

ASSEMBLY, No. 275

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen BATEMAN and DeCROCE

1 AN ACT providing for the annual Governor's Air and Space Medal
2 award, establishing an Air and Space Medal Nominating Committee
3 and supplementing Title 6 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. Each year during the month of May, Aviation Awareness
9 Month, an award shall be presented by the Governor or the Governor's
10 designee, in a public ceremony, to an individual currently or formerly
11 residing in this State, or to an organization located in the State of New
12 Jersey, in recognition of the individual's or organization's outstanding
13 achievement in aeronautics or space exploration. This award shall be
14 known as the Governor's Air and Space Medal, hereinafter, "the
15 medal."

16 b. Nominations for the medal may be submitted by any individual
17 in the State, at any time during the year, to the Executive Director of
18 Aeronautics, in the Division of Aeronautics in the Department of
19 Transportation, hereinafter, "the executive director," with a written
20 statement setting forth the reasons for the nomination.

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22 2. a. There is established, in the Division of Aeronautics in the
23 Department of Transportation, a committee to be known as the
24 Governor's Air and Space Medal Nominating Committee, hereinafter
25 the "nominating committee," which shall review and evaluate the
26 candidates from the nominations submitted pursuant to section 1 of
27 this act, and recommend one candidate to the Governor who shall
28 present the medal to that candidate pursuant to this act. The
29 nominating committee shall consist of seven members as follows: the
30 executive director, ex officio, or the designee thereof, as a voting
31 member, and the following six public members appointed by the
32 Governor: a member of the New Jersey Aviation Advisory Council; a
33 member of the Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum of New Jersey; a
34 trustee of the Air Victory Museum; a representative of the
35 Mid-Atlantic Aviation Coalition; a representative of Aero New Jersey;

1 and a journalist or author who writes extensively on aviation issues.

2 b. Each appointed public member shall serve for a term of five
3 years, except that, of those first appointed, two shall serve for a term
4 of two years, two shall serve for a term of three years, and two shall
5 serve for a term of five years, as the Governor may designate upon
6 appointment.

7 c. Each appointed public member shall hold office for the term of
8 appointment and until a successor is appointed and qualified. A
9 member shall be eligible for reappointment. Any vacancy in the
10 membership occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled
11 in the same manner as the original appointment but for the unexpired
12 term only.

13 d. Each appointed public member may be removed by the Governor
14 for cause after a public hearing and may be suspended by the Governor
15 pending the completion of the hearing. The initial public members
16 shall be appointed within 30 days of the effective date of this act.

17 e. The executive director shall serve as chairman of the nominating
18 committee. Meetings of the nominating committee shall be held at
19 such times and places as directed by the executive director.

20 f. The members of the nominating committee shall serve without
21 compensation, but the nominating committee may reimburse its
22 members for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge
23 of their duties, within the limits of any funds appropriated or otherwise
24 made available for that purpose. Notwithstanding the provisions of
25 any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, no member of the
26 nominating committee shall be deemed to have forfeited nor shall that
27 member forfeit the member's office or employment or any benefits or
28 emoluments thereof by reason of the member's service as ex officio
29 member of the nominating committee.

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31 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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36 This bill establishes an award to be known as the Governor's Air
37 and Space Medal which is to be presented annually by the Governor,
38 or the Governor's designee, during the month of May, which is
39 "Aviation Awareness Month." The medal is to be presented to a
40 current or former resident of this State, or to an organization located
41 in the State, in recognition of the individual's or organization's
42 outstanding achievement in aeronautics or space exploration.

43 The bill also establishes, in the Division of Aeronautics in the
44 Department of Transportation, a committee to be known as the
45 Governor's Air and Space Medal Nominating Committee, which is to
46 review and evaluate the candidates from the nominations submitted.

1 The nominating committee is to consist of seven members as follows:
2 the Executive Director of Aeronautics in the Division of Aeronautics
3 in the Department of Transportation, ex officio, who shall serve as
4 chairman, and six public members to be appointed by the Governor,
5 who shall include a member of the New Jersey Aviation Advisory
6 Council, a member of the Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum of New
7 Jersey, a trustee of the Air Victory Museum, a representative of the
8 Mid-Atlantic Aviation Coalition, a representative of Aero New Jersey,
9 and a journalist or author who writes extensively on aviation issues.
10 The Governor is to make the award to the one candidate
11 recommended by the committee.

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