

ASSEMBLY, No. 2985

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT concerning the qualification of certain persons as veterans for  
2 certain purposes and amending various parts of the statutory law.

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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. N.J.S.11A:5-1 is amended to read as follows:

8 11A:5-1. Definitions. As used in this chapter:

9 a. "Disabled veteran" means any veteran who is eligible to be  
10 compensated for a service-connected disability from war service by the  
11 United States Veterans Administration or who receives or is entitled  
12 to receive equivalent compensation for a service-connected disability  
13 which arises out of military or naval service as set forth in this chapter  
14 and who has submitted sufficient evidence of the record of disability  
15 incurred in the line of duty to the commissioner on or before the  
16 closing date for filing an application for an examination;

17 b. "Veteran" means any honorably discharged soldier, sailor,  
18 marine or nurse who served in any army or navy of the allies of the  
19 United States in World War I, between July 14, 1914 and November  
20 11, 1918, or who served in any army or navy of the allies of the United  
21 States in World War II, between September 1, 1939 and September 2,  
22 1945 and who was inducted into that service through voluntary  
23 enlistment, and was a citizen of the United States at the time of the  
24 enlistment, and who did not renounce or lose his or her United States  
25 citizenship; or any soldier, sailor, marine, airman, nurse or army field  
26 clerk, who has served in the active military or naval service of the  
27 United States and has been discharged or released under other than  
28 dishonorable conditions from that service in any of the following wars  
29 or conflicts and who has presented to the commissioner sufficient  
30 evidence of the record of service on or before the closing date for  
31 filing an application for an examination:

32 (1) World War I, between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918;

33 (2) World War II, on or after September 16, 1940, who shall have  
34 served at least 90 days beginning on or before December 31, 1946 in

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 such active service, exclusive of any period of assignment for a course  
2 of education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program  
3 or the Navy College Training Program, which course was a  
4 continuation of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or as  
5 a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies; except that any  
6 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be  
7 classed a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 90-day  
8 service;

9 (3) Korean conflict, on or after June 23, 1950, who shall have  
10 served at least 90 days beginning on or before January 31, 1955, in  
11 active service, exclusive of any period of assignment for a course of  
12 education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program or  
13 the Navy College Training Program, which course was a continuation  
14 of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or as a cadet or  
15 midshipman at one of the service academies; except that any person  
16 receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed  
17 as a veteran, whether or not that person has completed the 90-day  
18 service;

19 (4) Lebanon crisis, on or after July 15, 1958, who has served in  
20 Lebanon or on board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the  
21 territorial waters of that nation for a period, continuous or in the  
22 aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or before October 25,  
23 1958 or the date of termination of that conflict, as proclaimed by the  
24 President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of  
25 termination is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any  
26 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be  
27 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14  
28 days' service as herein provided;

29 (5) Vietnam conflict, on or after December 31, 1960, who shall  
30 have served at least 90 days beginning on or before May 7, 1975, in  
31 active service, exclusive of any period of assignment for a course of  
32 education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program or  
33 the Navy College Training Program, which course was a continuation  
34 of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or as a cadet or  
35 midshipman at one of the service academies, and exclusive of any  
36 service performed pursuant to the provisions of section 511(d) of Title  
37 10, United States Code, or exclusive of any service performed  
38 pursuant to enlistment in the National Guard or the Army Reserve,  
39 Naval Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, or Coast  
40 Guard Reserve; except that any person receiving an actual  
41 service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran,  
42 whether or not that person has completed the 90-day service as  
43 provided;

44 [(5)] (6) Lebanon peacekeeping mission, on or after September  
45 26, 1982, who has served in Lebanon or on board any ship actively  
46 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period,

1 continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or  
2 before December 1, 1987 or the date of termination of that mission, as  
3 proclaimed by the President of the United States or Congress,  
4 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service;  
5 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury  
6 or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person  
7 has completed the 14 days service as herein provided;

8 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) Grenada peacekeeping mission, on or after October 23,  
9 1983, who has served in Grenada or on board any ship actively  
10 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period,  
11 continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or  
12 before November 21, 1983 or the date of termination of that mission,  
13 as proclaimed by the President of the United States or Congress,  
14 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service;  
15 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury  
16 or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person  
17 has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

18 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) Panama peacekeeping mission, on or after December 20,  
19 1989 or the date of inception of that mission, as proclaimed by the  
20 President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of  
21 inception is earliest, who has served in Panama or on board any ship  
22 actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for  
23 a period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days  
24 commencing on or before January 31, 1990 or the date of termination  
25 of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the United States or  
26 Congress, whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active  
27 service; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred  
28 injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that  
29 person has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

30 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) Operation "Desert Shield/Desert Storm" mission in the  
31 Arabian peninsula and the Persian Gulf, on or after August 2, 1990 or  
32 the date of inception of that operation, as proclaimed by the President  
33 of the United States or Congress, whichever date of inception is  
34 earliest, who has served in the Arabian peninsula or on board any ship  
35 actively engaged in patrolling the Persian Gulf for a period, continuous  
36 or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or before the  
37 date of termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of  
38 the United States, Congress or the Governor, whichever date of  
39 termination is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any  
40 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be  
41 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14  
42 days' service as herein provided.

43 c. "War service" means service by a veteran in any war or conflict  
44 described in this chapter during the periods specified.

