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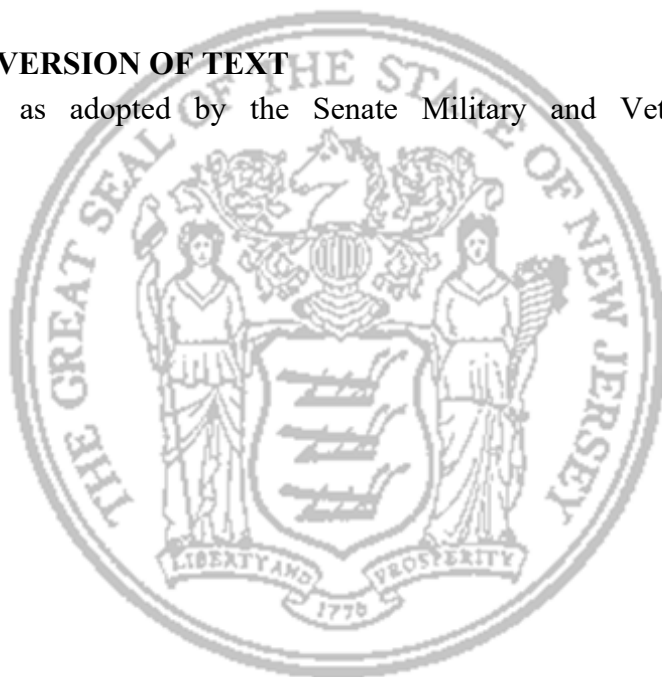
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SYNOPSIS

Requires certain tolling entities and NJT to provide 50 percent discount to service members, veterans, auxiliary members, and Gold Star Family members.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Substitute as adopted by the Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning certain transportation service discounts for
2 service members, veterans, auxiliary members, and Gold Star
3 Family members, supplementing Titles 27 and 32 of the Revised
4 Statutes, and amending Title 27 of the Revised Statutes.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
7 *of New Jersey:*

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9 1. (New section) a. For purposes of this section:

10 “Authority” means the New Jersey Turnpike Authority
11 established by section 3 of P.L.1948, c.454 (C.27:23-3).

12 “Auxiliary member” means a full active member in good
13 standing of a federally-chartered civilian auxiliary of a military
14 component, including, but not limited to, the United States Coast
15 Guard Auxiliary and the United States Air Force Auxiliary.

16 “Electronic toll collection system” means the same as that term
17 is defined in section 6 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:23-34.1).

18 “Gold Star Family member” means a spouse, domestic partner,
19 partner in a civil union, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian,
20 or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood, or by
21 adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or
22 National Guard who died while on active duty for the United States.

23 “Satisfactory proof” means, in the case of an auxiliary member,
24 photo identification issued under 33 C.F.R. s.5.10(b) or its
25 successor regulation, or Civil Air Patrol Regulation (CAPR) 39-2
26 paragraph 1.15.2, or its successor regulation, or its equivalent.

27 In the case of a Gold Star Family member, “satisfactory proof”
28 means:

29 (1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of
30 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed
31 for the support of Gold Star Family members, that the applicant is a
32 Gold Star Family member; or

33 (2) (a) documentation deemed acceptable by the Adjutant
34 General, including, but not limited to, a federal DD Form 1300,
35 Report of Casualty, or a federal DD Form 2064, Certificate of
36 Death Overseas, which identifies the member of the Armed Forces
37 of the United States or National Guard who died while on active
38 duty for the United States; and

39 (b) documentation indicating the applicant’s relationship to the
40 service member.

41 In the case of a service member, “satisfactory proof” means a
42 Department of Defense Common Access Card.

43 In the case of a veteran, “satisfactory proof” means a veteran, the
44 applicant’s DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued by the
45 federal government, or NGB-22 or other approved separation forms

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.

1 as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces, or federal
2 activation orders showing service under Title 10, section 672 or
3 section 12301, of the United States Code, or a county-issued
4 veteran identification card pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-
5 78.1 et seq.), or a veteran identification card as issued by the United
6 States Department of Veterans Affairs under the “Veterans
7 Identification Card Act of 2015,” (38 U.S.C. s.5706).

8 “Service member” means a person currently serving in any
9 branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, including the
10 National Guard and reserve components.

