

**SENATE, No. 3264**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**221st LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator GORDON M. JOHNSON**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Senator NILSA I. CRUZ-PEREZ**

**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senator Greenstein**

**SYNOPSIS**

Makes supplemental appropriation of \$500,000 to DCA for NJ State Veterans Chamber of Commerce for veteran economic development and outreach and skills development.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/20/2024)**

1 A SUPPLEMENT to the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year  
2 ending June 30, 2024, P.L.2023, c.74.

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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and the General Assembly of the  
5 State of New Jersey:

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7 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2023, c.74,  
8 the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
9 2024, there is appropriated from the General Fund the following  
10 amount for the purpose specified:

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12 **22 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

13 *50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security*

14 *55 Social Services Programs*

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16 **GRANTS-IN-AID**

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05-8050 Community Resources..... \$500,000

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Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation,

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Social Services Programs ..... \$500,000

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***Grants-in-Aid:***

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05 New Jersey State Veterans Chamber of

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Commerce..... (\$500,000)

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24 The amount hereinabove appropriated for New Jersey State  
25 Veterans Chamber of Commerce shall be utilized for programs  
26 or resources operated or authorized by the New Jersey State  
27 Veterans Chamber of Commerce that aim to address veteran  
28 economic development and outreach and skills development for  
29 veterans.

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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34 STATEMENT

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36 This bill supplements the Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Act.  
37 The bill appropriates \$500,000 to the Department of Community  
38 Affairs for the New Jersey State Veterans Chamber of Commerce.

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40 The New Jersey State Veterans Chamber of Commerce is a non-  
41 profit organization that is focused on improving the economic  
42 environment for veterans and military spouses. Membership is  
43 open to all veteran-owned businesses with a mission focused on  
44 education, veteran business advocacy, networking, as well as  
45 procurement and supplier diversity events. Their goal is to make  
46 New Jersey's economy fairer to veteran-owned and service-  
47 connected disabled veteran-owned businesses and facilitate veteran  
job creation.

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1       The New Jersey Veterans Chamber of Commerce is reliant on  
2 State funds for operational and programmatic costs. Through the  
3 provision of these funds, the New Jersey State Veterans Chamber of  
4 Commerce will be able to carry out imperative programs to New  
5 Jersey veterans, such as supporting veteran economic development,  
6 as well as outreach and skills development. These programs  
7 improve the quality of life for veterans statewide, whilst also  
8 allowing them to participate in the State's economy.

9       In FY 2023, the State funded the New Jersey State Veterans  
10 Chamber of Commerce through a \$500,000 appropriation.

11       This supplemental appropriation will continue the State's support  
12 of veterans, veteran-owned businesses, and their role in the  
13 Statewide economy.