

## CHAPTER 500

**AN ACT** concerning acceptable proof of veteran status for State and local programs and amending various parts of the statutory law.

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

1. Section 1 of P.L.2007, c.275 (C.13:1L-12.1) is amended to read as follows:

C.13:1L-12.1 Free admission for veterans, Gold Star family members to State park or forest.

1. a. (1) The department shall not charge an admission fee for entrance into a State park or forest by any veteran during an event held by a veterans' organization. In addition, the department shall not charge a facilities fee of any kind to any veterans' organization using a State park or forest for an event.

(2) The department shall not charge an admission fee or facilities fee of any kind for entrance into a State park or forest by a person holding a driver's license or identification card with a Gold Star Family designation issued pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2013, c.165 (C.39:3-10f6) or section 2 of P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.3), respectively.

- b. As used in this section:

"Veteran" means any resident of the State now or hereafter who has been discharged honorably or under general honorable conditions in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, or a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), or any honorably discharged member of the American Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is declared by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for federal veterans' benefits; and

"Veterans' organization" means the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, or other veterans' organizations chartered under federal law, or any service foundation of such an organization recognized in its bylaws.

2. Section 4 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-4) is amended to read as follows:

C.34:15D-4 Workforce Development Partnership Program.

4. a. The Workforce Development Partnership Program is hereby established in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and shall be administered by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development. The purpose of the program is to provide qualified displaced, disadvantaged and employed workers with the employment and training services most likely to enable the individual to obtain employment providing self-sufficiency for the individual and also to provide the greatest opportunity for long-range career advancement with high levels of productivity and earning power. To implement that purpose, the program shall provide those services by means of training grants or customized training services in coordination with funding for the services from federal or other sources. The commissioner is authorized to expend moneys from the Workforce Development Partnership Fund to provide the training grants or customized training services and provide for each of the following:

(1) The cost of counseling required pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-7), to the extent that adequate funding for counseling is not available from federal or other sources;

(2) Reasonable administrative costs, which shall not exceed 10 percent of the revenues collected pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1992, c.44 (C.34:15D-13) during any fiscal year ending before July 1, 2001, except for additional start-up administrative costs approved by the

Director of the Office of Management and Budget during the first year of the program's operation;

(3) Reasonable costs, which shall not exceed 0.5 percent of the revenues collected pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1992, c.44 (C.34:15D-13) during any fiscal year ending before July 1, 2001, as required by the State Employment and Training Commission to design criteria and conduct an annual evaluation of the program; and

(4) The cost of reimbursement to individuals for excess contributions pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1992, c.44 (C.34:15D-17).

b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys received by any service provider pursuant to this act shall be expended on anything other than direct costs to the provider of providing the employment and training services, which direct costs shall not include any administrative or overhead expense of the provider.

c. Training and employment services or other workforce investment services shall be provided to a worker who receives counseling pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-7) only if the counselor who evaluates the worker pursuant to that section determines that the worker can reasonably be expected to successfully complete the training and instruction identified in the Employability Development Plan developed pursuant to that section for the worker.

d. All occupational training provided under this act:

(1) Shall be training which is likely to substantially enhance the individual's marketable skills and earning power; and

(2) Shall be training for a labor demand occupation, except for:

(a) Customized training provided to the present employees of a business which the commissioner deems to be in need of the training to prevent job loss caused by obsolete skills, technological change or national or global competition; or

(b) Customized training provided to employees at a facility which is being relocated from another state into New Jersey; or

(c) Entrepreneurial training and technical assistance supported by training grants provided pursuant to subsection b. of section 6 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-6).

e. During any fiscal year ending before July 1, 2001, not less than 25 percent of the total revenues dedicated to the program during any one fiscal year shall be reserved to provide employment and training services for qualified displaced workers; not less than six percent of the total revenues dedicated to the program during any one fiscal year shall be reserved to provide employment and training services for qualified disadvantaged workers; not less than 45 percent of the total revenues dedicated to the program during any one fiscal year shall be reserved for and appropriated to the Office of Customized Training; not less than three percent of the total revenues dedicated to the program during any one fiscal year shall be reserved for occupational safety and health training; and five percent of the total revenues dedicated to the program during any one fiscal year shall be reserved for and appropriated to the Youth Transitions to Work Partnership created pursuant to P.L.1993, c.268 (C.34:15E-1 et seq.).

