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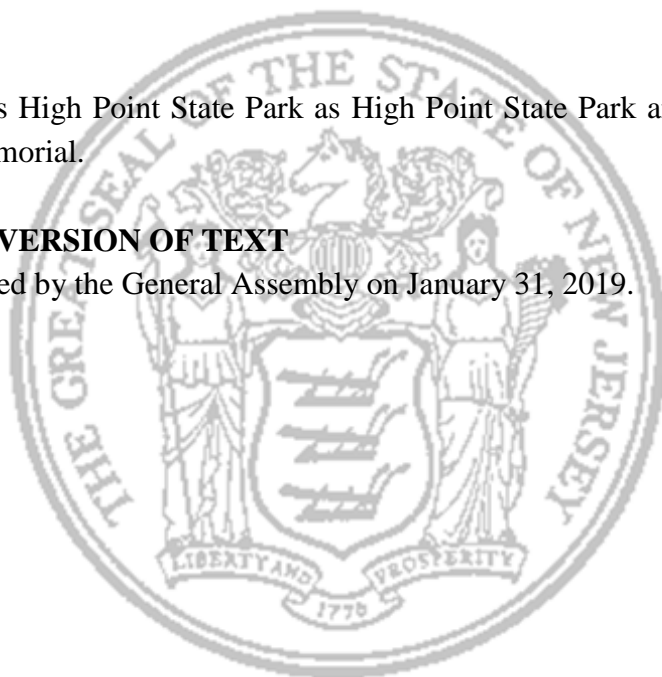
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SYNOPSIS

Designates High Point State Park as High Point State Park and New Jersey Veterans Memorial.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on January 31, 2019.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/26/2019)

1 AN ACT designating High Point State Park as High Point
2 ²**[Veterans']**² State Park ²and New Jersey Veterans Memorial²
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. ¹**[In fulfillment of this plan,]**¹ 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 ²**[Veterans']**² 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 ²**[Veterans']**² 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 ¹**[receded from memory]** diminished over time¹, and
30 the surrounding park is ¹**[now]**¹ only known by the name High
31 Point State Park.

32 g. It is therefore appropriate to rename the entire park to
33 ¹**[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 show¹ respect ¹to¹ the men and women who
36 have given their lives to protect this country.
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38 2. (New section) a. High Point State Park is designated as
39 High Point ²**[Veterans']**² State Park ²and New Jersey Veterans
40 Memorial².

41 b. The Department of Environmental Protection, through its
42 Division of Parks and Forestry, shall alter its official publications to

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 AMV committee amendments adopted October 18, 2018.

²Assembly floor amendments adopted January 31, 2019.

1 reflect this designation, and shall make expeditious efforts to
2 replace any existing signs, advertisements, or any other public
3 indicators of the park's name to reflect this designation.

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5 3. Section 11 of P.L.1983, c.324 (C.13:1L-11) is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 11. a. In specific regard to High Point ²['Veterans']² State Park
8 ²and New Jersey Veterans Memorial², the department shall not
9 allow the shooting or trapping of birds on park grounds, other than
10 that of vermin, and then only by authorized representatives of the
11 State.

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

17 (cf: P.L.1983, c.324, s.11)

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19 4. This act shall take effect immediately.