45 (cf: P.L.1995, c.406, s.1)

- 1       2. N.J.S.18A:66-2 is amended to read as follows:  
2       18A:66-2. As used in this article:
- 3       a. "Accumulated deductions" means the sum of all the amounts,  
4       deducted from the compensation of a member or contributed by or in  
5       behalf of the member, including interest credited to January 1, 1956,  
6       standing to the credit of the member's individual account in the annuity  
7       savings fund.
- 8       b. "Annuity" means payments for life derived from the accumulated  
9       deductions of a member as provided in this article.
- 10      c. "Beneficiary" means any person receiving a retirement allowance  
11      or other benefit as provided in this article.
- 12      d. "Compensation" means the contractual salary, for services as a  
13      teacher as defined in this article, which is in accordance with  
14      established salary policies of the member's employer for all employees  
15      in the same position but shall not include individual salary adjustments  
16      which are granted primarily in anticipation of the member's retirement  
17      or additional remuneration for performing temporary or extracurricular  
18      duties beyond the regular school day or the regular school year.
- 19      e. "Employer" means the State, the board of education or any  
20      educational institution or agency of or within the State by which a  
21      teacher is paid.
- 22      f. "Final compensation" means the average annual compensation  
23      for which contributions are made for the three years of creditable  
24      service in New Jersey immediately preceding the member's retirement  
25      or death, or it shall mean the average annual compensation for New  
26      Jersey service for which contributions are made during any three fiscal  
27      years of his or her membership providing the largest possible benefit  
28      to the member or the member's beneficiary.
- 29      g. "Fiscal year" means any year commencing with July 1, and  
30      ending with June 30, next following.
- 31      h. "Pension" means payments for life derived from appropriations  
32      made by the State or employers to the Teachers' Pension and Annuity  
33      Fund.
- 34      i. "Annuity reserve" means the present value of all payments to be  
35      made on account of any annuity or benefit in lieu of an annuity,  
36      granted under the provisions of this article, computed on the basis of  
37      such mortality tables recommended by the actuary as the board of  
38      trustees adopts, with regular interest.
- 39      j. "Pension reserve" means the present value of all payments to be  
40      made on account of any pension or benefit in lieu of a pension granted  
41      to a member from the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund, computed  
42      on the basis of such mortality tables recommended by the actuary as  
43      the board of trustees adopts, with regular interest.
- 44      k. "Present-entrant" means any member of the Teachers' Pension  
45      and Annuity Fund who had established status as a "present-entrant  
46      member" of said fund prior to January 1, 1956.

- 1       l. "Rate of contribution initially certified" means the rate of  
2 contribution certified by the retirement system in accordance with  
3 N.J.S.18A:66-29.
- 4       m. "Regular interest" shall mean interest as determined by the State  
5 Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Divisions of  
6 Investment and Pensions, the board of trustees and the actuary. It  
7 shall bear a reasonable relationship to the percentage rate of earnings  
8 on investments based on the market value of assets but shall not  
9 exceed the assumed percentage rate of increase applied to salaries plus  
10 3%, provided however that the board of trustees shall not set the  
11 average percentage rate of increase applied to salaries below 6%.
- 12       n. "Retirement allowance" means the pension plus the annuity.
- 13       o. "School service" means any service as a "teacher" as defined in  
14 this section.
- 15       p. "Teacher" means any regular teacher, special teacher, helping  
16 teacher, teacher clerk, principal, vice-principal, supervisor, supervising  
17 principal, director, superintendent, city superintendent, assistant city  
18 superintendent, county superintendent, State Commissioner or  
19 Assistant Commissioner of Education, members of the State  
20 Department of Education who are certificated, unclassified  
21 professional staff and other members of the teaching or professional  
22 staff of any class, public school, high school, normal school, model  
23 school, training school, vocational school, truant reformatory school,  
24 or parental school, and of any and all classes or schools within the  
25 State conducted under the order and superintendence, and wholly or  
26 partly at the expense of the State Board of Education, of a duly  
27 elected or appointed board of education, board of school directors, or  
28 board of trustees of the State or of any school district or normal  
29 school district thereof, and any persons under contract or engagement  
30 to perform one or more of these functions. It shall also mean any  
31 person who serves, while on an approved leave of absence from  
32 regular duties as a teacher, as an officer of a local, county or State  
33 labor organization which represents, or is affiliated with an  
34 organization which represents, teachers as defined in this subsection.  
35 No person shall be deemed a teacher within the meaning of this article  
36 who is a substitute teacher. In all cases of doubt the board of trustees  
37 shall determine whether any person is a teacher as defined in this  
38 article.
- 39       q. "Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund," hereinafter referred to  
40 as the "retirement system" or "system," is the corporate name of the  
41 arrangement for the payment of retirement allowances and other  
42 benefits under the provisions of this article, including the several funds  
43 placed under said system. By that name all its business shall be  
44 transacted, its funds invested, warrants for money drawn, and  
45 payments made and all of its cash and securities and other property  
46 held.

