

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 244, *approved September 5, 1997*

Senate, No. 631

1 **AN ACT** authorizing special preference in appointments and
2 promotions for certain former members of the United States Coast
3 Guard and amending N.J.S.11A:5-12.

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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. N.J.S.11A:5-12 is amended to read as follows:

9 11A:5-12. Employment or promotion of persons awarded
10 [Congressional] Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air
11 Force Cross or Navy Cross. Any individual who has served in the
12 Army, Air Force, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States and who
13 has been awarded the [Congressional] Medal of Honor, the
14 Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross or Navy Cross, while a
15 resident of this State, and any individual who has served in the United
16 States Coast Guard and who has been awarded the Medal of Honor or
17 the Navy Cross while a resident of this State, shall be appointed or
18 promoted without complying with the rules of the board. The
19 appointing authority to whom the individual applies for appointment
20 or promotion shall, at its discretion, appoint or promote that person.
21 Upon promotion or appointment, that person shall become subject to
22 the rules of the board. A person who qualifies under this section shall
23 not be limited to only one appointment or promotion.

24 (cf: N.J.S.11A:5-12)

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill provides that former members of the United States Coast
32 Guard who have been awarded the Medal of Honor or the Navy Cross
33 while a resident of this State shall be appointed or promoted to a
34 career service position without complying with the rules of the Merit

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 System Board. The appointing authority to whom the individual
2 applies for appointment or promotion shall, at its discretion, appoint
3 or promote that person. Upon promotion or appointment, that person
4 shall become subject to the rules of the board. A person who qualifies
5 under this act shall not be limited to only one appointment or
6 promotion.

7 At present, this privilege is granted to any individual who has
8 served in the Army, Air Force, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United
9 States and who has been awarded the Medal of Honor, the
10 Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross or Navy Cross while a
11 resident of this State.

12 The bill also updates the existing reference to the "Congressional
13 Medal of Honor," which is now called the "Medal of Honor."
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18 Authorizes special preference in appointments and promotions for
19 former members of the Coast Guard who have received the Medal of
20 Honor or Navy Cross.