f. Funds available under the program shall not be used for activities which induce, encourage or assist: any displacement of currently employed workers by trainees, including partial displacement by means such as reduced hours of currently employed workers; any replacement of laid off workers by trainees; or any relocation of operations resulting in a loss of employment at a previous workplace located in the State.

g. On-the-job training shall not be funded by the program for any employment found by the commissioner to be of a level of skill and complexity too low to merit training. The

duration of on-the-job training funded by the program for any worker shall not exceed the duration indicated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Information Network, or "O\*NET," for the occupation for which the training is provided and shall in no case exceed 26 weeks. The department shall set the duration of on-the-job training for a worker for less than the indicated maximum, when training for the maximum duration is not warranted because of the level of the individual's previous training, education or work experience. On-the-job training shall not be funded by the program unless it is accompanied, concurrently or otherwise, by whatever amount of classroom-based or equivalent occupational training, remedial instruction or both, is deemed appropriate for the worker by the commissioner. On-the-job training shall not be funded by the program unless the trainee is provided benefits, pay and working conditions at a level and extent not less than the benefits and working conditions of other trainees or employees of the trainee's employer with comparable skills, responsibilities, experience and seniority.

h. Employment and training services funded by the program shall not replace, supplant, compete with or duplicate in any way approved apprenticeship programs.

i. No activities funded by the program shall impair existing contracts for services or collective bargaining agreements, except that activities which would be inconsistent with the terms of a collective bargaining agreement may be undertaken with the written concurrence of the collective bargaining unit and employer who are parties to the agreement.

j. All staff who are hired and supported by moneys from the Workforce Development Partnership Fund, including any of those staff located at any One Stop Career Center, but not including any staff of a service provider providing employment and training services supported by a customized training grant pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-5) or an individual training grant pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-6), shall be hired and employed by the State pursuant to Title 11A, Civil Service, of the New Jersey Statutes, be hired and employed by a political subdivision of the State, or be qualified staff hired and employed by a non-profit organization which began functioning as the One Stop Career Center operator with the written consent of the chief elected official and the commissioner prior to the effective date of P.L.2004, c.39 (C.34:1A-1.2 et al.), or be qualified staff hired and employed by an approved community-based or faith-based organization to provide services at the level of staffing provided in an agreement entered into by the organization before the effective date of P.L.2004, c.39 (C.34:1A-1.2 et al.).

k. Employers in the State who apply for grants for training and employment services or other workforce investment services for their employees in the State shall be evaluated by the commissioner and preference shall be given to those employers who:

(1) provide equipment, supplies, or services to military bases and installations pursuant to a procurement or military contract with the United States Department of Defense, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or any branch of the United States Armed Forces;

(2) are engaged in one or more of the following fields or industries: science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or advanced manufacturing within these fields or industries;

(3) are manufacturers; or

(4) intend to train veterans.

Pursuant to this paragraph, "veteran" means any resident of the State now or hereafter who has served in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or a Reserve component thereof or the National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), and has been discharged honorably or under general honorable conditions from that service.

3. Section 5 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-5) is amended to read as follows:

C.34:15D-5 Office of Customized Training established.

5. a. There is hereby established, as part of the Workforce Development Partnership Program, the Office of Customized Training. Moneys allocated to the office from the fund shall be used to provide employment and training services to eligible applicants approved by the commissioner.

b. An applicant shall be eligible for customized training services if it is one of the following:

(1) An individual employer that seeks the customized training services to create, upgrade or retain jobs in a labor demand occupation;

(2) An individual employer that seeks customized training services to upgrade or retain jobs in an occupation which is not a labor demand occupation, if the commissioner determines that the services are necessary to prevent the likely loss of the jobs or that the services are being provided to employees at a facility which is being relocated from another state into New Jersey;

(3) An employer organization, labor organization or community-based or faith-based organization seeking the customized training services to provide training in labor demand occupations in a particular industry;

(4) A consortium made up of one or more educational institutions and one or more eligible individual employers or labor, employer or community-based or faith-based organizations that seeks the customized training services to provide training in labor demand occupations in a particular industry;

(5) An individual employer who provides equipment, supplies, or services to military bases and installations pursuant to a procurement or military contract with the United States Department of Defense, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or any branch of the United States Armed Forces;

(6) An individual employer who is engaged in one or more of the following fields or industries: science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or advanced manufacturing within these fields or industries;