1 r. "Veteran" means any honorably discharged officer, soldier,  
2 sailor, airman, marine or nurse who served in any Army, Air Force or  
3 Navy of the Allies of the United States in World War I between July  
4 14, 1914, and November 11, 1918, or who served in any Army, Air  
5 Force or Navy of the Allies of the United States in World War II,  
6 between September 1, 1939, and September 2, 1945, and who was  
7 inducted into such service through voluntary enlistment, and was a  
8 citizen of the United States at the time of such enlistment, and who did  
9 not, during or by reason of such service, renounce or lose United  
10 States citizenship, and any officer, soldier, sailor, marine, airman,  
11 nurse or army field clerk who has served in the active military or naval  
12 service of the United States and has or shall be discharged or released  
13 therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable, in any of the  
14 following wars, uprisings, insurrections, expeditions or emergencies,  
15 and who has presented to the retirement system evidence of such  
16 record of service in form and content satisfactory to said retirement  
17 system:

18 (1) The Indian wars and uprisings during any of the periods  
19 recognized by the War Department of the United States as periods of  
20 active hostility;

21 (2) The Spanish-American War between April 20, 1898, and April  
22 11, 1899;

23 (3) The Philippine insurrections and expeditions during the periods  
24 recognized by the War Department of the United States as of active  
25 hostility from February 4, 1899, to the end of 1913;

26 (4) The Peking relief expedition between June 20, 1900, and May  
27 27, 1902;

28 (5) The army of Cuban occupation between July 18, 1898, and  
29 May 20, 1902;

30 (6) The army of Cuban pacification between October 6, 1906, and  
31 April 1, 1909;

32 (7) The Mexican punitive expedition between March 14, 1916, and  
33 February 7, 1917;

34 (8) The Mexican border patrol, having actually participated in  
35 engagements against Mexicans between April 12, 1911, and June 16,  
36 1919;

37 (9) World War I, between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918;

38 (10) World War II, between September 16, 1940, and December  
39 31, 1946, who shall have served at least 90 days in such active service,  
40 exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a course of education or  
41 training under the Army Specialized Training Program or the Navy  
42 College Training Program, which course was a continuation of a  
43 civilian course and was pursued to completion, or (2) as a cadet or  
44 midshipman at one of the service academies, any part of which 90 days  
45 was served between said dates; provided that any person receiving an  
46 actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran,

1 whether or not that person has completed the 90-day service as herein  
2 provided;

3 (11) Korean conflict on or after June 23, 1950, and on or prior to  
4 January 31, 1955, who shall have served at least 90 days in such active  
5 service, exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a course of  
6 education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program or  
7 the Navy College Training Program, which course was a continuation  
8 of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or (2) as a cadet  
9 or midshipman at one of the service academies, any part of which 90  
10 days was served between said dates; provided that any person  
11 receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed  
12 as a veteran, whether or not that person has completed the 90-day  
13 service as herein provided; and provided further that any member  
14 classed as a veteran pursuant to this subsection prior to August 1,  
15 1966, shall continue to be classed as a veteran, whether or not that  
16 person completed the 90-day service between said dates as herein  
17 provided;

18 (12) Lebanon crisis, on or after July 15, 1958, who has served in  
19 Lebanon or on board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the  
20 territorial waters of that nation for a period, continuous or in the  
21 aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or before October 25,  
22 1958 or the date of termination of that conflict, as proclaimed by the  
23 President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of  
24 termination is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any  
25 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be  
26 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14  
27 days' service as herein provided;

28 (13) Vietnam conflict, on or after December 31, 1960, and on or  
29 prior to May 7, 1975, who shall have served at least 90 days in such  
30 active service, exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a course  
31 of education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program  
32 or the Navy College Training Program, which course was a  
33 continuation of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or (2)  
34 as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, any part of  
35 which 90 days was served between said dates; and exclusive of any  
36 service performed pursuant to the provisions of section 511(d) of Title  
37 10, United States Code, pursuant to an enlistment in the Army  
38 National Guard or as a reserve for service in the Army Reserve, Naval  
39 Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, or Coast Guard  
40 Reserve; provided that any person receiving an actual service-incurred  
41 injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran, whether or not that  
42 person has completed the 90-day service as herein provided;

43 [(13)] (14) Lebanon peacekeeping mission, on or after September  
44 26, 1982, who has served in Lebanon or on board any ship actively  
45 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period,  
46 continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or

1 before December 1, 1987 or the date of termination of that mission, as  
2 proclaimed by the President of the United States or Congress,  
3 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service;  
4 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury  
5 or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person  
6 has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

7 ~~[(14)]~~ (15) Grenada peacekeeping mission, on or after October  
8 23, 1983, who has served in Grenada or on board any ship actively  
9 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period,  
10 continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or  
11 before November 21, 1983 or the date of termination of that mission,  
12 as proclaimed by the President of the United States or Congress,  
13 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service;  
14 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury  
15 or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person  
16 has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

17 ~~[(15)]~~ (16) Panama peacekeeping mission, on or after December  
18 20, 1989 or the date of inception of that mission, as proclaimed by the  
19 President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of  
20 inception is earliest, who has served in Panama or on board any ship  
21 actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for  
22 a period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days  
23 commencing on or before January 31, 1990 or the date of termination  
24 of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the United States or  
25 Congress, whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active  
26 service; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred  
27 injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that  
28 person has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

29 ~~[(16)]~~ (17) Operation "Desert Shield/Desert Storm" mission in the  
30 Arabian peninsula and the Persian Gulf, on or after August 2, 1990 or  
31 the date of inception of that operation, as proclaimed by the President  
32 of the United States or Congress, whichever date of inception is  
33 earliest, who has served in the Arabian peninsula or on board any ship  
34 actively engaged in patrolling the Persian Gulf for a period, continuous  
35 or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or before the  
36 date of termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of  
37 the United States, Congress or the Governor, whichever date of  
38 termination is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any  
39 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be  
40 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14  
41 days' service as herein provided.

