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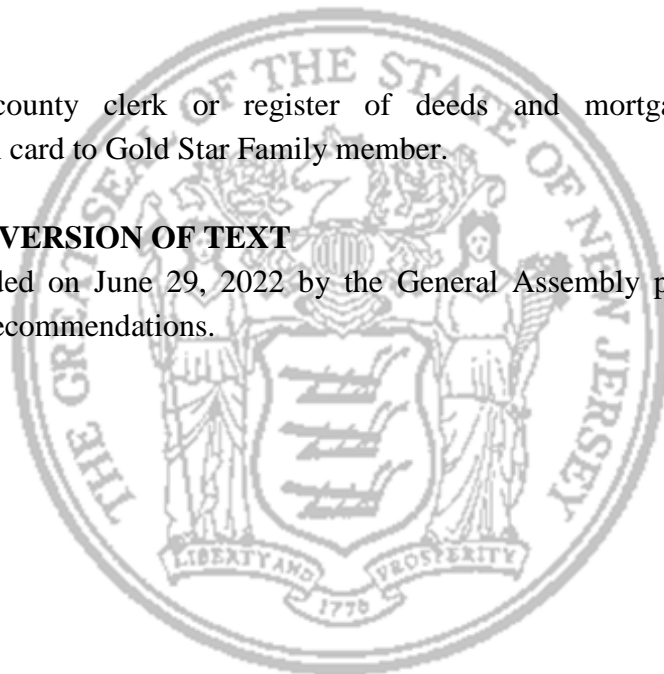
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SYNOPSIS

Permits county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages to issue identification card to Gold Star Family member.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended on June 29, 2022 by the General Assembly pursuant to the Governor's recommendations.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/14/2022)

1 AN ACT concerning identification cards issued by a county clerk or
2 register of deeds and mortgages for a Gold Star Family Member
3 and amending P.L.2017, c.289.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. Section 1 of P.L.2017, c.289 (C.40A:9-78.8) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 1. Sections 1 through 8 of P.L.2017, c.289 (C.40A:9-78.8 et
11 seq.) shall be known and may be cited as the "County Identification
12 Cards for Gold Star **Parents** Families Act."
13 (cf: P.L.2017, c.289, s.1)
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15 2. Section 2 of P.L.2017, c.289 (C.40A:9-78.9) is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 2. As used in this act, P.L.2017, c.289 (C.40A:9-78.8 et seq.),
18 "Gold Star **Parent** Family Member" means ¹, whether of the
19 whole or half blood or by adoption, as applicable, a spouse,
20 domestic partner, partner in a civil union, ¹ **a** parent, legal guardian
21 or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by
22 adoption, ¹or child related by blood or by law to, or a spouse,
23 domestic partner, or partner in civil union¹ of ¹, ¹ a member of the
24 Armed Forces of the United States who died while on active duty
25 for the United States ¹, or a child to whom the member was a
26 parent, legal guardian or other legal custodian, whether related by
27 blood or by law¹.

28 (cf: P.L.2017, c.289, s.2)
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30 3. Section 3 of P.L.2017, c.289 (C.40A:9-78.10) is amended to
31 read as follows:

32 3. A county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as
33 appropriate, may establish a Gold Star **Parent** Family
34 identification card program for the sole purpose of identifying the
35 holder as a Gold Star **Parent** Family Member when such
36 identification is required to receive discounts or other courtesies
37 extended to military families.

38 (cf: P.L.2017, c.289, s.3)
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40 4. Section 4 of P.L.2017, c.289 (C.40A:9-78.11) is amended to
41 read as follows:

42 4. When such a program has been authorized, the county clerk
43 or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate, shall issue an

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets 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:

¹Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations June 29, 2022.

1 identification card to any Gold Star **Parent** Family Member who
2 is a resident of the county. The Gold Star **Parent** Family
3 identification card shall display the words "Gold Star **Parent**
4 Family Member," bear the true name and branch of the armed
5 forces in which the person who lost his or her life while on active
6 duty for the United States served, and other identifying information
7 as certified by the applicant for the Gold Star **Parent** Family
8 identification card. Every application for a Gold Star **Parent**
9 Family identification card shall be signed and certified by the
10 applicant and shall be supported by such documentary evidence as
11 the county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate,
12 may require.