(7) An individual employer who is a manufacturer; or

(8) An individual employer who intends to train veterans. For the purposes of this subparagraph, a "veteran" is any resident of the State now or hereafter who has served in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or a Reserve component thereof or the National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), and has been discharged honorably or under general honorable conditions from that service.

c. Each applicant seeking funding for customized training services shall submit an application to the commissioner in a form and manner prescribed in regulations adopted by the commissioner. The application shall be accompanied by a business plan of each employer which will receive customized training services if the application is approved. The business plan shall include:

(1) A justification of the need for the services and funding from the office, including information sufficient to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the applicant will provide significantly less of the services if the requested funding is not provided by the office;

(2) A comprehensive long-term human resource development plan which:

(a) Extends significantly beyond the period of time in which the services are funded by the office;

(b) Significantly enhances the productivity and competitiveness of the employer operations located in the State and the employment security of workers employed by the employer in the State; and

(c) States the number of current or newly-hired workers who will be trained under the grant and the pay levels of jobs which will be created or retained for those workers as a result of the funding and the plan.

(3) Evidence, if the training sought is for an occupation which is not a labor demand occupation, that the customized training services are needed to prevent job loss caused by obsolete skills, technological change or national or global competition or that the services are being provided to employees at a facility which is being relocated from another state into New Jersey;

(4) Information demonstrating that most of the individuals receiving the services will be trained primarily for work in the direct production of goods or services;

(5) A commitment to provide the information needed by the commissioner to evaluate the success of the funding and the plan in creating and retaining jobs, to assure compliance with the provisions of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-1 et seq.); and

(6) Any other information or commitments which the commissioner deems appropriate to assure compliance with the provisions of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-1 et seq.).

The commissioner may provide whatever assistance he deems appropriate in the preparation of the application and business plan, which may include labor market information, projections of occupational demand and information and advice on alternative training and instruction strategies.

d. Each employer that receives a grant for customized training services shall contribute a minimum of 50 percent of the total cost of the customized training services, except that the commissioner shall set a higher or lower minimum contribution by an employer, if warranted by the size and economic resources of the employer or other factors deemed appropriate by the commissioner, and except that, for individuals hired by the employer through a One Stop Career Center who receive classroom training under the grant and were recipients of benefits under the Work First New Jersey program at any time during the 12 months preceding the date of employment, the employer shall be eligible for reimbursement of up to 50 percent of wages paid to the individual during the classroom training in addition to reimbursement for tuition and other direct costs of the training as determined to be appropriate by the office, and provided, further, that no individual shall be hired or placed in a manner which results in a violation of the restrictions of subsection f. of section 4 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-4) against displacing current employees.

e. Each employer receiving a grant for customized training services shall hire or retain in permanent employment each worker who successfully completes the training and instruction provided under the customized training. The employer shall be entitled to select the qualified employed, disadvantaged or displaced workers who will participate in the customized training, except that if any collective bargaining unit represents a qualified employed worker, the selection shall be conducted in a manner acceptable to both the employer and the collective bargaining unit. The commissioner shall provide for the withholding, for a time period he deems appropriate, of whatever portion he deems appropriate of program funding as a final payment for customized training services, contingent upon the hiring and retention of a program completer as required pursuant to this section. If an employer receiving a grant for customized training services pursuant to this

section relocates or outsources any or all of the jobs out of the State for which the customized training services were provided under the grant within three years following the end date of the customized contract, the employer shall, if all of the jobs are relocated or outsourced, return all of the moneys provided to the employer by the State for customized training services, or, if only a portion of the jobs are relocated or outsourced, return a part of the moneys, deemed by the commissioner to be appropriate and proportional to the portion of the jobs relocated or outsourced, and the returned amount shall be deposited into the Workforce Development Partnership Fund.

f. The customized training services provided to an approved applicant may include any combination of employment and training services or any single employment and training service approved by the commissioner, including remedial instruction provided to upgrade workplace literacy. Each service may be provided by a separate approved service provider. No training or employment service shall be funded through a customized training grant, unless the service is provided directly by an employer or is provided by an approved service provider. An employer who directly provides training and employment services to his own employees shall not be regarded as a service provider and shall not be subject to any requirement to obtain approval by the State as a service provider, including the requirements of section 13 of P.L.2005, c.354 (C.34:15C-10.1) to be approved as a qualifying school or the requirements of section 14 of P.L.2005, c.354 (C.34:15C-10.2) to be included on the State Eligible Training Provider List.