42 "Veteran" also means any honorably discharged member of the  
43 American Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is  
44 declared by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for  
45 federal veterans' benefits.

46 s. "Child" means a deceased member's unmarried child either (a)

1 under the age of 18 or (b) of any age who, at the time of the member's  
2 death, is disabled because of mental retardation or physical incapacity,  
3 is unable to do any substantial, gainful work because of the impairment  
4 and the impairment has lasted or can be expected to last for a  
5 continuous period of not less than 12 months, as affirmed by the  
6 medical board.

7 t. "Widower" means the man to whom a member was married at  
8 least five years before the date of her death and to whom she  
9 continued to be married until the date of her death and who was  
10 receiving at least one-half of his support from the member in the  
11 12-month period immediately preceding the member's death or the  
12 accident which was the direct cause of the member's death. The  
13 dependency of such a widower will be considered terminated by  
14 marriage of the widower subsequent to the death of the member. In  
15 the event of the payment of an accidental death benefit, the five-year  
16 qualification shall be waived.

17 u. "Widow" means the woman to whom a member was married at  
18 least five years before the date of his death and to whom he continued  
19 to be married until the date of his death and who was receiving at least  
20 one-half of her support from the member in the 12-month period  
21 immediately preceding the member's death or the accident which was  
22 the direct cause of the member's death. The dependency of such a  
23 widow will be considered terminated by the marriage of the widow  
24 subsequent to the member's death. In the event of the payment of an  
25 accidental death benefit, the five-year qualification shall be waived.

26 v. "Parent" means the parent of a member who was receiving at  
27 least one-half of the parent's support from the member in the 12-month  
28 period immediately preceding the member's death or the accident  
29 which was the direct cause of the member's death. The dependency of  
30 such a parent will be considered terminated by marriage of the parent  
31 subsequent to the death of the member.

32 w. "Medical board" means the board of physicians provided for in  
33 N.J.S.18A:66-56.

34 (cf: P.L.1995, c.406, s.2)

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36 3. Section 6 of P.L.1954, c.84 (C.43:15A-6) is amended to read as  
37 follows:

38 6. As used in this act:

39 a. "Accumulated deductions" means the sum of all the amounts,  
40 deducted from the compensation of a member or contributed by or on  
41 behalf of the member, standing to the credit of the member's individual  
42 account in the annuity savings fund.

43 b. "Annuity" means payments for life derived from the accumulated  
44 deductions of a member as provided in this act.

45 c. "Annuity reserve" means the present value of all payments to be  
46 made on account of any annuity or benefit in lieu of an annuity,

1 granted under the provisions of this act, computed on the basis of such  
2 mortality tables recommended by the actuary as the board of trustees  
3 adopts, with regular interest.

4 d. "Beneficiary" means any person receiving a retirement allowance  
5 or other benefit as provided in this act.

6 e. "Child" means a deceased member's unmarried child either (1)  
7 under the age of 18 or (2) of any age who, at the time of the member's  
8 death, is disabled because of mental retardation or physical incapacity,  
9 is unable to do any substantial, gainful work because of the impairment  
10 and the impairment has lasted or can be expected to last for a  
11 continuous period of not less than 12 months, as affirmed by the  
12 medical board.

13 f. "Parent" shall mean the parent of a member who was receiving  
14 at least 1/2 of the parent's support from the member in the 12-month  
15 period immediately preceding the member's death or the accident  
16 which was the direct cause of the member's death. The dependency of  
17 such a parent will be considered terminated by marriage of the parent  
18 subsequent to the death of the member.

19 g. "Widower" means the man to whom a member was married at  
20 least five years before the date of her death and to whom she  
21 continued to be married until the date of her death and who was  
22 receiving at least 1/2 of his support from the member in the 12-month  
23 period immediately preceding the member's death or the accident  
24 which was the direct cause of the member's death. The dependency of  
25 such a widower will be considered terminated by marriage of the  
26 widower subsequent to the death of the member. In the event of the  
27 payment of an accidental death benefit, the five-year qualification shall  
28 be waived.

29 h. "Final compensation" means the average annual compensation  
30 for which contributions are made for the three years of creditable  
31 service in New Jersey immediately preceding the member's retirement  
32 or death, or it shall mean the average annual compensation for New  
33 Jersey service for which contributions are made during any three fiscal  
34 years of his or her membership providing the largest possible benefit  
35 to the member or the member's beneficiary.

36 i. "Fiscal year" means any year commencing with July 1 and ending  
37 with June 30 next following.

38 j. "Medical board" shall mean the board of physicians provided for  
39 in section 17 (C.43:15A-17).

40 k. "Pension" means payments for life derived from appropriations  
41 made by the employer as provided in this act.

42 l. "Pension reserve" means the present value of all payments to be  
43 made on account of any pension or benefit in lieu of a pension granted  
44 under the provisions of this act, computed on the basis of such  
45 mortality tables recommended by the actuary as the board of trustees  
46 adopts, with regular interest.

