

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 -55

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING VARIOUS LEGISLATIONS PROPOSED BY THE OCEAN COUNTY'S 9TH DISTRICT DELEGATION

WHEREAS, the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey finds it necessary and appropriate to support Ocean County's 9th District Delegation Senator Carmen F. Amato, Jr., Assemblymen Brian Rumpf and Greg Myhre in their support in proposing the following legislation:

- S868: Exempts certain veterans from gross income tax.
- S1908: Authorizes "100 percent Disabled Veteran" license plates for qualified veterans; entitles holders to handicapped parking privileges.
- S3805: Exempts veterans' organizations from motor vehicle registration fee.
- S1884: Authorizes free hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and free admission to State parks and forests for individuals with certain types of military service.
- S1885: Broadens eligibility for certain veterans' benefits by eliminating requirement of service during specified dates or in specified locations.
- S1888: Increases penalties for identity theft when victim is a senior citizen or veteran.
- S1891: Permits certain portion of municipal development trust funds to be spent on housing affordability assistance to veterans.
- S1895: Permits municipalities to charge reduced or no beach fee for children ages 12 to 17; revises law concerning beach fees for veterans.
- S1909: Designates State Highway Route 72 as "Burlington-Ocean Purple Heart Memorial Highway."
- S1915: Authorizes special Support Our Veterans license plate with proceeds supporting New Jersey homeless veteran's centers.
- S1921: Makes annual compensation paid to surviving spouses of certain blind or disabled veterans payable from date of veteran's death.

- S1927: Extends veteran's gross income tax exemption to spouses of deceased veterans.
- S1936: Exempts veterans from camping facilities fees at State parks and forests.
- S3318: Requires State reimbursement to local government units for first-year uncollected property tax revenue attributable to veterans' property tax exemptions.
- S3601: Modifies laws regarding compensation and leaves of absence for certain public employees who served in the military; requires public employers follow certain policies and procedures for leaves of absence.
- S3779: Prohibits school districts and public institutions of higher education from adopting policies that bar military members or veterans from addressing students.
- S3804: Requires school district to allow graduating student to wear military sash while participating in high school graduation ceremony.
- S3806: Exempts volunteer fire companies, emergency service providers, and veteran organizations from charitable registration fees.
- S3807: Establishes Veterans Suicide Prevention Commission.
- S3808: Requires DMVA create Bereavement Counseling Program for family members and volunteer caregivers of certain veterans.
- S3809: Requires converting portion of Paramus and Menlo Park veterans' memorial homes into single occupancy rooms; requires upgrades to ventilation systems; provides Adjutant General discretion for additional room considerations.
- S3810: Establishes Women Veterans Coordinator in DMVA.
- S3826: Establishing veterans' affordable housing preference; authorizing bonus fair share credit for veterans' affordable housing.
- S3827: Encourages expansion of community mental health programs to include mental health services to veterans; prohibits veterans from being denied county mental health services.
- S3828: Establishes disabled veteran tenant gross income tax credit.

- SR88: Urges Congress to expand Veterans Affairs education benefits to include veterans who received general discharge under honorable conditions.

; and

WHEREAS, the Township requests the New Jersey Legislature act quickly in adopting this legislation and that Governor Murphy sign same into law

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED on this 1st day of January, 2025 by the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and the Township Committee hereby supports the aforementioned legislation and requests that the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly pass the legislation and the Governor sign same into law.

2. A certified copy of this resolution shall be sent by the Township Clerk to the following:

- (a) Senate President Nicholas Scutari
- (b) State Senator Gordon Johnson, Chairman of the Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
- (c) Senator Carmen F. Amato, Jr.
- (d) Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin

CERTIFICATION

I, Donna M. Manno, Municipal Clerk, of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at their Reorganization meeting held in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, on January 1, 2025