g. Customized training services shall include any remedial instruction determined necessary pursuant to section 7 of this act. Applications for customized training services shall include estimates of the total need for remedial instruction determined in a manner deemed appropriate by the commissioner.

h. Any business seeking customized training services shall, in the manner prescribed by the commissioner, participate in the development of a plan to provide the services. Any business seeking customized training services for workers represented by a collective bargaining unit shall notify the collective bargaining unit and permit it to participate in developing the plan. No customized training services shall be provided to a business employing workers represented by a collective bargaining unit without the written consent of both the business and the collective bargaining unit.

i. Any business receiving customized training services shall be responsible for providing workers' compensation coverage for any worker participating in the customized training.

j. The commissioner shall establish an annual goal that 15 percent or more of the jobs to be created or retained in connection with training supported by grants from the office shall be jobs provided to individuals who were recipients of benefits under the Work First New Jersey program at any time during the 12 months prior to being placed in the jobs. The means to attain the goal shall include coordinated efforts between the office and One Stop Career Centers to prepare recipients for employment and make them available to employers, but shall not include any policy which may penalize employers or discourage employers from using customized training service provided by the office.

4. Section 1 of P.L.2013, c.165 (C.39:3-10f6) is amended to read as follows:

C.39:3-10f6 Display of veteran, Gold Star Family status on driver's licenses, identification cards.

1. a. (1) In addition to the requirements for the form and content of a motor vehicle driver's license under R.S.39:3-10 and a probationary license issued under section 4 of P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.4), the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall, upon submission of satisfactory proof, designate on an initial license, renewal license, or probationary license, as appropriate, that the license holder is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States of America or the New Jersey National Guard. The designation of veteran status on an initial license, renewal license, or probationary license shall not be deemed sufficient valid proof of veteran status for official governmental purposes when any other statute, or any regulation or other directive of a governmental entity, requires documentation of veteran status.

(2) In addition to the requirements for the form and content of a motor vehicle driver's license under R.S.39:3-10 and a probationary license issued under section 4 of P.L.1950, c.127 (C.39:3-13.4), the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall, upon submission of satisfactory proof, designate on an initial license, renewal license, or probationary license, as appropriate, that the license holder is a Gold Star Family member. The commission shall provide to the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs personal identifying information of any person issued a driver's license with a Gold Star Family designation pursuant to this section.

b. For the purpose of this section:

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

"Veteran" means any resident of the State now or hereafter who has been discharged honorably or under general honorable conditions in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, or a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1).

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

(1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed for the support of family members of members of the Armed Forces of the United States or National Guard, who lost their lives while on active duty for the United States, that the applicant is either the spouse, domestic partner, partner in a civil union, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian, or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed forces or National Guard who died while on active duty for the United States; or

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

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

5. Section 1 of P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148) is amended to read as follows:

C.39:3-27.148 Military Veteran motorcycle license plates.

1. a. Upon proper application, the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue Military Veteran motorcycle license plates for any motorcycle owned or leased and registered in this State. In addition to the registration number and other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, the license plate shall display the words, "U.S. Vet" along with an image or other pictorial representation of the flag of the United States of America. The chief administrator, in consultation with the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, shall select the design of the Military Veteran motorcycle license plates. The Military Veteran motorcycle license plates shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, except as hereinafter otherwise specifically provided.

b. Application for issuance of a Military Veteran motorcycle license plate shall be made to the chief administrator on forms and in a manner prescribed by the chief administrator. The application shall include proof satisfactory to the chief administrator that the applicant has been discharged honorably or under general honorable conditions in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, or a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), as certified on the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued by the federal government, NGB-22 or other approved separation forms as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces, a county-issued veteran identification card pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.1 et seq.), or a veteran identification card as issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs under the "Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015," (38 U.S.C. s.5706;) or on a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. In order to be deemed complete, an application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50, payable to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, which shall be in addition to the fee otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of a motorcycle. The chief administrator shall collect annually, subsequent to the year of issuance of the Military Veteran motorcycle license plate, a \$10 fee for the license plate in addition to the fee otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of a motorcycle. The additional fees required by this subsection shall be deposited in the "Military Veteran Motorcycle License Plate Fund" created pursuant to subsection c. of this section.

