

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-289**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE  
EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, SUPPORT OF VARIOUS  
LEGISLATION TO ASSIST VETERANS**

**WHEREAS**, 9<sup>th</sup> District Legislators have introduced multiple legislative bills for consideration of passage as a means of assisting veterans in our State;  
and

**WHEREAS**, specifically, the following bills have been introduced by Senator Amato:

- **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.

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- 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.



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- 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**, a high percentage of veterans currently reside in Ocean County;

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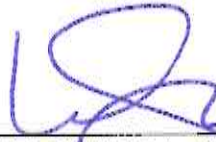
**WHEREAS**, improving the quality of life for veterans and their families must be a priority as gratitude to those who served our nation and have been willing to serve, risking ultimate sacrifice.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the governing body strongly supports the passage of the legislation introduced by the 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District as delineated above in this Resolution.
2. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Senate President Nicholas Scutari, State Senator Gordon Johnson, the Chairman of the Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Governor Phil Murphy and the 9<sup>th</sup> District Legislators.

**CERTIFICATION**

**I, KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC**, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Little Egg Harbor do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Little Egg Harbor Township Committee at a meeting held on the **12th** day of **December, 2024**.



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**KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC**  
Township Clerk  
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