

ASSEMBLY, No. 1239

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman AZZOLINA

1 AN ACT granting to certain persons veterans' preference in the Civil
2 Service.

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

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7 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.11A:5-1 or any other
8 law or regulation to the contrary, any person who, having received
9 passing scores on an open competitive examination, was notified of
10 and granted status as a veteran for purposes of veterans' preference
11 pursuant to N.J.S.11A:5-5 by the Department of Personnel after
12 January 16, 1992, who was either placed or repositioned, if already
13 placed, on the employment list in order of that person's respective
14 score immediately after any disabled veterans, and who, before
15 October 1, 1993, was notified that veteran status was withdrawn
16 because the status had been granted mistakenly due to administrative
17 error shall be granted the status of veteran and the appropriate rank on
18 the employment list.

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill grants to certain persons veteran status for the purposes of
26 Civil Service veterans' preference. The enactment of P.L.1992, c.390
27 on January 16, 1992, expanded the definition of veteran to include
28 persons who participated, during listed periods of time, in missions in
29 Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, or the Persian Gulf, including persons
30 who served "on board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the
31 territorial waters" of these areas, and the Department of Personnel
32 notified certain persons that they were eligible for veteran status. The
33 department, however, mistakenly employed an eligibility criterion of
34 receipt of an overseas deployment "ribbon." The criterion should have
35 been receipt of an overseas deployment "medal." The ribbon was

1 given to service personnel deployed on any ship, the medal to those
2 who were deployed specifically in the relevant combat zones. The
3 department discovered its error in the summer of 1993 and notified
4 certain persons of a reverse of their status in September of 1993. This
5 bill restores veteran status for purposes of Civil Service veterans'
6 preference to that group of persons who were on an open competitive
7 employment list, were given that status and were re-ranked
8 accordingly as veterans only to have the veteran status withdrawn in
9 the fall of 1993.

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14 Grants veteran status to certain persons on Civil Service employment
15 lists.