

## CHAPTER 300

**AN ACT** requiring the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to assess the mission of the New Jersey Naval Militia Joint Command.

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

1. The Legislature finds that the New Jersey Naval Militia Joint Command, reactivated in 1999 after having been disbanded since 1963, has provided a variety of services to the State. Since September 11, 2001, it is increasingly important to ensure that the roles of various security and safety-related agencies and groups are clearly defined, in order to facilitate their coordination in the prevention of, and response to, an emergency. It is necessary and appropriate, therefore, that the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs review the activities of the New Jersey Naval Militia Joint Command and determine whether a viable and clearly defined mission exists for that command.

2. a. The Adjutant General shall prepare a report that describes the activities of the New Jersey Naval Militia Joint Command and assesses whether or not the New Jersey Naval Militia Joint Command has a viable and clearly defined mission. If the Adjutant General determines that such mission exists, the Adjutant General shall explain the mission and specify what personnel and material assets are required to adequately fulfill the mission. If the Adjutant General determines that the New Jersey Naval Militia Joint Command does not have a viable and clearly defined mission, the Adjutant General shall explain why such mission does not exist.

b. No later than six months following the effective date of this act, the Adjutant General shall submit the report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, and the Chairpersons of the Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs, Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness and Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committees.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 14, 2004.