AN ACT concerning civil service examinations and proof of veterans' status for certain active duty members of the federal Armed Forces and reserve component thereof and supplementing Title 11A of the New Jersey Statutes as a disabled veteran or veteran and amending N.J.S.11A:5-1.

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

1. An active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States or a reserve component thereof who has been called to active duty by order of the President of the United States or the Secretary of the United States Department of Defense, shall receive veteran’s preference under chapter 5 of Title 11A of the New Jersey Statutes, for prospective appointment only, if that active duty member submits proof of veteran status within three days for examinations held in the year 2006 and within seven days each year thereafter, of the date an open competitive eligible list, for which that member received a passing score, is promulgated.

11A:5-1 is amended to read as follows:

11A:5-1. As used in this chapter: a. “Disabled veteran” means any veteran who is eligible to be compensated for a service-connected disability from war service by the United States Veterans Administration or who receives or is entitled to receive equivalent compensation for a service-connected disability which arises out of military or naval service as set forth in this chapter and who has submitted sufficient evidence of the record of disability incurred in the line of duty to the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs [on or before the closing date for filing an application for an examination] and received a determination of status no later than eight days prior to the issuance of an employment list, for which that individual received a passing score on an examination; b. "Veteran" means any honorably discharged soldier, sailor, marine or nurse who served in any army or navy of the allies of the United States in World War I, between July 14, 1914 and November 11, 1918, or who served in any army or navy of the allies of the United States in World War II, between September 1, 1939 and September 2, 1945 and who was inducted into that service through

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.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted March 12, 2007.
voluntary enlistment, and was a citizen of the United States at the
time of the enlistment, and who did not renounce or lose his or her
United States citizenship; or any soldier, sailor, marine, airman,
nurse or army field clerk, who has served in the active military or
naval service of the United States and has been discharged or
released under other than dishonorable conditions from that service
in any of the following wars or conflicts and who has presented to
the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans'
Affairs sufficient evidence of the record of service on or before the
closing date for filing an application for an examination and
received a determination of status no later than eight days prior to
the issuance of an employment list, for which that individual
received a passing score on an examination:

(1) World War I, between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918;

(2) World War II, on or after September 16, 1940, who shall
have served at least 90 days beginning on or before December 31, 1946 in such active service, exclusive of any period of assignment
for a course of education or training under the Army Specialized
Training Program or the Navy College Training Program, which
course was a continuation of a civilian course and was pursued to
completion, or as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service
academies; except that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed a veteran whether or
not that person has completed the 90-day service;

(3) Korean conflict, on or after June 23, 1950, who shall have
served at least 90 days beginning on or before January 31, 1955, in
active service, exclusive of any period of assignment for a course of
education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program
or the Navy College Training Program, which course was a
continuation of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or
as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies; except
that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or
disability shall be classed as a veteran, whether or not that person
has completed the 90-day service;

(4) Lebanon crisis, on or after July 1, 1958, who has served in
Lebanon or on board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the
territorial waters of that nation for a period, continuous or in the
aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or before November
1, 1958 or the date of termination of that conflict, as proclaimed by
the President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of
termination is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any
person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall
be classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the
14 days' service as herein provided;

(5) Vietnam conflict, on or after December 31, 1960, who shall
have served at least 90 days beginning on or before May 7, 1975, in
active service, exclusive of any period of assignment for a course of
education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program
or the Navy College Training Program, which course was a
continuation of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or
as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, and
exclusive of any service performed pursuant to the provisions of
section 511(d) of Title 10, United States Code, or exclusive of any
service performed pursuant to enlistment in the National Guard or
the Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine
Corps Reserve, or Coast Guard Reserve; except that any person
receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be
classed as a veteran, whether or not that person has completed the
90-day service as provided;

(6) Lebanon peacekeeping mission, on or after September 26, 1982, who has served in Lebanon or on board any ship actively
engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a
period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
commencing on or before December 1, 1987 or the date of
termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the
United States or Congress, whichever date of termination is the
latest, in such active service; provided, that any person receiving an
actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a
veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