11 “Veteran” means any resident of the State now or hereafter who
12 has been discharged honorably or under general honorable
13 conditions in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States,
14 or a reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of this State
15 or another state, as defined in N.J.S.38A:1-1, or any honorably-
16 discharged member of the American Merchant Marine who served
17 during World War II and is declared by the United States
18 Department of Defense to be eligible for federal veterans’ benefits.

19 b. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
20 New Jersey Turnpike Authority shall establish and maintain a toll
21 discount program to provide a 50 percent discount to service
22 members, veterans, auxiliary members, and Gold Star Family
23 members on tolls collected by an electronic toll collection system.
24 The discount shall be available at all hours. Under the toll discount
25 program, a service member, a veteran, an auxiliary member, or a
26 Gold Star Family member may apply for a discount on tolls
27 assessed for a motor vehicle that:

28 (1) is owned or leased by the service member, veteran, auxiliary
29 member, or Gold Star Family member;

30 (2) is registered in the State of New Jersey; and

31 (3) is linked to an active New Jersey electronic toll collection
32 system account.

33 c. The authority shall approve the application for the toll
34 discount program of any service member, veteran, auxiliary
35 member, or Gold Star Family member upon receiving the
36 applicant’s satisfactory proof.

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38 2. (New section) a. For purposes of this section:

39 “Authority” means the South Jersey Transportation Authority
40 established by section 4 of P.L.1991, c.252 (C.27:25A-4).

41 “Auxiliary member” means a full active member in good
42 standing of a federally-chartered civilian auxiliary of a military
43 component, including, but not limited to, the United States Coast
44 Guard Auxiliary and the United States Air Force Auxiliary.

45 “Electronic toll collection system” means the same as that term
46 is defined in section 11 of P.L.1997, c.59 (C.27:25A-21.1).

47 “Gold Star Family member” means a spouse, domestic partner,
48 partner in a civil union, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian,

1 or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood, or by
2 adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or
3 National Guard who died while on active duty for the United States.

4 “Satisfactory proof” means, in the case of an auxiliary member,
5 photo identification issued under 33 C.F.R. s.5.10(b) or its
6 successor regulation, or Civil Air Patrol Regulation (CAPR) 39-2
7 paragraph 1.15.2, or its successor regulation, or its equivalent.

8 In the case of a Gold Star Family member, “satisfactory proof”
9 means:

10 (1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of
11 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed
12 for the support of Gold Star Family members, that the applicant is a
13 Gold Star Family Member; or

14 (2) (a) documentation deemed acceptable by the Adjutant
15 General, including, but not limited to, a federal DD Form 1300,
16 Report of Casualty, or a federal DD Form 2064, Certificate of
17 Death Overseas, which identifies the member of the Armed Forces
18 of the United States or National Guard who died while on active
19 duty for the United States; and

20 (b) documentation indicating the applicant’s relationship to the
21 service member.

22 In the case of a service member, “satisfactory proof” means a
23 Department of Defense Common Access Card.

24 In the case of a veteran, “satisfactory proof” means the
25 applicant’s DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued by the
26 federal government, or NGB-22 or other approved separation forms
27 as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces, or federal
28 activation orders showing service under Title 10, section 672 or
29 section 12301, of the United States Code, or a county-issued
30 veteran identification card pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-
31 78.1 et seq.), or a veteran identification card as issued by the United
32 States Department of Veterans Affairs under the “Veterans
33 Identification Card Act of 2015,” (38 U.S.C. s.5706).

34 “Service member” means a person currently serving in any
35 branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, including the
36 National Guard and reserve components.

37 “Veteran” means any resident of the State now or hereafter who
38 has been discharged honorably or under general honorable
39 conditions in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States,
40 or a reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of this State
41 or another state, as defined in N.J.S.38A:1-1, or any honorably-
42 discharged member of the American Merchant Marine who served
43 during World War II and is declared by the United States
44 Department of Defense to be eligible for federal veterans’ benefits.

45 b. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
46 South Jersey Transportation Authority shall establish and maintain
47 a toll discount program to provide a 50 percent discount to service
48 members, veterans, auxiliary members, and Gold Star Family

1 members on tolls collected by an electronic toll collection system.
2 The discount shall be available at all hours. Under the toll discount
3 program, a service member, a veteran, an auxiliary member, or a
4 Gold Star Family member may apply for a discount on tolls
5 assessed for a motor vehicle that:

6 (1) is owned or leased by the service member, veteran, auxiliary
7 member, or Gold Star Family member;

8 (2) is registered in the State of New Jersey; and

9 (3) is linked to an active New Jersey electronic toll collection
10 system account.

