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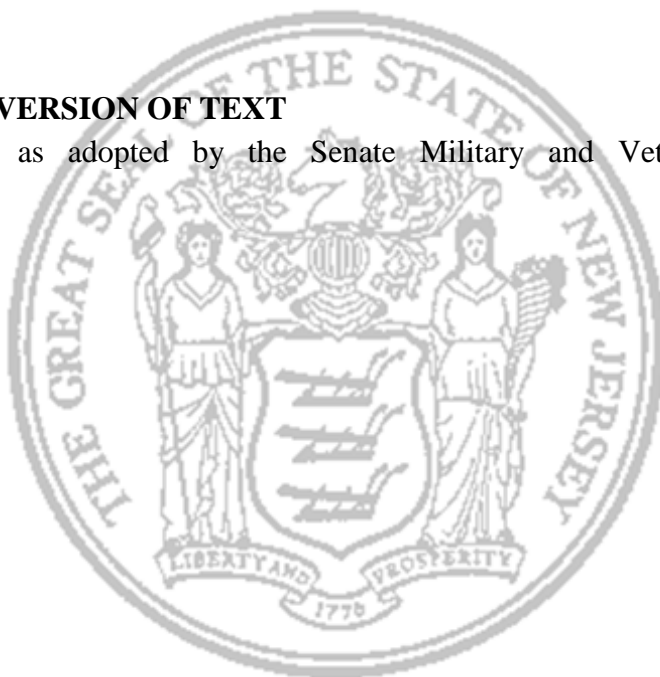
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**SYNOPSIS**

Increases allowance paid to war veterans with certain service-connected disabilities.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Substitute as adopted by the Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.



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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.  
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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. 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] R.S.38:18-1, shall be paid for the term of his life,  
12 and upon his death his surviving spouse shall be paid, provided that  
13 the soldier or surviving spouse shall continue as a resident of this  
14 State, the sum of [\$750.00] \$1,800 annually, in monthly payments.  
15 Such payments shall be due and payable from the date of discharge  
16 or 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)  
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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  
26 [this chapter] R.S.38:18-1 shall be furnished to the Division of  
27 Veterans Services of the Department of [Economic Development]  
28 Military and Veterans Affairs, which shall examine the same and  
29 upon being satisfied that the service was performed and the soldier  
30 has been rendered totally blind as a result thereof, shall so certify to  
31 the [State Comptroller] Director of the Division of Budget and  
32 Accounting who shall, upon receipt thereof, draw [his] a warrant  
33 on the State Treasurer in favor of the applicant in a bulk sum for  
34 any accrued payments and in the sum of [\$750.00] \$1,800  
35 annually, which the State Treasurer shall pay out of the money  
36 appropriated therefor by the Legislature.

37 (cf: P.L.1971, c.329, s.2)  
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39 3. Section 2 of P.L.1947, c.263 (C.38:18A-2) is amended to  
40 read as follows:

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

**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.

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

17 Nothing in P.L.1947, c.263 (C.38:18A-1 et seq.) shall be  
18 intended to include paraplegia or hemiplegia resulting from  
19 locomotor ataxia or other forms of syphilis of the central nervous  
20 system or from chronic alcohol use disorder, or to include other  
21 forms of disease resulting from the veteran's own misconduct which  
22 may produce signs and symptoms similar to those resulting from  
23 paraplegia, osteochondritis, hemiplegia, or multiple sclerosis.  
24 (cf: P.L.2017, c.131, s.146)  
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26 4. Section 3 of P.L.1947, c.263 (C.38:18A-3) is amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 3. Evidence of the service and disability mentioned in this act,  
29 P.L.1947, c.263 (C.38:18A-1 et seq.), shall be furnished to the  
30 Division of **[Veterans']** Veterans Services of the Department of  
31 **[Human Services]** Military and Veterans Affairs, which shall  
32 examine the same and upon being satisfied that the service was  
33 performed and the veteran has been rendered permanently paralyzed  
34 or has permanently lost the use of both legs, or has suffered  
35 amputation, as defined in section 2 of this act, shall so certify to the  
36 Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the  
37 Department of the Treasury, who shall, upon receipt thereof, draw  
38 **[his]** a warrant on the State Treasurer in favor of the applicant in  
39 the sum of **[\$750.00]** \$1,800 annually, which the State Treasurer  
40 shall pay out of the money appropriated therefor by the Legislature.  
41 (cf: P.L.1981, c.424, s.3)  
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43 5. This act shall take effect on January 1 next following the  
44 date of enactment.