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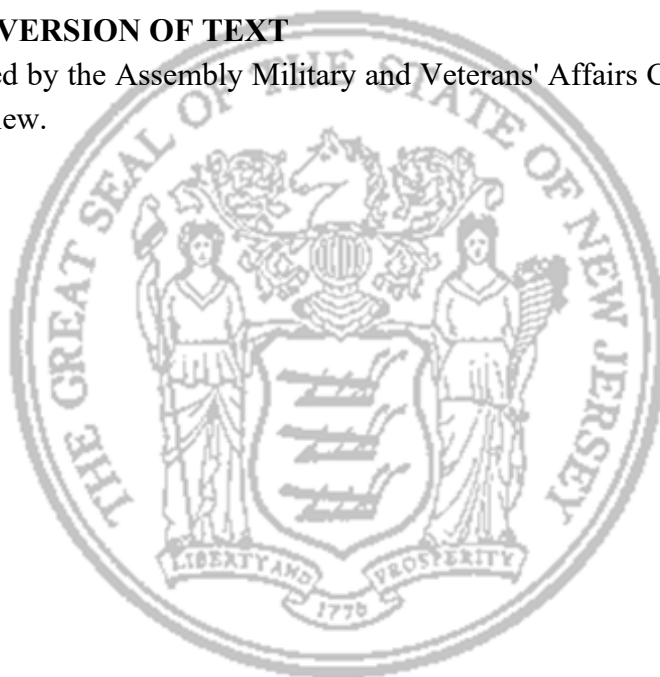
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Scharfenberger and Sauckie**

SYNOPSIS

Establishes and allocates funds for program to provide mental health services to veterans; appropriates \$2 million.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee with technical review.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/22/2026)

1 AN ACT establishing a mental health grant program for veterans,
2 supplementing chapter 22 of Title 38A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes, and making an appropriation.
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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. a. The Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Affairs
9 shall establish a program to provide grants to recognized veterans
10 organizations to provide mental health services to veterans. The
11 veterans organization shall contract with mental health care
12 professionals to provide mental health services to veterans.

13 b. As used in this act:

14 "Mental health care professional" means a person who provides
15 mental health services and is licensed or otherwise authorized,
16 pursuant to Title 45 of the Revised Statutes, to practice a health care
17 profession that is regulated by one of the following: the State Board
18 of Medical Examiners; the State Board of Psychological Examiners;
19 the State Board of Social Work Examiners; the State Board of
20 Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners; the Alcohol and Drug
21 Counselor Committee; the Professional Counselor Examiners
22 Committee; and the Certified Psychoanalysts Advisory Committee.

23 "Veterans organization" means a veteran organization that
24 qualifies as a section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) tax-exempt
25 organization under the Internal Revenue Code, or a federally
26 chartered Veterans' Service Organization. It shall also include the
27 New Jersey SOS Veterans Stakeholders Group and the New Jersey
28 Catholic Charities Diocese.

29 c. The Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Affairs
30 shall adopt regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure
31 Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to effectuate the
32 purposes of this act.
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34 2. There is appropriated \$2,000,000 from the General Fund to
35 the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of providing
36 grants to veterans' organizations to be used to provide mental health
37 services to veterans in accordance with section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.
38)(pending before the Legislature as this bill).
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40 3. This act shall take effect immediately.