11 c. The authority shall approve the application for the toll
12 discount program of any service member, veteran, auxiliary
13 member, or Gold Star Family member upon receiving the
14 applicant's satisfactory proof.

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16 3. (New section) a. For purposes of this section:

17 "Auxiliary member" means a full active member in good
18 standing of a federally-chartered civilian auxiliary of a military
19 component, including, but not limited to, the United States Coast
20 Guard Auxiliary and the United States Air Force Auxiliary.

21 "Electronic toll collection system" means the electronic system
22 employed or utilized by the port authority to register and collect the
23 toll required to be paid for a vehicle entering a toll plaza owned or
24 operated by, or on behalf of, the port authority.

25 "Gold Star Family member" means a spouse, domestic partner,
26 partner in a civil union, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian,
27 or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood, or by
28 adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or
29 National Guard who died while on active duty for the United States.

30 "Port authority" means the Port Authority of New York and New
31 Jersey created by the Compact of April thirtieth, one thousand nine
32 hundred and twenty-one, between the States of New Jersey and
33 New York.

34 "Satisfactory proof" means, in the case of an auxiliary member,
35 photo identification issued under 33 C.F.R. s.5.10(b) or its
36 successor regulation, or Civil Air Patrol Regulation (CAPR) 39-2
37 paragraph 1.15.2, or its successor regulation, or its equivalent.

38 In the case of a Gold Star Family member, "satisfactory proof"
39 means:

40 (1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of
41 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed
42 for the support of Gold Star Family members, that the applicant is a
43 Gold Star Family member; or

44 (2) (a) documentation deemed acceptable by the Adjutant
45 General, including, but not limited to, a federal DD Form 1300,
46 Report of Casualty, or a federal DD Form 2064, Certificate of
47 Death Overseas, which identifies the member of the Armed Forces

1 of the United States or National Guard who died while on active
2 duty for the United States; and

3 (b) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the
4 service member.

5 In the case of a service member, "satisfactory proof" means a
6 Department of Defense Common Access Card.

7 In the case of a veteran, "satisfactory proof" means the
8 applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued by the
9 federal government, or NGB-22 or other approved separation forms
10 as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces, or federal
11 activation orders showing service under Title 10, section 672 or
12 section 12301, of the United States Code, or a county-issued
13 veteran identification card pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-
14 78.1 et seq.), or a veteran identification card as issued by the United
15 States Department of Veterans Affairs under the "Veterans
16 Identification Card Act of 2015," (38 U.S.C. s.5706).

17 "Service member" means a person currently serving in any
18 branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, including the
19 National Guard and reserve components.

20 "Veteran" means any resident of the State now or hereafter who
21 has been discharged honorably or under general honorable
22 conditions in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States,
23 or a reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of this State
24 or another state, as defined in N.J.S.38A:1-1, or any honorably-
25 discharged member of the American Merchant Marine who served
26 during World War II and is declared by the United States
27 Department of Defense to be eligible for federal veterans' benefits.

28 b. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
29 Port Authority of New York and New Jersey shall establish and
30 maintain a toll discount program to provide a 50 percent discount to
31 service members, veterans, auxiliary members, and Gold Star
32 Family members on tolls collected by an electronic toll collection
33 system. The discount shall be available at all hours. Under the toll
34 discount program, a service member, a veteran, an auxiliary
35 member, or a Gold Star Family member may apply for a discount
36 on tolls assessed for a motor vehicle that:

37 (1) is owned or leased by the service member, veteran, auxiliary
38 member, or Gold Star Family member;

39 (2) is registered in the State of New Jersey or the State of New
40 York; and

41 (3) is linked to an active New Jersey or New York electronic toll
42 collection system account.

43 c. The port authority shall approve the application for the toll
44 discount program of any service member, veteran, auxiliary
45 member, or Gold Star Family member upon receiving the
46 applicant's satisfactory proof.

1 4. (New section) a. For purposes of this section:

2 “Authority” means the Delaware River and Bay Authority
3 created pursuant to the “Delaware-New Jersey Compact,” enacted
4 pursuant to 53 Laws of Delaware, Chapter 145 (17 Del. C.1701 et
5 seq.) and P.L.1961, c.66 (C.32:11E-1 et seq.) with the consent of
6 the United States Congress in accordance with Pub.L.87-678
7 (1962).