The surviving spouse of a deceased veteran, who is eligible to operate a motorcycle in this State under the provisions of R.S.39:3-10, may retain the Military Veteran motorcycle license plates obtained by the deceased spouse pursuant to this section for display on a motorcycle owned or leased by the surviving spouse.

c. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Military Veteran Motorcycle License Plate Fund." There shall be deposited in the fund the amount collected from all license plate fees collected pursuant to subsection b. of this section, less the amounts necessary to reimburse the commission for administrative costs pursuant to subsection d. of this section. Monies deposited in the fund shall be appropriated annually to the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and shall be used to support programs benefiting military veterans. Monies deposited in the fund shall be held in interest-bearing accounts in a public depository as defined pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may be invested or reinvested in securities approved by the State Treasurer. Interest or other income earned on monies deposited into the fund, and any monies which may be appropriated or otherwise become available for the purposes of the



fund, shall be credited to and deposited in the fund for use as set forth in P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148 et seq.).

d. Prior to the deposit of the additional fees collected pursuant to subsection b. of this section into the "Military Veteran Motorcycle License Plate Fund," amounts thereof as are necessary shall be used to reimburse the commission for all costs reasonably and actually incurred, as stipulated by the chief administrator, for:

(1) designing, producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the Military Veteran motorcycle license plates; and

(2) any computer programming changes that may be initially necessary to implement the Military Veteran motorcycle license plate program in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

The chief administrator shall annually certify to the State Treasurer the average cost per license plate incurred in the immediately preceding year by the commission in producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of the Military Veteran motorcycle license plates. The annual certification of the average cost per license plate shall be approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.

In the event that the average cost per license plate as certified by the chief administrator and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal years, the chief administrator may discontinue the issuance of Military Veteran motorcycle license plates.

e. The chief administrator shall notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to obtain Military Veteran motorcycle license plates by publicizing the availability of the license plates on the commission's website. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, and any other individual or entity designated by the department, may publicize the availability of the Military Veteran motorcycle license plates in any manner that the department deems appropriate.

f. The chief administrator and adjutant general shall develop and enter into an inter-departmental memorandum of agreement setting forth the procedures to be followed in carrying out their respective responsibilities under P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148 et seq.).

g. The adjutant general shall appoint a representative who shall act as a liaison between the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and the commission. The liaison shall represent the department in any and all communications with the commission regarding the Military Veteran motorcycle license plates established by P.L.2017, c.193 (C.39:3-27.148 et seq.).

6. Section 2 of P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.3) is amended to read as follows:

C.39:3-29.3 Identification cards.

2. a. (1) The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue an identification card to any resident of the State who is 14 years of age or older and who is not the holder of a valid permit or basic driver's license. The identification card shall attest to the true name, correct age, and veteran status, upon submission of satisfactory proof, by any veteran, and shall contain other identifying data as certified by the applicant for such identification card. Every application for an identification card shall be signed and verified by the applicant and shall be accompanied by the written consent of at least one parent or the person's legal guardian if the person is under 17 years of age and shall be supported by such documentary evidence of the age, identity, and veteran status, or blindness, or disability of such person as the chief administrator may require.

A person issued an identification card pursuant to this section may be issued a standard identification card or a REAL ID identification card. The chief administrator shall require any applicant for a standard identification card to provide as proof of the applicant's identity, age, and residence primary and secondary documents, with which the chief administrator shall attribute point values in accordance with the point based identification verification program established pursuant to section 28 of P.L.2003, c.13 (C.39:2A-28). The point total required to prove the identity of an applicant for the standard probationary license shall be the same for every applicant, regardless of immigration status. In the event that the commission changes the point total threshold, the requirement that every applicant reach the same point total threshold shall remain in effect.

In addition to requiring an applicant for an identification card to submit satisfactory proof of identity, age, and, if appropriate, veteran status, the chief administrator also shall require the applicant to provide:

(a) as a condition for obtaining a standard identification card, proof of the applicant's social security number and one document providing satisfactory proof that the applicant is a New Jersey resident. If the applicant does not have a social security number, the applicant shall either:

(i) provide satisfactory proof of an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number; or

(ii) indicate, in a manner prescribed by the commission and consistent with all other provisions of P.L.2019, c.271 (C.39:3-10o et al.), that the applicant is not eligible to receive a social security number; or

(b) as a condition for obtaining a REAL ID identification card: two documents providing satisfactory proof that the applicant is a New Jersey resident; proof of the applicant's social security number or verification of ineligibility for a social security number in accordance with the "REAL ID Act of 2005," Pub.L.109-13, any acts amendatory or supplementary thereto, and any federal regulations adopted thereunder; and proof that the applicant's presence in the United States is authorized under federal law.