(7) Grenada peacekeeping mission, on or after October 23, 1983, who has served in Grenada or on board any ship actively
engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a
period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
commencing on or before November 21, 1983 or the date of
termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the
United States or Congress, whichever date of termination is the
latest, in such active service; provided, that any person receiving an
actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a
veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

(8) Panama peacekeeping mission, on or after December 20, 1989 or the date of inception of that mission, as proclaimed by the
President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of
inception is earliest, who has served in Panama or on board any ship
actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for
a period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
commencing on or before January 31, 1990 or the date of
termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the
United States or Congress, whichever date of termination is the
latest, in such active service; provided, that any person receiving an
actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a
veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;
(9) Operation "Desert Shield/Desert Storm" mission in the Arabian peninsula and the Persian Gulf, on or after August 2, 1990 or the date of inception of that operation, as proclaimed by the President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of inception is earliest, who has served in the Arabian peninsula or on board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the Persian Gulf for a period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or before the date of termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

(10) Operation Northern Watch and Operation Southern Watch, on or after August 27, 1992, or the date of inception of that operation, as proclaimed by the President of the United States, Congress or United States Secretary of Defense, whichever date of inception is earliest, who served in the theater of operation, including in the Arabian peninsula and the Persian Gulf, and in direct support of that operation for a period, continuously or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days in such active service commencing on or before the date of termination of that operation, as proclaimed by the President of the United States, Congress or United States Secretary of Defense, whichever date of termination is the latest; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability while engaged in such service shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

(11) Operation "Restore Hope" in Somalia, on or after December 5, 1992, or the date of inception of that operation as proclaimed by the President of the United States or the Congress, whichever date is earliest, who has served in Somalia or on board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period, continuously or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days in such active service commencing on or before March 31, 1994; provided that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14-day service as herein provided;

(12) Operations "Joint Endeavor" and "Joint Guard" in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, on or after November 20, 1995, who served in such active service in direct support of one or both of the operations for at least 14 days, continuously or in the aggregate, commencing on or before June 20, 1998, and (1) was deployed in that nation or in another area in the region, or (2) was on board a United States naval vessel operating in the Adriatic Sea, or (3) operated in airspace above the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina; provided that any person receiving an actual service-
incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person completed the 14-day service requirement;

(13) Operation "Uphold Democracy" in Haiti, on or after September 19, 1994, who served in Haiti or on board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period, continuously or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days in such active service commencing on or before March 31, 1995, and who received an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for such service; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided or received an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal;

(14) Operation "Enduring Freedom", on or after September 11, 2001, who served in a theater of operation and in direct support of that operation for a period, continuously or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days in such active service commencing on or before the date designates as the termination date of that operation; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability while engaged in such service shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided; and

(15) Operation "Iraqi Freedom", on or after the date the President of the United States or the United States Secretary of Defense designates as the inception date of that operation, who served in Iraq or in another area in the region in direct support of that operation for a period, continuously or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days in such active service commencing on or before the date the President of the United States or the United States Secretary of Defense designates as the termination date of that operation; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability while engaged in such service shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided.

c. "War service" means service by a veteran in any war or conflict described in this chapter during the periods specified.1

(cf: P.L.2005, c.64, s.1)

2. (New section) Notwithstanding the provision of any other law to the contrary, status as a disabled veteran or veteran for the purposes of chapter 5 of Title 11A of the New Jersey Statutes with regard to the 2006 Law Enforcement Examination may be established as follows:

a. status as a disabled veteran or veteran established by the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs for a candidate on or after March 30, 2006, the closing date for that examination, and by December 16, 2006 shall be recognized
and applied to all certifications issued or to be issued for that examination; and

b. status as a disabled veteran or veteran established by the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs for a candidate on or after December 17, 2006 and by the 60th day after the date of enactment of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall be recognized and applied to all certifications issued for that examination after the 60th day of enactment.¹

’[2.] 3.’ This act shall take effect †the 60th day after enactment, except that section 2 shall take effect† immediately.

Changes when proof of veteran status is required for civil service examinations for certain veterans.