

To: New Jersey Law Revision Commission
From: Jayne Johnson
Re: New Jersey Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act
Date: February 10, 2014

MEMORANDUM

Staff is pleased to report that recent Legislative action was taken to create a New Jersey Servicemembers's Civil Relief Act. On January 14, 2014, Senator Christopher Connors and Senator James Beach sponsored bill S210 which repeals the New Jersey Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, N.J.S. 38:23C-1 et seq., and establishes a New Jersey Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act. The purpose of the bill is to "update and modernize the benefits and protections afforded to military servicemembers and their dependents and to bring such benefits and protections in line with those provided for by federal law. No benefits or protections are reduced in this bill." S.B. 210 (N.J. 2014) (Bill Statement). The bill was referred to the Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Staff will continue to monitor the progress of this bill. But, in light of the legislative action to create a New Jersey Servicemembers's Civil Relief Act, Staff proposes that recommendations to the Legislature in this area are no longer needed because of the action taken by the Legislature.