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SYNOPSIS

Establishes Women Veterans Coordinator in DMVA.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT establishing a Women Veterans Coordinator and
2 supplementing chapter 3 of Title 38A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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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. a. The Adjutant General of the New Jersey Department of
8 Military and Veterans Affairs shall appoint a Women Veterans
9 Coordinator.

10 b. The coordinator shall be a veteran, and shall work in
11 collaboration with State agencies and appropriate groups to assist
12 women veterans who have been discharged or released under other
13 than dishonorable conditions from the United States Armed Forces,
14 or a Reserve component thereof, including the New Jersey National
15 Guard.

16 c. At a minimum, the coordinator shall:

17 (1) assist women veterans with issues including, but not limited
18 to, employment, education, counseling, housing, social and medical
19 services, and other areas of concern to women veterans;

20 (2) identify, develop, plan, organize, and coordinate Statewide
21 programs and services to meet the needs of women veterans;

22 (3) develop and distribute informational materials for women
23 veterans and their spouses and dependents regarding veterans'
24 benefits and other benefit programs that provide services and
25 resources to women veterans and their spouses and dependents; and

26 (4) make recommendations to the Adjutant General to ensure
27 compliance with existing polices and regulations pertaining to the
28 needs of women veterans on the State and federal level, and make
29 recommendations regarding the improvement of benefits and
30 services to women veterans.

31 d. The coordinator shall hold quarterly meetings with women
32 veterans. The coordinator shall make recommendations to the
33 Legislature and Governor annually or more often, if necessary,
34 concerning existing or proposed programs, or legislation to further
35 the objectives of this section.

36 e. The Adjutant General of the Department of Military and
37 Veterans Affairs shall promulgate, in accordance with the
38 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
39 1 et seq.), rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this
40 act.

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42 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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47 This bill requires the Adjutant General of the New Jersey
48 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to appoint a veteran to
49 serve as the Women Veterans Coordinator.

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1 The coordinator will help women veterans who have been
2 discharged or released under other than dishonorable conditions from
3 the United States Armed Forces, or a Reserve component thereof,
4 including the New Jersey National Guard.

5 At a minimum, the coordinator will:

6 work to assist women veterans with issues including, but not
7 limited to, employment, education, counseling, housing, social and
8 medical services, and other areas of concern to women veterans;

9 identify, develop, plan, organize, and coordinate Statewide
10 programs and services to meet the needs of women veterans;

11 develop and distribute informational materials regarding benefits
12 and programs that provide services and resources to women veterans
13 and their families; and

14 make recommendations to the Adjutant General to ensure
15 compliance with existing polices and regulations pertaining to the
16 needs of women veterans on the State and federal level, and make
17 recommendations regarding the improvement of benefits and services
18 to women veterans.

19 The coordinator will hold quarterly meetings, and make annual
20 recommendations to the Legislature and Governor concerning existing
21 or proposed programs, or legislation to further the objectives of the
22 bill.