Any documents and personal information, including an applicant's photograph, obtained by the commission from an applicant for a standard identification card shall be confidential, shall not be considered a government record pursuant to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.), or the common law concerning access to government records, and shall not be disclosed by the commission for any purposes related to Title 8 of the United States Code without the informed consent of the applicant, a warrant signed by a State or federal judge, or a lawful court order or subpoena; except that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit, or in any way restrict, any action where such prohibition or restriction would be contrary to federal law. When responding to a warrant, court order, or subpoena, the commission may disclose only those records or information specifically requested in the warrant, court order, or subpoena.

Possession of a standard identification card issued pursuant to this section shall not be considered evidence of an individual's citizenship or immigration status and shall not be used as a basis for an investigation, arrest, citation, prosecution, or detention.

Information regarding an applicant's Individual Tax Identification Number, social security number, or ineligibility to receive a social security number obtained by the commission for the issuance of a standard identification card pursuant to this section, shall not be considered a government record pursuant to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.), or the common law concerning access to government records, and shall not be disclosed by the commission except where: (1) required by section 11 of P.L.1998, c.1 (C.2A:17-56.60); (2) the applicant provides written informed consent to the disclosure; (3)

the requesting entity presents a warrant signed by a State or federal judge, a lawful court order, or a subpoena; (4) required by State or federal law, and to the extent that the disclosure may be necessary to permit the State to participate in the National Driver Register program, as set forth in 49 U.S.C. s.30301 et seq.; or (5) the disclosure is in connection with an audit or investigation of identity fraud, driver's license fraud, or non-driver identification card fraud.

If the chief administrator has reasonable cause to suspect that any document presented by an applicant pursuant to this section is altered, false or otherwise invalid, the chief administrator shall refuse to grant the identification card until such time as the document may be verified by the issuing agency to the chief administrator's satisfaction.

A person violating this section shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 60 days.

(2) In addition to the requirements for the form and content of an identification card pursuant to this section, the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall, upon submission of satisfactory proof, designate on an identification card that the card holder is a Gold Star Family member. The commission shall provide to the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs personal identifying information for any person issued an identification card with a Gold Star Family designation pursuant to this section.

b. The designation of veteran status on an identification card shall not be deemed sufficient valid proof of veteran status for official governmental purposes when any other statute, or any regulation or other directive of a governmental entity, requires documentation of veteran status.

c. For the purpose of this section:

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

"REAL ID identification card" shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S.39:1-1.

"Veteran" means any resident of the State now or hereafter who has been discharged honorably or under general honorable conditions in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, or a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1); and

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

(1) a certification from the Department of New Jersey of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other organization formed for the support of family members of members of the Armed Forces of the United States or National Guard, who lost their lives while on active duty for the United States, that the applicant is either the spouse, domestic partner, partner in a civil union, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian, or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the armed forces or National Guard who died while on active duty for the United States; or

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

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

7. Section 1 of P.L.1955, c.49 (C.40:61-22.20) is amended to read as follows:

C.40:61-22.20 Municipal control over beaches, etc., fees.

1. a. The governing body of any municipality bordering on the Atlantic Ocean, tidal water bays or rivers which owns or shall acquire, by any deed of dedication or otherwise, lands bordering on the ocean, tidal water bays or rivers, or easement rights therein, for a place of resort for public health and recreation and for other public purposes shall have the exclusive control, government and care thereof and of any boardwalk, bathing and recreational facilities, safeguards and equipment, now or hereafter constructed or provided thereon, and may, by ordinance, make and enforce rules and regulations for the government and policing of such lands, boardwalk, bathing facilities, safeguards and equipment; provided, that such power of control, government, care and policing shall not be construed in any manner to exclude or interfere with the operation of any State law or authority with respect to such lands, property and facilities. Any such municipality may, in order to provide funds to improve, maintain and police the same and to protect the same from erosion, encroachment and damage by sea or otherwise, and to provide facilities and safeguards for public bathing and recreation, including the employment of lifeguards, by ordinance, make and enforce rules and regulations for the government, use, maintenance and policing thereof and provide for the charging and collecting of reasonable fees for the registration of persons using said lands and bathing facilities, for access to the beach and bathing and recreational grounds so provided and for the use of the bathing and recreational facilities, but no such fees shall be charged or collected from children under the age of 12 years.

b. A municipality may by ordinance provide that no fees, or reduced fees, shall be charged to:

(1) persons 65 or more years of age;

(2) persons who meet the disability criteria for disability benefits under Title II of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. s.401 et seq.);

(3) persons in active military service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States and to their spouse or dependent children over the age of 12 years;

(4) persons who are active members of the New Jersey National Guard who have completed Initial Active Duty Training and to their spouse or dependent children over the age of 12 years. As used in this paragraph, "Initial Active Duty Training" means Basic Military Training, for members of the New Jersey Air National Guard, and Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training, for members of the New Jersey Army National Guard;

(5) persons who have served in any of the Armed Forces of the United States and who were discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable and who either have served at least 90 days in active duty or have been discharged or released from active duty by reason of a service-incurred injury or disability. The Adjutant General of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall promulgate rules and regulations pertaining to veteran eligibility under this paragraph; and

(6) persons holding a driver's license or identification card with a Gold Star Family designation issued pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2013, c.165 (C.39:3-10f6) or section 2 of P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.3), respectively.

c. A municipality providing for no fees or reduced fees pursuant to paragraph (3), (4), (5), or (6) of subsection b. of this section shall track, in a manner deemed appropriate by the governing body of the municipality, the number of persons who qualify under the provisions of those paragraphs.

d. A person who qualifies for free access to beaches and bathing and recreational grounds and free use of bathing and recreational facilities pursuant to paragraph (3), (4), (5), or (6) of subsection b. of this section may, in lieu of obtaining and presenting a municipal beach tag or similar admission pass to gain such access and use, present a DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued by the federal government, NGB-22 or other approved separation forms as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces, a county-issued veteran identification card pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (40A:9-78.1 et seq.), a veteran identification card as issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs under the "Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015," (38 U.S.C. 5706,) or similar document, or State driver's license or identification card indicating that the holder is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States or a Gold Star Family member.

e. A municipality that issues a permit to operate a motorized vehicle on a beach shall not charge a disabled veteran a fee to obtain, replace, or renew the permit.

For purposes of this section, "disabled veteran" means any resident of the State who has been honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and who has been declared by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or its successor, to have a service-connected disability of any degree.

8. Section 2 of P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.2) is amended to read as follows:

C.40A:9-78.2 "Veteran" defined.

2. As used in this act, P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.1 et seq.), "veteran" means any resident of this State now or hereafter who has served in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or a Reserve component thereof or the National Guard of this State or another State as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), and has been discharged honorably or under general honorable conditions from such service.

9. Section 3 of P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.3) is amended to read as follows:

C.40A:9-78.3 Veteran identification card program.

3. A county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, may establish a veteran identification card program for the sole purpose of identifying the holder as a veteran when such identification is required to receive discounts or other courtesies extended to military veterans, or to prove status as a veteran or character of service to receive benefits afforded veterans under the laws of this State, if eligible.

10. Section 4 of P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.4) is amended to read as follows:

C.40A:9-78.4 Issuance of card.

4. a. When such a program has been authorized, the county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, shall issue an identification card to any veteran who is a resident

of the county. The veteran identification card shall bear the true name, branch of the military, including a reserve component thereof, in which the veteran served, date of card issuance, and other identifying information as certified by the applicant for such veteran identification card. Every application for a veteran identification card shall be signed and certified by the applicant and shall be supported by such documentary evidence as the county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, may require.

b. Any of the following shall constitute documentary evidence required by subsection a. of this section: the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued by the federal government, an NGB-22 or other approved separation forms as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces, or veteran identification card as issued by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs under the "Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015," (38 U.S.C. s.5706,) and duly recorded by the office. The county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, shall require a copy of the documentary evidence submitted to be kept on file with the application for the veteran identification card, and shall note the location of the original documentary evidence as pursuant to this subsection. The copy of the documentary evidence submitted and the application shall be kept confidential and shall not be considered a government record under P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), except that they may be released to another government agency. The Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall assist in the identification, and verification as needed, of approved separation forms as outlined by all branches of the military and submitted by applicants.

11. Section 1 of P.L.1985, c.482 (C.40A:11-41) is amended to read as follows:

C.40A:11-41 Definitions.