1 m. "Public Employees' Retirement System of New Jersey,"  
2 hereinafter referred to as the "retirement system" or "system," is the  
3 corporate name of the arrangement for the payment of retirement  
4 allowances and other benefits under the provisions of this act including  
5 the several funds placed under said system. By that name all of its  
6 business shall be transacted, its funds invested, warrants for money  
7 drawn, and payments made and all of its cash and securities and other  
8 property held.

9 n. "Regular interest" shall mean interest as determined by the State  
10 Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Divisions of  
11 Investment and Pensions, the board of trustees and the actuary. It  
12 shall bear a reasonable relationship to the percentage rate of earnings  
13 on investments based on the market value of the assets but shall not  
14 exceed the assumed percentage rate of increase applied to salaries plus  
15 3%, provided however that the board of trustees shall not set the  
16 average percentage rate of increase applied to salaries below 6%.

17 o. "Retirement allowance" means the pension plus the annuity.

18 p. "Veteran" means any honorably discharged officer, soldier,  
19 sailor, airman, marine or nurse who served in any Army, Air Force or  
20 Navy of the Allies of the United States in World War I, between July  
21 14, 1914, and November 11, 1918, or who served in any Army, Air  
22 Force or Navy of the Allies of the United States in World War II,  
23 between September 1, 1939, and September 2, 1945, and who was  
24 inducted into such service through voluntary enlistment, and was a  
25 citizen of the United States at the time of such enlistment, and who did  
26 not, during or by reason of such service, renounce or lose United  
27 States citizenship, and any officer, soldier, sailor, marine, airman,  
28 nurse or army field clerk, who has served in the active military or naval  
29 service of the United States and has or shall be discharged or released  
30 therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable, in any of the  
31 following wars, uprisings, insurrections, expeditions, or emergencies,  
32 and who has presented to the retirement system evidence of such  
33 record of service in form and content satisfactory to said retirement  
34 system:

35 (1) The Indian wars and uprisings during any of the periods  
36 recognized by the War Department of the United States as periods of  
37 active hostility;

38 (2) The Spanish-American War between April 20, 1898, and April  
39 11, 1899;

40 (3) The Philippine insurrections and expeditions during the periods  
41 recognized by the War Department of the United States as of active  
42 hostility from February 4, 1899, to the end of 1913;

43 (4) The Peking relief expedition between June 20, 1900, and May  
44 27, 1902;

45 (5) The army of Cuban occupation between July 18, 1898, and  
46 May 20, 1902;

1 (6) The army of Cuban pacification between October 6, 1906, and  
2 April 1, 1909;

3 (7) The Mexican punitive expedition between March 14, 1916, and  
4 February 7, 1917;

5 (8) The Mexican border patrol, having actually participated in  
6 engagements against Mexicans between April 12, 1911, and June 16,  
7 1919;

8 (9) World War I, between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918;

9 (10) World War II, between September 16, 1940, and December  
10 31, 1946, who shall have served at least 90 days in such active service,  
11 exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a course of education or  
12 training under the Army Specialized Training Program or the Navy  
13 College Training Program which course was a continuation of a  
14 civilian course and was pursued to completion, or (2) as a cadet or  
15 midshipman at one of the service academies any part of which 90 days  
16 was served between said dates; provided, that any person receiving an  
17 actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran  
18 whether or not that person has completed the 90-day service as herein  
19 provided;

20 (11) Korean conflict on or after June 23, 1950, and on or prior to  
21 January 31, 1955, who shall have served at least 90 days in such active  
22 service, exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a course of  
23 education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program or  
24 the Navy College Training Program which course was a continuation  
25 of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or (2) as a cadet  
26 or midshipman at one of the service academies, any part of which 90  
27 days was served between said dates; provided, that any person  
28 receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed  
29 as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 90-day  
30 service as herein provided; and provided further, that any member  
31 classed as a veteran pursuant to this paragraph prior to August 1,  
32 1966, shall continue to be classed as a veteran whether or not that  
33 person completed the 90-day service between said dates as herein  
34 provided;

35 (12) Lebanon crisis, on or after July 15, 1958, who has served in  
36 Lebanon or on board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the  
37 territorial waters of that nation for a period, continuous or in the  
38 aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or before October 25,  
39 1958 or the date of termination of that conflict, as proclaimed by the  
40 President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of  
41 termination is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any  
42 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be  
43 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14  
44 days' service as herein provided.

45 (13) Vietnam conflict on or after December 31, 1960, and on or  
46 prior to May 7, 1975, who shall have served at least 90 days in such

1 active service, exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a course  
2 of education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program  
3 or the Navy College Training Program which course was a  
4 continuation of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or (2)  
5 as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, any part of  
6 which 90 days was served between said dates; and exclusive of any  
7 service performed pursuant to the provisions of section 511(d) of Title  
8 10, United States Code, pursuant to an enlistment in the Army  
9 National Guard or as a reserve for service in the Army Reserve, Naval  
10 Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, or Coast Guard  
11 Reserve; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred  
12 injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that  
13 person has completed the 90 days' service as herein provided;

14 [(13)] (14) Lebanon peacekeeping mission, on or after September  
15 26, 1982, who has served in Lebanon or on board any ship actively  
16 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period,  
17 continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or  
18 before December 1, 1987 or the date of termination of that mission, as  
19 proclaimed by the President of the United States or Congress,  
20 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service;  
21 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury  
22 or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person  
23 has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

