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SYNOPSIS

Extends military leave of absence for public officers and employees to those serving on federal active duty in US Coast Guard Reserve.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning military leave of absence for public officers and
2 employees serving on federal active duty in the United States
3 Coast Guard Reserve and amending R.S.38:23-1.
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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.38:23-1 is amended to read as follows:

9 38:23-1. a. A permanent or full-time temporary officer or
10 employee of the State or of a board, commission, authority or other
11 instrumentality of the State, or of a county, school district or
12 municipality, who is a member of the organized reserve of the Army
13 of the United States, United States Naval Reserve, United States Air
14 Force Reserve **[or]** , United States Marine Corps Reserve, United
15 States Coast Guard Reserve, or other organization affiliated
16 therewith, including the National Guard of other states, shall be
17 entitled, in addition to pay received, if any, as a member of a reserve
18 component of the Armed Forces of the United States, to leave of
19 absence from his or her respective duty without loss of pay or time
20 on all work days on which he or she shall be engaged in any period
21 of Federal active duty, provided, however, that such leaves of
22 absence shall not exceed 30 work days in any calendar year. Such
23 leave of absence shall be in addition to the regular vacation or other
24 accrued leave allowed such officer or employee. Any leave of
25 absence for such duty in excess of 30 work days shall be without pay
26 but without loss of time.

27 b. Notwithstanding subsection a. of this section, a full-time
28 temporary officer or employee who has served under such temporary
29 appointment for less than one year shall receive for the service
30 hereinabove described leave without pay but without loss of time.
31 (cf: P.L.2001, c.351, s.1)
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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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36 STATEMENT
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38 This bill extends military leave of absence granted to public
39 officers and employees to those serving on Federal active duty in the
40 United States Coast Guard Reserve. Under current law, public
41 officers and employees serving in the United States Army Reserve,
42 Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, or National
43 Guard are entitled to a leave of absence while on Federal active duty
44 for up to 30 days a year without loss of pay or time. Notably, those
45 serving in the Coast Guard Reserve are not entitled to this benefit

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 despite being members of the United States Armed Forces. This bill
2 would correct this omission and allow members of the Coast Guard
3 Reserve to enjoy the same benefit as those serving in other branches
4 of the Armed Forces.