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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Requires clinic connected with dental school at public institution of higher education to give priority to 100 percent disabled veterans.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning dental care for veterans and supplementing
2 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 clinic that is part of the extramural network of dental
8 clinics established by the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, or by
9 any other dental school of a public institution of higher education,
10 shall give priority to any 100 percent disabled veteran seeking oral
11 health services, when scheduling appointments at the dental clinic.
12 As used in this section, "100 percent disabled veteran" means any
13 citizen and resident of this State honorably discharged or released
14 under honorable circumstances from active service in any branch of
15 the Armed Forces of the United States who is adjudicated by the
16 United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or its successor, as
17 being permanently 100 percent disabled.

18 In giving priority to a 100 percent disabled veteran, a dental
19 clinic shall ensure that an oral health treatment appointment for the
20 veteran is scheduled in a timely manner and that the time between
21 the scheduling of the appointment and the occurrence of the
22 appointment does not exceed 30 days.

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24 2. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, in
25 consultation with the Department of Health, shall adopt pursuant to
26 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1
27 et seq.), rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes
28 of this act.

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30 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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35 This bill requires a clinic that is part of the extramural network
36 of dental clinics established by the Rutgers School of Dental
37 Medicine, or by any other dental school of a public institution of
38 higher education, to give priority to 100 percent disabled veterans
39 in scheduling appointments at the dental clinic.

40 In giving priority to a 100 percent disabled veteran, a dental
41 clinic is required to ensure that an oral health treatment appointment
42 for the veteran is scheduled in a timely manner and that the time
43 between the scheduling of the medical appointment and the
44 occurrence of the appointment does not exceed 30 days.