24 [(14)] (15) Grenada peacekeeping mission, on or after October  
25 23, 1983, who has served in Grenada or on board any ship actively  
26 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period,  
27 continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or  
28 before November 21, 1983 or the date of termination of that mission,  
29 as proclaimed by the President of the United States or Congress,  
30 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service;  
31 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury  
32 or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person  
33 has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

34 [(15)] (16) Panama peacekeeping mission, on or after December  
35 20, 1989 or the date of inception of that mission, as proclaimed by the  
36 President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of  
37 inception is earliest, who has served in Panama or on board any ship  
38 actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for  
39 a period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days  
40 commencing on or before January 31, 1990 or the date of termination  
41 of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the United States or  
42 Congress, whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active  
43 service; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred  
44 injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that  
45 person has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

46 [(16)] (17) Operation "Desert Shield/Desert Storm" mission in the

1 Arabian peninsula and the Persian Gulf, on or after August 2, 1990 or  
2 the date of inception of that operation, as proclaimed by the President  
3 of the United States, Congress or the Governor, whichever date of  
4 inception is earliest, who has served in the Arabian peninsula or on  
5 board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the Persian Gulf for a  
6 period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing  
7 on or before the date of termination of that mission, as proclaimed by  
8 the President of the United States, Congress or the Governor,  
9 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service;  
10 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury  
11 or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person  
12 has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided.

13 "Veteran" also means any honorably discharged member of the  
14 American Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is  
15 declared by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for  
16 federal veterans' benefits.

17 q. "Widow" means the woman to whom a member was married at  
18 least five years before the date of his death and to whom he continued  
19 to be married until the date of his death and who was receiving at least  
20 1/2 of her support from the member in the 12-month period  
21 immediately preceding the member's death or the accident which was  
22 the direct cause of the member's death. The dependency of such a  
23 widow will be considered terminated by the marriage of the widow  
24 subsequent to the member's death. In the event of the payment of an  
25 accidental death benefit, the five-year qualification shall be waived.

26 r. "Compensation" means the base or contractual salary, for  
27 services as an employee, which is in accordance with established salary  
28 policies of the member's employer for all employees in the same  
29 position but shall not include individual salary adjustments which are  
30 granted primarily in anticipation of the member's retirement or  
31 additional remuneration for performing temporary or extracurricular  
32 duties beyond the regular workday or the regular work year. In cases  
33 where salary includes maintenance, the retirement system shall fix the  
34 value of that part of the salary not paid in money which shall be  
35 considered under this act.

36 (cf: P.L.1995, c.406, s.3)

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38 4. Section 1 of P.L.1983, c.391 (C.43:16A-11.7) is amended to  
39 read as follows:

40 1. For purposes of this act "veteran" means any honorably  
41 discharged officer, soldier, sailor, airman, marine or nurse who served  
42 in any Army, Air Force or Navy of the Allies of the United States in  
43 World War I, between July 14, 1914, and November 11, 1918, or who  
44 served in any Army, Air Force or Navy of the Allies of the United  
45 States in World War II, between September 1, 1939, and September  
46 2, 1945, and who was inducted into such service through voluntary

1 enlistment, and was a citizen of the United States at the time of such  
2 enlistment, and who did not, during or by reason of such service,  
3 renounce or lose United States citizenship, and any officer, soldier,  
4 sailor, marine, airman, nurse or army field clerk, who has served in the  
5 active military or naval service of the United States and has or shall be  
6 discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than  
7 dishonorable, in any of the following wars, uprisings, insurrections,  
8 expeditions, or emergencies, and who has presented to the retirement  
9 system evidence of such record of service in form and content  
10 satisfactory to said retirement system:

11 (1) The Indian wars and uprisings during any of the periods  
12 recognized by the War Department of the United States as periods of  
13 active hostility;

14 (2) The Spanish-American War between April 20, 1898, and April  
15 11, 1899;

16 (3) The Philippine insurrections and expeditions during the periods  
17 recognized by the War Department of the United States as of active  
18 hostility from February 4, 1899, to the end of 1913;

19 (4) The Peking relief expedition between June 20, 1900, and May  
20 27, 1902;

21 (5) The army of Cuban occupation between July 18, 1898, and  
22 May 20, 1902;

23 (6) The army of Cuban pacification between October 6, 1906, and  
24 April 1, 1909;

25 (7) The Mexican punitive expedition between March 14, 1916, and  
26 February 7, 1917;

27 (8) The Mexican border patrol, having actually participated in  
28 engagements against Mexicans between April 12, 1911, and June 16,  
29 1919;

30 (9) World War I between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918;

31 (10) World War II, between September 16, 1940, and December  
32 31, 1946, who shall have served at least 90 days in such active service,  
33 exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a course of education or  
34 training under the Army Specialized Training Program or the Navy  
35 College Training program which course was a continuation of a  
36 civilian course and was pursued to completion, or (2) as a cadet or  
37 midshipman at one of the service academies any part of which 90 days  
38 was served between said dates; provided, that any person receiving an  
39 actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran  
40 whether or not that person has completed the 90-day service as herein  
41 provided;

42 (11) Korean conflict on or after June 23, 1950, and on or prior to  
43 January 31, 1955, who shall have served at least 90 days in such active  
44 service, exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a course of  
45 education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program or  
46 the Navy College Training Program which course was a continuation

