
15 memorial to its sons who had made the supreme sacrifice in the  
16 Great War.”  
17 c. <sup>1</sup>**[In fulfillment of this plan,]**<sup>1</sup> Colonel Anthony Kuser  
18 deeded his mountaintop summer estate at High Point to the State in  
19 1923 for a public park and avian sanctuary.  
20 d. In November 1927, Colonel Kuser further donated \$500,000  
21 to erect a granite-clad obelisk on New Jersey’s highest peak to  
22 honor the veterans of all wars.  
23 e. The High Point <sup>2</sup>**[Veterans']**<sup>2</sup> Monument was dedicated to  
24 the “Glory and Honor and Eternal Memory of New Jersey’s heroes  
25 by land, sea, and air, in all wars of our Country” in June 1930.  
26 f. Although the High Point <sup>2</sup>**[Veterans']**<sup>2</sup> Monument is one of  
27 the most visible and best known landmarks in the State, and is a  
28 symbol of the State’s parks and forests, the purpose for which it  
29 was built has <sup>1</sup>**[receded from memory]** diminished over time<sup>1</sup>, and  
30 the surrounding park is <sup>1</sup>**[now]**<sup>1</sup> only known by the name High  
31 Point State Park.  
32 g. It is therefore appropriate to rename the entire park to  
33 <sup>1</sup>**[emphasize the original purpose to which it was dedicated and to]**  
34 match the honoring of veterans for which the iconic monument was  
35 dedicated, and thereby show<sup>1</sup> respect <sup>1</sup>to<sup>1</sup> the men and women who  
36 have given their lives to protect this country.

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:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted October 18, 2018.

<sup>2</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted January 31, 2019.

1       2. (New section) a. High Point State Park is designated as  
2 High Point <sup>2</sup>**['Veterans']**<sup>2</sup> State Park <sup>2</sup>and New Jersey Veterans  
3 Memorial<sup>2</sup>.

4       b. The Department of Environmental Protection, through its  
5 Division of Parks and Forestry, shall alter its official publications to  
6 reflect this designation, and shall make expeditious efforts to  
7 replace any existing signs, advertisements, or any other public  
8 indicators of the park's name to reflect this designation.  
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10       3. Section 11 of P.L.1983, c.324 (C.13:1L-11) is amended to  
11 read as follows:

12       11. a. In specific regard to High Point <sup>2</sup>**['Veterans']**<sup>2</sup> State Park  
13 <sup>2</sup>and New Jersey Veterans Memorial<sup>2</sup>, the department shall not  
14 allow the shooting or trapping of birds on park grounds, other than  
15 that of vermin, and then only by authorized representatives of the  
16 State.

17       b. As Island Beach State Park is a unique recreational resource  
18 and is highly valued for its topography, flora and fauna, it shall be  
19 preserved, maintained and improved in such a manner as the  
20 department determines will best perpetuate the present physical  
21 state.

22 (cf: P.L.1983, c.324, s.11)  
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24       4. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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29       Designates High Point State Park as High Point State Park and  
30 New Jersey Veterans Memorial.