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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes veterans to deduct two years military service from age requirement for police officer under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning certain age qualifications for police officer
2 applicants and amending N.J.S.40A:14-127.

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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.40A:14-127 is amended to read as follows:

8 40A:14-127. Except as otherwise **[herein]** provided in this
9 section, **[no]** a person shall not be appointed as a member or officer
10 of the police department or force in any municipality who is under
11 21 or over 35 years of age.

12 In any municipality wherein Title **[11]** 11A of the New Jersey
13 Statutes (Civil Service) **[of the Revised Statutes]** is operative, any
14 person who shall have met the age requirements **[herein]** in this
15 section at the announced closing date of a civil service examination
16 for the position, shall be considered within the age requirements
17 while the civil service list promulgated as a result of that
18 examination is in effect.

19 Nothing **[herein]** contained in this section shall affect the
20 employment or continuance in office of any person as a permanent
21 policeman, employed by **[said]** the municipality prior to the
22 adoption of the ordinance, creating and establishing a paid police
23 department or force.

24 The provisions of this section are subject to **[chapter 98 of the**
25 **laws of 1944]** section 1 of P.L.1944, c.98 (C.38:23A-2) relating to
26 maximum age limits for persons serving in the armed forces of the
27 United States as **[therein]** provided in that section, except if the
28 person served at least 10 days during a time of war, the person is
29 deemed to meet the maximum age requirement under this section if
30 the person's actual age, less a period of not more than two years of
31 service in the armed forces, equals 35 years or less.

32 (cf: N.J.S.40A:14-127)

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34 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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39 This bill authorizes veterans of the armed forces who are more
40 than 35 years old to be appointed as police officers if a maximum of
41 two years of time they served in the armed forces deducted from
42 their actual age equals 35 years or less, provided they served at least
43 10 days in a war zone.

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 Under current law, a person is required to be at least 21 but not
2 more than 35 years of age to be appointed as a member or officer of
3 a municipal police department or force. An applicant who is older
4 than 35 is deemed to meet this age requirement if the applicant's
5 actual age, less the period of military service during a time of war,
6 meets the maximum age requirement of 35.

7 This bill establishes that a maximum of two years may be
8 deducted from the applicant's age, provided the person meets a
9 minimum threshold of having served at least 10 days during a time
10 of war.