1 of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or (2) as a cadet  
2 or midshipman at one of the service academies, any part of which 90  
3 days was served between said dates; provided, that any person  
4 receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed  
5 as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 90-day  
6 service as herein provided; and provided further, that any member  
7 classed as a veteran pursuant to this subparagraph prior to August 1,  
8 1966, shall continue to be classed as a veteran whether or not the  
9 member completed the 90-day service between said dates as herein  
10 provided;

11 (12) Lebanon crisis, on or after July 15, 1958, who has served in  
12 Lebanon or on board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the  
13 territorial waters of that nation for a period, continuous or in the  
14 aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or before October 25,  
15 1958 or the date of termination of that conflict, as proclaimed by the  
16 President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of  
17 termination is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any  
18 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be  
19 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14  
20 days' service as herein provided;

21 (13) Vietnam conflict on or after December 31, 1960, and on or  
22 prior to May 7, 1975, who shall have served at least 90 days in such  
23 active service, exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a course  
24 of education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program  
25 or the Navy College Training Program which course was a  
26 continuation of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or (2)  
27 as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, any part of  
28 which 90 days was served between said dates; and exclusive of any  
29 service performed pursuant to the provisions of section 511 (d) of  
30 Title 10, United States Code, pursuant to an enlistment in the Army  
31 National Guard or as a reserve for service in the Army Reserve, Naval  
32 Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, or Coast Guard  
33 Reserve; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred  
34 injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that  
35 person has completed the 90 days' service as herein provided;

36 [(13)] (14) Lebanon peacekeeping mission, on or after September  
37 26, 1982, who has served in Lebanon or on board any ship actively  
38 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period,  
39 continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or  
40 before December 1, 1987 or the date of termination of that mission, as  
41 proclaimed by the President of the United States or Congress,  
42 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service;  
43 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury  
44 or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person  
45 has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

46 [(14)] (15) Grenada peacekeeping mission, on or after October

1 23, 1983, who has served in Grenada or on board any ship actively  
2 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period,  
3 continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or  
4 before November 21, 1983 or the date of termination of that mission,  
5 as proclaimed by the President of the United States or Congress,  
6 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service;  
7 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury  
8 or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person  
9 has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

10 [(15)] (16) Panama peacekeeping mission, on or after December  
11 20, 1989 or the date of inception of that mission, as proclaimed by the  
12 President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of  
13 inception is earliest, who has served in Panama or on board any ship  
14 actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for  
15 a period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days  
16 commencing on or before January 31, 1990 or the date of termination  
17 of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the United States or  
18 Congress, whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active  
19 service; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred  
20 injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that  
21 person has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

22 [(16)] (17) Operation "Desert Shield/Desert Storm" mission in the  
23 Arabian peninsula and the Persian Gulf, on or after August 2, 1990 or  
24 the date of inception of that operation, as proclaimed by the President  
25 of the United States or Congress, whichever date of inception is  
26 earliest, who has served in the Arabian peninsula or on board any ship  
27 actively engaged in patrolling the Persian Gulf for a period, continuous  
28 or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or before the  
29 date of termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of  
30 the United States, Congress or the Governor, whichever date of  
31 termination is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any  
32 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be  
33 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14  
34 days' service as herein provided.

35 "Veteran" also means any honorably discharged member of the  
36 American Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is  
37 declared by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for  
38 federal veterans' benefits.

39 (cf: P.L.1995, c.406, s.4)

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41 5. Section 1 of P.L.1963, c.171 (C.54:4-8.10) is amended to read  
42 as follows:

43 1. (a) "Active service in time of war" means active service at some  
44 time during one of the following periods:

45 Operation "Desert Shield/Desert Storm" mission in the Arabian  
46 peninsula and the Persian Gulf, on or after August 2, 1990 or the date

1 of inception of that operation, as proclaimed by the President of the  
2 United States or Congress, whichever date of inception is earliest, who  
3 has served in the Arabian peninsula or on board any ship actively  
4 engaged in patrolling the Persian Gulf for a period, continuous or in  
5 the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or before the date  
6 of termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the  
7 United States, Congress or the Governor, whichever date of  
8 termination is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any  
9 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be  
10 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14  
11 days' service as herein provided;

12 The Panama peacekeeping mission, on or after December 20, 1989  
13 or the date of inception of that mission, as proclaimed by the President  
14 of the United States or Congress, whichever date of inception is  
15 earliest, who has served in Panama or on board any ship actively  
16 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period,  
17 continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or  
18 before January 31, 1990 or the date of termination of that mission, as  
19 proclaimed by the President of the United States or Congress,  
20 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service;  
21 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury  
22 or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person  
23 has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

24 The Grenada peacekeeping mission, on or after October 23, 1983,  
25 who has served in Grenada or on board any ship actively engaged in  
26 patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period, continuous  
27 or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or before  
28 November 21, 1983 or the date of termination of that mission as  
29 proclaimed by the President of the United States or Congress,  
30 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service;  
31 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury  
32 or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person  
33 has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

34 The Lebanon peacekeeping mission, on or after September 26, 1982,  
35 who has served in Lebanon or on board any ship actively engaged in  
36 patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period, continuous  
37 or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or before  
38 December 1, 1987 or the date of termination of that mission, as  
39 proclaimed by the President of the United States or Congress,  
40 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service;  
41 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury  
42 or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person  
43 has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