8 “Auxiliary member” means a full active member in good
9 standing of a federally-chartered civilian auxiliary of a military
10 component, including, but not limited to, the United States Coast
11 Guard Auxiliary and the United States Air Force Auxiliary.

12 “Electronic toll collection system” means the electronic system
13 employed or utilized by the authority to register and collect the toll
14 required to be paid for a vehicle entering a toll plaza owned or
15 operated by, or on behalf of, the authority.

16 “Gold Star Family member” means a spouse, domestic partner,
17 partner in a civil union, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian,
18 or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood, or by
19 adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or
20 National Guard who died while on active duty for the United States.

21 “Satisfactory proof” means, in the case of an auxiliary member,
22 photo identification issued under 33 C.F.R. s.5.10(b) or its
23 successor regulation, or Civil Air Patrol Regulation (CAPR) 39-2
24 paragraph 1.15.2, or its successor regulation, or its equivalent.

25 In the case of a Gold Star Family member, “satisfactory proof”
26 means:

27 (1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of
28 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed
29 for the support of Gold Star Family members, that the applicant is a
30 Gold Star Family member; or

31 (2) (a) documentation deemed acceptable by the Adjutant
32 General, including, but not limited to, a federal DD Form 1300,
33 Report of Casualty, or a federal DD Form 2064, Certificate of
34 Death Overseas, which identifies the member of the Armed Forces
35 of the United States or National Guard who died while on active
36 duty for the United States; and

37 (b) documentation indicating the applicant’s relationship to the
38 service member.

39 In the case of a service member, “satisfactory proof” means a
40 Department of Defense Common Access Card.

41 In the case of a veteran, “satisfactory proof” means the
42 applicant’s DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued by the
43 federal government, or NGB-22 or other approved separation forms
44 as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces, or federal
45 activation orders showing service under Title 10, section 672 or
46 section 12301, of the United States Code, or a county-issued
47 veteran identification card pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-
48 78.1 et seq.), or a veteran identification card as issued by the United

1 States Department of Veterans Affairs under the “Veterans
2 Identification Card Act of 2015,” (38 U.S.C. s.5706).

3 “Service member” means a person currently serving in any
4 branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, including the
5 National Guard and reserve components.

6 “Veteran” means any resident of the State now or hereafter who
7 has been discharged honorably or under general honorable
8 conditions in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States,
9 or a reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of this State
10 or another state, as defined in N.J.S.38A:1-1, or any honorably-
11 discharged member of the American Merchant Marine who served
12 during World War II and is declared by the United States
13 Department of Defense to be eligible for federal veterans’ benefits.

14 b. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
15 Delaware River and Bay Authority shall establish and maintain a
16 toll discount program to provide a 50 percent discount to service
17 members, veterans, auxiliary members, and Gold Star Family
18 members on tolls collected by an electronic toll collection system.
19 The discount shall be available at all hours. Under the toll discount
20 program, a service member, a veteran, an auxiliary member, or a
21 Gold Star Family member may apply for a discount on tolls
22 assessed for a motor vehicle that:

23 (1) is owned or leased by the service member, veteran, auxiliary
24 member, or Gold Star Family member;

25 (2) is registered in the State of New Jersey or the State of
26 Delaware; and

27 (3) is linked to an active New Jersey or Delaware electronic toll
28 collection system account.

29 c. The authority shall approve the application for the toll
30 discount program of any service member, veteran, auxiliary
31 member, or Gold Star Family member upon receiving the
32 applicant’s satisfactory proof.

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34 5. (New section) a. For purposes of this section:

35 “Authority” means the Delaware River Port Authority, created
36 by the compact or agreement between the State of New Jersey and
37 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled, “Agreement between
38 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey
39 creating the Delaware River Joint Commission as a body corporate
40 and politic and defining its powers and duties,” as amended and
41 supplemented by R.S.32:3-1 et seq.

42 “Auxiliary member” means a full active member in good
43 standing of a federally-chartered civilian auxiliary of a military
44 component, including, but not limited to, the United States Coast
45 Guard Auxiliary and the United States Air Force Auxiliary.

46 “Electronic toll collection system” means the electronic system
47 employed or utilized by the authority to register and collect the toll

1 required to be paid for a vehicle entering a toll plaza owned or
2 operated by, or on behalf of, the authority.

