

[First Reprint]
SENATE, No. 552

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator HAINES

1 AN ACT providing a veteran's bonus to certain veterans residing in
2 continuing care retirement communities and supplementing
3 P.L.1990, c.61 (C.54:4-8.57 et seq.).
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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 veteran, or the surviving spouse of a veteran, residing in a
9 continuing care retirement community, as defined in section 2 of
10 P.L.1990, c.61 (C.54:4-8.58), shall be entitled, for the tax year
11 ¹[1995] 1996¹ and annually thereafter, to a \$50 veteran's bonus. The
12 State Treasurer shall pay the bonus to each eligible claimant from
13 funds appropriated therefore by the Legislature from the General Fund
14 of the State. The Director of the Division of Taxation shall establish
15 a procedure whereby a claimant may submit an application for a bonus
16 as part of the claimant's gross income tax return filed pursuant to the
17 "New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act," N.J.S.54A:1-1 et seq., or on any
18 other form and at anytime as the director shall prescribe for a claimant
19 who is not required to file a gross income tax return or who has
20 requested an extension of time to file a gross income tax return. In the
21 case of a claimant who is also eligible to receive a property tax rebate,
22 the bonus shall be paid at the time the rebate is paid. In all other
23 cases, the bonus shall be paid as soon as practicable after receipt and
24 review of the application. A veteran's bonus shall be in addition to any
25 property tax rebate or other benefit to which a claimant may be
26 entitled.

27 Every fact essential to support a claim for a veteran's bonus shall
28 exist on October 1 of the year for which the bonus is claimed. A
29 claimant shall be required to establish that in addition to the above
30 criteria, the claimant is a citizen and resident of this State. A claimant
31 who is the surviving spouse of a veteran shall also be required to

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SSV committee amendments adopted May 2, 1996.

1 certify that the claimant has not remarried.

2 As used in this section, "veteran" and "surviving spouse" shall have
3 the meaning prescribed in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.171 (C.54:4-8.10).

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5 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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10 Provides \$50.00 veterans' bonus to veterans residing in continuing care
11 retirement communities.