1. As used in this act:

a. "County or municipal contracting agency" shall mean the governing body of a county or municipality or any department, board, commission, committee, authority or agency of a county or municipality but shall not include school districts;

b. "Minority group members" shall mean persons who are black, Hispanic, Portuguese, Asian-American, American Indian or Alaskan natives;

c. "Qualified women's business enterprise" shall mean a business which has its principal place of business in this State, is independently owned and operated, is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by women and is qualified pursuant to section 25 of P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-25);

d. "Qualified minority business enterprise" shall mean a business which has its principal place of business in this State, is independently owned and operated, is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by minority group members and is qualified pursuant to section 25 of P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-25);

e. "Qualified small business enterprise" shall mean a business which has its principal place of business in this State, is independently owned and operated and meets all other qualifications as may be established in accordance with P.L.1981, c.283 (C.52:27H-21.1 et seq.);

f. "Set-aside contracts" shall mean (1) a contract for goods, equipment, construction, or services which is designated as a contract for which bids are invited and accepted only from qualified small business enterprises, qualified veteran business enterprises, qualified minority business enterprises or qualified women's business enterprises, as appropriate, (2) a

portion of a contract when that portion has been so designated, or (3) any other purchase or procurement so designated;

g. "Total procurements" shall mean all purchases, contracts or acquisitions of a county or municipal contracting agency, whether by competitive bidding, single source contracting, or other method of procurement, as prescribed or permitted by law;

h. "Veteran" means any resident of this State now or hereafter who has served in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or a Reserve component thereof or the National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), and has been discharged honorably or under general honorable conditions from such service, except that the veteran shall present to the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs sufficient evidence of a record of service, which shall include the applicant's DD-214, DD-215, or DD-256 form as issued by the federal government; NGB-22 or other approved separation forms as outlined by all branches of the Armed Forces; a county-issued veteran identification card pursuant to P.L.2012, c.30 (C.40A:9-78.1 et seq.); or a veteran identification card as issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs under the "Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015," (38 U.S.C. s.5706;) and receive a determination of status no later than the date established for the submission of bids; and

i. "Qualified veteran business enterprise" shall mean a business which has its principal place of business in this State, is independently owned and operated, is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by a veteran or that wherein at least twenty five percent of the required workforce for the contract are veterans, including new hires if additional workers are required to perform the contract, and is qualified pursuant to section 25 of P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-25). The business shall also submit forms quarterly to the contracting agency showing proof of veteran status for all the veteran employees.

12. Section 2 of P.L.2017, c.258 (C.52:27D-517) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:27D-517 Definitions relative to housing for certain veterans.

2. As used in this act:

"Director" means the Director of the Division of Housing and Community Resources in the Department of Community Affairs.

"Disabled" means a person who fulfills the definition of having a "disability" pursuant to section 3 of the "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990," 42 U.S.C. s.12102.

"Division" means the Division of Housing and Community Resources in the Department of Community Affairs.

"Eligible veteran" means a disabled or low-income veteran.

"Energy efficient features or equipment" means features or equipment within a primary residence that help to reduce the amount of electricity used to heat, cool, or ventilate the residence, including but not limited to insulation, weatherstripping, air sealing, repaired heating systems, or duct sealing.

"Family member" means a spouse, child, parent, sibling, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, first cousin, grandparent, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, or half sister, whether the individual is related by blood, marriage, or adoption.

"Low-income veteran" means a veteran occupying a household with a gross household income equal to 50 percent or less of the median gross household income for households of

the same size, and within the same housing region, as defined by subsection b. of section 4 of P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-304).

"Primary residence" means a dwelling unit that is owned by the eligible veteran or by a family member of the eligible veteran, and occupied by the eligible veteran as his or her principal residence.

"Qualified organization" means a nonprofit veterans' organization that qualifies as a section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) tax exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code.

"Veteran" means any resident of the State now or hereafter who has been discharged honorably or under general honorable conditions in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, or a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), or any honorably discharged member of the American Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is declared by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for federal veterans' benefits.

13. Section 2 of P.L.2011, c. 147 (C.52:32-50) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:32-50 Definitions relative to businesses owned, operated by veterans.

2. As used in this act:

"Authority" means the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

"Contracting agency" means the State or any board, commission, authority or agency of the State.

"Department" means the New Jersey Department of the Treasury.

"Veteran" means any resident of this State now or hereafter who has been discharged honorably or under general honorable conditions who served in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or a Reserve component thereof or the National Guard of this State or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109 (C.38A:1-1), and shall include disabled veterans.

"Veteran-owned business" means a business that has its principal place of business in the State, is independently owned and operated and at least 51 percent of the business is owned and controlled by persons who are veterans.

14. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 21, 2020.