3 “Gold Star Family member” means a spouse, domestic partner,
4 partner in a civil union, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian,
5 or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood, or by
6 adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or
7 National Guard who died while on active duty for the United States.

8 “Satisfactory proof” means, in the case of an auxiliary member,
9 photo identification issued under 33 C.F.R. s.5.10(b) or its
10 successor regulation, or Civil Air Patrol Regulation (CAPR) 39-2
11 paragraph 1.15.2, or its successor regulation, or its equivalent.

12 In the case of a Gold Star Family member, “satisfactory proof”
13 means:

14 (1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of
15 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed
16 for the support of Gold Star Family members, that the applicant is a
17 Gold Star Family member; or

18 (2) (a) documentation deemed acceptable by the Adjutant
19 General, including, but not limited to, a federal DD Form 1300,
20 Report of Casualty, or a federal DD Form 2064, Certificate of
21 Death Overseas, which identifies the member of the Armed Forces
22 of the United States or National Guard who died while on active
23 duty for the United States; and

24 (b) documentation indicating the applicant’s relationship to the
25 service member.

26 In the case of a service member, “satisfactory proof” means a
27 Department of Defense Common Access Card.

28 In the case of a veteran, “satisfactory proof” means the
29 applicant’s DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued by the
30 federal government, or NGB-22 or other approved separation forms
31 as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces, or federal
32 activation orders showing service under Title 10, section 672 or
33 section 12301, of the United States Code, or a county-issued
34 veteran identification card pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-
35 78.1 et seq.), or a veteran identification card as issued by the United
36 States Department of Veterans Affairs under the “Veterans
37 Identification Card Act of 2015,” (38 U.S.C. s.5706).

38 “Service member” means a person currently serving in any
39 branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, including the
40 National Guard and reserve components.

41 “Veteran” means any resident of the State now or hereafter who
42 has been discharged honorably or under general honorable
43 conditions in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States,
44 or a reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of this State
45 or another state, as defined in N.J.S.38A:1-1, or any honorably-
46 discharged member of the American Merchant Marine who served
47 during World War II and is declared by the United States
48 Department of Defense to be eligible for federal veterans’ benefits.

1 b. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
2 Delaware River Port Authority shall establish and maintain a toll
3 discount program to provide a 50 percent discount to service
4 members, veterans, auxiliary members, and Gold Star Family
5 members on tolls collected by an electronic toll collection system.
6 The discount shall be available at all hours. Under the toll discount
7 program, a service member, a veteran, an auxiliary member, or a
8 Gold Star Family member may apply for a discount on tolls
9 assessed for a motor vehicle that:

10 (1) is owned or leased by the service member, veteran, auxiliary
11 member, or Gold Star Family member;

12 (2) is registered in the State of New Jersey or the
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

14 (3) is linked to an active New Jersey or Pennsylvania electronic
15 toll collection system account.

16 c. The authority shall approve the application for the toll
17 discount program of any service member, veteran, auxiliary
18 member, or Gold Star Family member upon receiving the
19 applicant's satisfactory proof.

20
21 6. (New section) a. For purposes of this section:

22 "Auxiliary member" means a full active member in good
23 standing of a federally-chartered civilian auxiliary of a military
24 component, including, but not limited to, the United States Coast
25 Guard Auxiliary and the United States Air Force Auxiliary.

26 "Corporation" means the New Jersey Transit Corporation
27 established by section 4 of P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-4).

28 "Disabled veteran" means the same as that term is defined in
29 N.J.S.11A:5-1.

30 "Gold Star Family member" means a spouse, domestic partner,
31 partner in a civil union, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian,
32 or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood, or by
33 adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or
34 National Guard who died while on active duty for the United States.

35 "Satisfactory proof" means, in the case of an auxiliary member,
36 photo identification issued under 33 C.F.R. s.5.10(b) or its
37 successor regulation, or Civil Air Patrol Regulation (CAPR) 39-2
38 paragraph 1.15.2, or its successor regulation, or its equivalent.

39 In the case of a Gold Star Family member, "satisfactory proof"
40 means:

41 (1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of
42 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed
43 for the support of Gold Star Family members, that the applicant is a
44 Gold Star Family member; or

45 (2) (a) documentation deemed acceptable by the Adjutant
46 General, including, but not limited to, a federal DD Form 1300,
47 Report of Casualty, or a federal DD Form 2064, Certificate of
48 Death Overseas, which identifies the member of the Armed Forces

1 of the United States or National Guard who died while on active
2 duty for the United States; and

3 (b) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the
4 service member.

