

SENATE, No. 1873

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator BUBBA

1 AN ACT concerning the appointment of certain persons as law
2 enforcement officers.

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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. Any person who has served as a federal law enforcement officer
8 for more than 19 years, with at least 14 of those years as an agent of
9 the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and who, during that
10 period of federal service earned more than 75 commendations and
11 three Attorney General awards for valor and merit may be appointed
12 as a law enforcement officer by any State, county or municipal
13 appointing authority, or by any independent authority, notwithstanding
14 the fact that the person does not meet the qualifications set forth in
15 R.S.53:1-9, N.J.S.2A:154-2, N.J.S.40A:14-122(4), or any other such
16 statute prescribing qualifications for appointment as a law enforcement
17 officer.

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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire on the
20 366th day following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill would waive temporarily certain statutory restrictions to
26 permit State, county and municipal authorities to appoint certain
27 highly experienced and qualified persons as law enforcement officers.
28 The waiver also would apply to those independent authorities that
29 appoint law enforcement officers.

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31 Under the bill, these appointing authorities would be permitted to
32 hire certain individuals as law enforcement officers even though those
33 individuals do not meet certain statutory hiring requirements. The
34 waiver would apply to highly experienced and qualified individuals
35 who have served at least 19 years as federal agents, including 14 years
36 in the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and earned at least 75
37 commendations and three Attorney General awards for valor and
merit.

1 This bill is temporary and executing. The appointing authority
2 afforded under its provisions will expire on the 366th day following
3 enactment.

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8 Waives certain requirements governing the appointment of law
9 enforcement officers in certain instances.