44 The Vietnam conflict, December 31, 1960, to May 7, 1975;

45 The Lebanon crisis, on or after July 15, 1958, who has served in  
46 Lebanon or on board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the

1 territorial waters of that nation for a period, continuous or in the  
2 aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or before October 25,  
3 1958 or the date of termination of that conflict, as proclaimed by the  
4 President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of  
5 termination is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any  
6 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be  
7 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14  
8 days' service as herein provided;

9 The Korean conflict, June 23, 1950 to January 31, 1955;

10 World War II, September 16, 1940 to December 31, 1946;

11 World War I, April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918, and in the case  
12 of service with the United States military forces in Russia, April 6,  
13 1917 to April 1, 1920;

14 Spanish-American War, April 21, 1898 to August 13, 1898;

15 Civil War, April 15, 1861 to May 26, 1865; or, as to any  
16 subsequent war, during the period from the date of declaration of war  
17 to the date on which actual hostilities shall cease.

18 (b) "Assessor" means the assessor, board of assessors or any other  
19 official or body of a taxing district charged with the duty of assessing  
20 real and personal property for the purpose of general taxation.

21 (c) "Collector" means the collector or receiver of taxes of a taxing  
22 district.

23 (d) "Honorably discharged or released under honorable  
24 circumstances from active service in time of war," means and includes  
25 every form of separation from active, full-time duty with military or  
26 naval pay and allowances in some branch of the Armed Forces of the  
27 United States in time of war, other than those marked "dishonorable,"  
28 "undesirable," "bad conduct," "by sentence of general court martial,"  
29 "by sentence of summary court martial" or similar expression  
30 indicating that the discharge or release was not under honorable  
31 circumstances. A disenrollment certificate or other form of release  
32 terminating temporary service in a military or naval branch of the  
33 armed forces rendered on a voluntary and part-time basis without pay,  
34 or a release from or deferment of induction into the active military or  
35 naval service shall not be deemed to be included in the aforementioned  
36 phrase.

37 (e) "Pre-tax year" means the particular calendar year immediately  
38 preceding the "tax year."

39 (f) "Resident" means one legally domiciled within the State of New  
40 Jersey. Mere seasonal or temporary residence within the State, of  
41 whatever duration, shall not constitute domicile within the State for  
42 the purposes of this act. Absence from this State for a period of 12  
43 months shall be prima facie evidence of abandonment of domicile in  
44 this State. The burden of establishing legal domicile within the State  
45 shall be upon the claimant.

46 (g) "Tax year" means the particular calendar year in which the

1 general property tax is due and payable.

2 (h) "Veteran" means any citizen and resident of this State  
3 honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from  
4 active service in time of war in any branch of the Armed Forces of the  
5 United States.

6 (i) "Veteran's deduction" means the deduction against the taxes  
7 payable by any person, allowable pursuant to this act.

8 (j) "Surviving spouse" means the surviving wife or husband of any  
9 of the following, while he or she is a resident of this State, during  
10 widowhood or widowerhood:

11 1. A citizen and resident of this State who has died or shall die  
12 while on active duty in time of war in any branch of the Armed Forces  
13 of the United States; or

14 2. A citizen and resident of this State who has had or shall  
15 hereafter have active service in time of war in any branch of the Armed  
16 Forces of the United States and who died or shall die while on active  
17 duty in a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States; or

18 3. A citizen and resident of this State who has been or may  
19 hereafter be honorably discharged or released under honorable  
20 circumstances from active service in time of war in any branch of the  
21 Armed Forces of the United States.

22 (k) "Cooperative" means a housing corporation or association  
23 incorporated or organized under the laws of New Jersey which entitles  
24 a shareholder thereof to possess and occupy for dwelling purposes a  
25 house, apartment or other structure owned or leased by the  
26 corporation or association;

27 (l) "Mutual housing corporation" means a corporation  
28 not-for-profit incorporated under the laws of New Jersey on a mutual  
29 or cooperative basis within the scope of section 607 of the "National  
30 Defense Housing Act," Pub.L.76-849 (42 U.S.C.1521 et seq.), which  
31 acquired a National Defense Housing Project pursuant to that act.

32 (cf: P.L.1995, c.406, s.5)

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34 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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## STATEMENT

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39 The purpose of this bill is to extend eligibility for certain veterans'  
40 benefits to veterans of the Lebanon Crisis of 1958.

41 Specifically, the bill defines as a veteran any person who has served  
42 in Lebanon on or after July 15, 1958 or on board any ship actively  
43 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period,  
44 continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or  
45 before October 25, 1958 or the date of termination of that conflict, as  
46 proclaimed by the President of the United States or Congress,

1 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service. Any  
2 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be  
3 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14  
4 days' service provided by the bill.

5 The benefits such a person would be eligible for include absolute  
6 civil service preference under Title 11A of the New Jersey Statutes,  
7 eligibility for a veteran's retirement allowance under the Teachers'  
8 Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) or the Public Employees'  
9 Retirement System (PERS) and eligibility to purchase military service  
10 credit in the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS). An  
11 eligible person would also be entitled to the annual \$50 personal  
12 property tax exemption provided for in Article VIII of the New Jersey  
13 Constitution.

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18 Expands certain veterans' benefits to certain participants in the  
19 Lebanon Crisis of 1958.