5 In the case of a service member, "satisfactory proof" means a
6 Department of Defense Common Access Card.

7 In the case of a veteran, "satisfactory proof" means the
8 applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued by the
9 federal government, or NGB-22 or other approved separation forms
10 as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces, or federal
11 activation orders showing service under Title 10, section 672 or
12 section 12301, of the United States Code, or a county-issued
13 veteran identification card pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-
14 78.1 et seq.), or a veteran identification card as issued by the United
15 States Department of Veterans Affairs under the "Veterans
16 Identification Card Act of 2015," (38 U.S.C. s.5706).

17 "Service member" means a person currently serving in any
18 branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, including the
19 National Guard and reserve components.

20 "Veteran" means any resident of the State now or hereafter who
21 has been discharged honorably or under general honorable
22 conditions in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States,
23 or a reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of this State
24 or another state, as defined in N.J.S.38A:1-1, or any honorably-
25 discharged member of the American Merchant Marine who served
26 during World War II and is declared by the United States
27 Department of Defense to be eligible for federal veterans' benefits.

28 b. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,
29 the New Jersey Transit Corporation shall establish and maintain a
30 fare discount program to provide a 50 percent discount to service
31 members, veterans, auxiliary members, and Gold Star Family
32 members on fares for corporation services. The discount shall be
33 available at all hours.

34 c. The corporation shall approve the application for the 50
35 percent discount on fares for corporation services of any service
36 member, veteran, auxiliary member, or Gold Star Family member
37 upon the receipt of the applicant's satisfactory proof. However, a
38 disabled veteran may not receive both the 50 percent discount on
39 fares for corporation services authorized by subsection b. of this
40 section and the reduced fare authorized pursuant to P.L.1973, c.126
41 (C.27:1A-64 et seq.).

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43 7. Section 3 of P.L.1973, c.126 (C.27:1A-66) is amended to
44 read as follows:

45 3. a. The Commissioner of Transportation is hereby authorized
46 and directed to establish and implement a program to provide motor
47 bus and rail passenger service for senior citizens during offpeak
48 times and to provide motor bus and rail passenger service for senior

1 citizens age 65 and older, persons with disabilities, and all disabled
2 veterans at all times bus or rail service is offered, on regular routes
3 of carriers within the State or between points in this State and
4 points in adjacent states at one-half of the regular adult rates of fare
5 **【, except that】** . However, the reduced fare shall not be available
6 to:

7 (1) senior citizens, persons with disabilities, or disabled veterans
8 traveling on commuter railroad trains operated during peak times
9 **【which】** that have been designated by the New Jersey Transit
10 Corporation as ineligible for round trip excursion fares; or

11 (2) a disabled veteran who receives the 50 percent discount on
12 fares for corporation services authorized by subsection b. of section
13 6 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
14 bill).

15 b. The commissioner may take any action that the
16 commissioner deems necessary to implement this program,
17 including contracts with carriers for the provision of transportation
18 services under this program, purchase of regular tickets and resale
19 to senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and disabled veterans at
20 one-half the ordinary fare, or direct payments to carriers for
21 services provided to senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and
22 disabled veterans under this program. Where carriers may be
23 entitled to receive or do receive funds from sources other than the
24 Department of Transportation for the provision of service to senior
25 citizens, persons with disabilities, and disabled veterans,
26 reimbursement payments which may be made by the Department of
27 Transportation to the carriers may be adjusted accordingly.

28 (cf: P.L.2017, c.131, s.108)

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30 8. a. Sections 1, 2, and 6 of this act shall take effect
31 immediately.

32 b. Section 3 of this act shall take effect upon the enactment of
33 legislation having an identical effect by the State of New York,
34 unless the State of New York has enacted such legislation prior to
35 the date of enactment of this act, in which case this act shall take
36 effect immediately.

37 c. Section 4 of this act shall take effect upon the enactment of
38 legislation having an identical effect by the State of Delaware,
39 unless the State of Delaware has enacted such legislation prior to
40 the date of enactment of this act, in which case this act shall take
41 effect immediately.

42 d. Section 5 of this act shall take effect upon the enactment of
43 legislation having an identical effect by the Commonwealth of
44 Pennsylvania, unless the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has
45 enacted such legislation prior to the date of enactment of this act, in
46 which case this act shall take effect immediately.