13 (cf: P.L.2017, c.289, s.4)

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15 5. Section 5 of P.L.2017, c.289 (C.40A:9-78.12) is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 5. a. Application for issuance of a Gold Star **Parent** Family
18 identification card shall be made in a manner prescribed by the
19 county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as appropriate. In
20 order to be deemed complete, an application shall be accompanied
21 by proof satisfactory to the county clerk or register of deeds and
22 mortgages, as appropriate, that the applicant is a **parent** family
23 member of a member of the armed forces who died while on active
24 duty for the United States. Proof satisfactory may include any or all
25 of the following:

26 (1) a certification of an organization formed for the support of
27 parents or other family members of members of the armed forces
28 who lost their lives while on active duty for the United States **[,]**
29 that the applicant is **either the** , whether of the whole or half
30 blood or by adoption, as applicable, a spouse, domestic partner,
31 partner in a civil union, parent, legal guardian or other legal
32 custodian, **[whether of the whole or half blood or by adoption,]** or
33 child of a member of the armed forces who died while on active
34 duty for the United States;

35 (2) the service member's federal DD Form 1300, Report of
36 Casualty, or its succeeding form, which identifies the member of
37 the armed forces who died while on active duty for the United
38 States; and

39 (3) documentation indicating the applicant's relationship to the
40 service member.

41 The copy of the DD Form 1300 and the application shall be kept
42 confidential and shall not be considered a government record under
43 P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), except that they may be released
44 to another government agency.

45 b. The county clerk or register of deeds and mortgages, as
46 appropriate, may consult with a representative of the Department of
47 New Jersey of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., or any other

1 organization formed for the support of parents or other family
2 members of members of the armed forces who lost their lives while
3 on active duty for the United States or the Adjutant General of the
4 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs when establishing the
5 documentation that may constitute satisfactory proof of an
6 applicant's relationship to the service member. In instances where
7 an applicant is unable to produce documentation deemed
8 acceptable, the Adjutant General shall assist in making a
9 determination of the applicant's eligibility for a Gold Star **【Parent】**
10 Family **【Identification】** identification card.

11 (cf: P.L.2017, c.289, s.5)

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13 6. Section 6 of P.L.2017, c.289 (C.40A:9-78.13) is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 6. It shall be unlawful for any person:

16 a. To display or cause or permit to be displayed or have in the
17 person's possession any canceled, fictitious, fraudulently altered, or
18 fraudulently obtained Gold Star **【Parent】** Family identification
19 card;

20 b. To lend the Gold Star **【Parent】** Family identification card to
21 any other person or knowingly permit the use thereof by another;

22 c. To display or represent any Gold Star **【Parent】** Family
23 identification card not issued to the person as being the person's
24 card;

25 d. To permit any unlawful use of a Gold Star **【Parent】** Family
26 identification card issued to the person;

27 e. To photograph, photostat, duplicate, or in any way reproduce
28 any Gold Star **【Parent】** Family identification card or facsimile
29 thereof in such a manner that it could be mistaken for a valid Gold
30 Star **【Parent】** Family identification card, or to display or have in the
31 person's possession any such photograph, photostat, duplicate,
32 reproduction, or facsimile; or

33 f. To alter any Gold Star **【Parent】** Family identification card in
34 any manner.

35 (cf: P.L.2017, c.289, s.6)

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37 7. Section 7 of P.L.2017, c.289 (C.40A:9-78.14) is amended to
38 read as follows:

39 7. The Gold Star **【Parent】** Family identification card issued
40 under P.L.2017, c.289 (C.40A:9-78.8 et seq.), shall not be deemed
41 sufficient valid proof of identity for official governmental purposes
42 when a statute, regulation, or directive of a governmental entity
43 requires proof of identity.

44 (cf: P.L.2017, c.289, s.7)

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46 8. This act shall take effect immediately.