

SENATE, No. 2334

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Clarifies disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients are not required to own vehicle to be exempt from municipal parking meter fees.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients
2 parking at municipal parking meters and amending P.L.2015,
3 c.218.

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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. Section 1 of P.L.2015, c.218 (C.39:4-207.10) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 1. a. A person who is a disabled veteran or a recipient of the
11 Purple Heart is exempt from the payment of municipal parking
12 meter fees when a motor vehicle owned or leased by the disabled
13 veteran or the Purple Heart recipient displays a disabled veteran's or
14 Purple Heart license [plates] plate issued by the New Jersey Motor
15 Vehicle Commission pursuant to the provisions of Title 39 of the
16 Revised Statutes or a motor vehicle displays a disabled veteran or
17 Purple Heart placard issued by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
18 Commission pursuant to the provisions of Title 39 of the Revised
19 Statutes, unless the vehicle has been parked in one location for
20 more than 24 hours. The exemption provided under this subsection
21 shall apply only when the disabled veteran or recipient of the Purple
22 Heart to whom the special license [plates] plate or [placards have]
23 placard has been issued is either the driver, or a passenger, of the
24 vehicle.

25 b. The Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission
26 shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to
27 effectuate the provisions of subsection a. of this section, pursuant to
28 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
29 seq.), and shall include provisions for the issuance of disabled
30 veteran's or Purple Heart recipient's placards.

31 (cf: P.L.2015, c.218, s.1)

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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38 This bill clarifies that a disabled veteran or Purple Heart
39 recipient is not required to own the motor vehicle for which a
40 disabled veteran or Purple Heart recipient license plate or placard is
41 issued in order to be exempt from paying municipal parking meter
42 fees. Under current law, in order to be exempt from payment of
43 municipal parking meter fees, a disabled veteran or Purple Heart
44 recipient is required to own the vehicle being parked at the
45 municipal parking meter.

46 This bill allows disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients
47 that display a disabled veteran or Purple Heart recipient placard to

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.

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1 park at a municipal parking meter free of charge regardless of who
2 owns the vehicle, provided that the placard is displayed and the
3 disabled veteran or Purple Heart recipient is the driver or passenger
4 of the vehicle. The bill further clarifies that the disabled veteran or
5 Purple Heart recipient may lease the motor vehicle for which a
6 disabled veteran or Purple Heart license plate is issued in order to
7 be exempt from paying municipal parking meter fees, provided that
8 the disabled veteran or Purple Heart recipient is the driver or
9 passenger of the motor vehicle.