

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 2452**

---

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**218th LEGISLATURE**

---

INTRODUCED APRIL 5, 2018

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**Senator FRED H. MADDEN, JR.**

**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

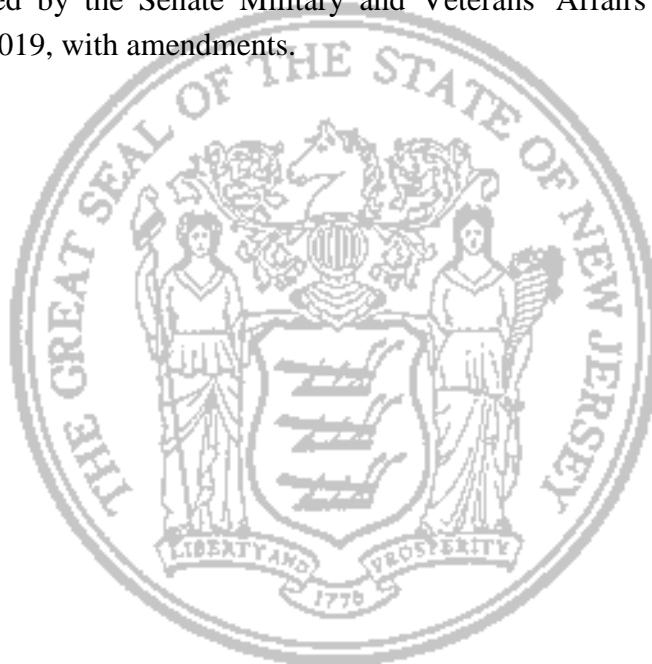
**Senator A.R.Bucco**

**SYNOPSIS**

Provides for increase in allowance paid to war veterans with certain service-connected disabilities.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee on January 24, 2019, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 8/26/2019)**

1 AN ACT providing for an increase to the allowance paid to veterans  
2 with certain wartime service-connected disabilities, and  
3 amending various parts of the statutory law.

4  
5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

7  
8 1. R.S.38:18-2 is amended to read as follows:

9 38:18-2. A soldier, who has sustained a total loss of sight as a  
10 result of his service during any of the wars mentioned in section 1  
11 of this chapter, shall be paid for the term of his life, and upon his  
12 death his surviving spouse shall be paid, provided that the soldier or  
13 surviving spouse shall continue as a resident of this State, the sum  
14 of **[\$750.00]** \$1,800 annually, in monthly payments. Such  
15 payments shall be due and payable from the date of discharge or  
16 release of the soldier if application therefor shall be made within  
17 one year from the date of such discharge or release. If the  
18 application shall be made one year from the date of discharge or  
19 release of the soldier such payments shall be due and payable from  
20 the date of such application. Accrued payments to the date of  
21 certification shall be paid in one lump sum.

22 (cf: P.L.1985, c.116, s.1)

23

24 2. R.S.38:18-3 is amended to read as follows:

25 38:18-3. Evidence of the service and disability mentioned in this  
26 chapter shall be furnished to the <sup>1</sup>Division of Veterans Services of the<sup>1</sup>  
27 Department of <sup>1</sup>**[Economic Development]** Military and Veterans  
28 Affairs<sup>1</sup>, which shall examine the same and upon being satisfied that  
29 the service was performed and the soldier has been rendered totally  
30 blind as a result thereof, shall so certify to the <sup>1</sup>**[State Comptroller]**  
31 Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting<sup>1</sup> who shall, upon  
32 receipt thereof, draw <sup>1</sup>**[his]** a<sup>1</sup> warrant on the State Treasurer in favor  
33 of the applicant in a bulk sum for any accrued payments and in the  
34 sum of **[\$750.00]** \$1,800 annually, which the State Treasurer shall  
35 pay out of the money appropriated therefor by the Legislature.

36 (cf: P.L.1971, c.329, s.2)

37

38 3. Section 2 of P.L.1947, c.263 (C.38:18A-2) is amended to  
39 read as follows:

40 2. A veteran who served in the active military or naval forces  
41 of the United States and who has paraplegia and permanent  
42 paralysis of both legs and lower parts of the body, or who has  
43 osteochondritis and permanent loss of the use of both legs, or who  
44 has hemiplegia and permanent paralysis of one leg and one arm or  
45 either side of the body, resulting from injury to the spinal cord,

**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>Senate SMV committee amendments adopted January 24, 2019.

1 skeletal structure, or brain, or who has had both hands, both feet, or  
2 one hand and one foot amputated, or who has lost the use of both  
3 feet or both legs, due to multiple sclerosis, sustained through enemy  
4 action, or accident, or resulting from disease contracted while in  
5 active military or naval service, shall be paid for the term of the  
6 veteran's life, and upon the veteran's death the surviving spouse,  
7 domestic partner, or partner in civil union shall be paid, the sum of  
8 **[\$750]** \$1,800 annually in monthly payments. Such payments shall  
9 be due and payable from the date of discharge or release of the  
10 veteran if application therefor shall be made within one year from  
11 the date of such discharge or release. If the application shall be  
12 made after one year from the date of discharge or release of the  
13 veteran, such payment shall be due and payable from the date of  
14 such application. Accrued payments to the date of certification shall  
15 be paid in one lump sum.

16 Nothing in P.L.1947, c.263 (C.38:18A-1 et seq.) shall be  
17 intended to include paraplegia or hemiplegia resulting from  
18 locomotor ataxia or other forms of syphilis of the central nervous  
19 system or from chronic alcohol use disorder, or to include other  
20 forms of disease resulting from the veteran's own misconduct which  
21 may produce signs and symptoms similar to those resulting from  
22 paraplegia, osteochondritis, hemiplegia, or multiple sclerosis.  
23 (cf: P.L.2017, c.131, s.146)  
24

25 4. Section 3 of P.L.1947, c.263 (C.38:18A-3) is amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 3. Evidence of the service and disability mentioned in this act  
28 shall be furnished to the Division of **[Veterans']** Veterans Services  
29 of the Department of **[Human Services]** Military and Veterans  
30 Affairs, which shall examine the same and upon being satisfied that  
31 the service was performed and the veteran has been rendered  
32 permanently paralyzed or has permanently lost the use of both legs,  
33 or has suffered amputation, as defined in section 2 of this act, shall  
34 so certify to the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting  
35 in the Department of the Treasury, who shall, upon receipt thereof,  
36 draw **[his]** a warrant on the State Treasurer in favor of the  
37 applicant in the sum of **[\$750.00]** \$1,800 annually, which the State  
38 Treasurer shall pay out of the money appropriated therefor by the  
39 Legislature.

40 (cf: P.L.1981, c.424, s.3).  
41

42 5. This act shall take effect on January 1 next following the  
43 date of enactment.