

APPENDIX



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STATEMENT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY
ON ACR-96 BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE, MAY 21, 2007

THE AMERICAN LEGION STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE THAT WOULD PERMIT DISABLED VETERANS WHOSE DISABILITIES WERE ACQUIRED AS THE RESULT OF THEIR MILITARY SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES TO RECEIVE CIVIL SERVICE PREFERENCE.

SERVICE IN THE MILITARY CARRIES WITH IT MANY RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH TRAINING AND THE PERFORMANCE OF POST-TRAINING DUTY. SUCH RISKS OFTEN RISE ABOVE THOSE THAT EXIST IN A NON-MILITARY ENVIRONMENT AND ARE THEREFORE RECOGNIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FORM OF SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITIES.

VETERANS ARE NO MORE OR LESS DISABLED BY SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITIES BASED ON WHEN THEY SERVED AND THEY SHOULD BE AFFORDED CIVIL SERVICE PREFERENCE ACCORDINGLY.

THEY HAVE SUSTAINED DISABILITY AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THEIR MILITARY DUTY AND THAT FACT SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY RECOGNIZED.

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An Organization of Wartime Veterans in Service to America...



**Professional Firefighters Association of New Jersey
and
New Jersey State Fraternal Order of Police**

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**STATEMENT BY THE
PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY
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NEW JERSEY STATE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE
BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY
MILITARY & VETERAN'S AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MAY 21, 2007
IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION #96**

On behalf of the Professional Firefighters Association of New Jersey, AFL-CIO, statewide organization representing career professional firefighters and law enforcement officers throughout this Great State, we thank Chair and Honorable Members of the Committee for the opportunity to convey our support of Assembly Concurrent Resolution #96.

This long overdue initiative constitutes more than well-deserved tangible recognition of the service and sacrifice of disabled military veterans in the form of good and humanistic public policy affording these individuals an expansion of civil service preference.

We thank the sponsors and cosponsor for seeing to it that this bill moves forward toward enactment.

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