

Senate Hearing results

January 17, 2019

Senate Community and Urban Affairs Meeting 10:00 AM Committee Room 1,
1st Floor, State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Singleton, Troy

S915 An Act concerning affordable housing for veterans and amending P.L.2008, c.46.

Current law permits a municipality that is authorized to collect affordable housing fees under the rules of the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) to set aside amounts from the fees collected to provide affordability assistance programs, which may include down payment assistance, security deposit assistance, low interest loans, common maintenance expenses for units located in condominiums, rental assistance, and any other program authorized by the COAH.

This bill would provide that up to 30 percent of the development fee amounts permitted to be spent on affordability assistance programs may be directed to a municipal program for first-time home-buying veterans, to provide grants for down payment assistance. Grants under the program would be limited to \$15,000 per recipient, and would not be considered as income concerning eligibility requirements for other State programs, or for purposes of taxation. The bill will help veterans by supplementing other State programs available for first-time home-buyers, such as the low-interest loans program offered by the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency.

Reported favorably from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading.

Senate Transportation Meeting 10:30 AM
Committee Room 7, 2nd Floor, State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
Chair: Sen. Diegnan, Patrick J.

S3138 Clarifies extension of driver's license, identification card, and motor vehicle registration expiration dates for certain military personnel.

This bill clarifies the extension period for the expiration of a driver's license, identification card, or motor vehicle registration certificate that is granted to a person who is an active duty military personnel and who is stationed outside of the State, and that person's immediate family.

The bill clarifies that the driver's license, identification card, or motor vehicle registration certificate of any active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States, and any person in the member's immediate family, is to remain valid beyond the expiration date until the earlier of the following dates: (1) 90 days after the person who is a member of the of any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States is discharged from military duty; or (2) 90 days after the person's return to the State.

It is the sponsor's intent to clarify the law concerning the duty of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (commission) to active duty military personnel and their families as certain commission agencies and service locations have not properly provided service to active duty military personnel in accordance with the law or have misinterpreted the law's provisions to the detriment of active duty military personnel and their families while providing service.

Reported from Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.