

CHAPTER 206

AN ACT concerning federal military service member and veteran housing allowances and designated as the Securing Electronic Records for Veterans Ease Act, and supplementing chapter 8 of Title 46 of the Revised Statutes.

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

C.46:8-51 Military, veteran housing allowance counted as income; definitions.

1. a. A landlord, or any agent thereof, shall count a military or veteran housing allowance, supported by United States Department of Veterans Affairs documentation, as income for purposes of determining whether a qualified prospective tenant meets any minimum income qualifications to rent housing from the landlord.

b. As used in this section:

“Landlord” means any person who rents or leases or offers to rent or lease, for a term of at least one month, dwelling units.

“Military” means the Armed Forces of the United States, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, the National Guard and any other reserve component of the armed forces, and the merchant marine when organized under the federal law as a public military force.

“Military or veteran housing allowance” means any federal housing allowance or stipend provided to a service member of the military or a veteran, including, but not limited to, the basic allowance for housing authorized pursuant to 37 U.S.C. s.403 and the housing stipend authorized pursuant to 38 U.S.C. s.3313.

“Qualified prospective tenant” means any service member of the military or a veteran who is receiving a military or veteran housing allowance.

“Veteran” means a person who has served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 5, 2019.