

donations are continually sought to support the program. The clear economic benefit to the general public is the reintegration to society of capable, taxpaying citizens who have graduated from the program. The rules proposed for readoption are procedural in nature and will have no economic impact, whether within the program or beyond.

Federal Standards Statement

A Federal standards analysis is not required. The only Federal requirements or standards that affect the subject of this rulemaking are found in OMB Circular A-133 and at 38 CFR 17.700 to 17.801.

OMB Circular A-133 governs the use of Federal grant money, and imposes reporting, application, and recordkeeping standards, with which Veterans' Haven is in compliance. The rules proposed for readoption comply with, and do not exceed, this Federal standard.

38 CFR 17.700 to 17.801 govern the funding and administration of homeless veterans' programs. The rules proposed for readoption are in compliance with, and do not exceed, this Federal standard.

Jobs Impact

The Department anticipates that the rules proposed for readoption will have an insignificant impact on jobs within the State. The Department anticipates that current staffing and positions will remain unchanged.

Agricultural Industry Impact

The rules proposed for readoption will have no impact upon the agricultural industry in the State.

Regulatory Flexibility Statement

A regulatory flexibility analysis is not required because the rules proposed for readoption do not impose reporting, recordkeeping, or other compliance requirements on small businesses. The rules proposed for readoption are limited to governing admission to and operation of the Department's Veterans' Haven programs for homeless veterans. All referrals for employment or skills training are made through existing State and Federal agencies, which already have agreements with small businesses prepared to employ the graduates of the program. The rules proposed for readoption do not affect these agreements.

Housing Affordability Impact Analysis

The rules proposed for readoption will have an insignificant impact on the affordability of housing in New Jersey and there is an extreme unlikelihood that the rules proposed for readoption would evoke a change in the average costs associated with housing because the rules proposed for readoption pertain to programs for veterans at Veterans' Haven.

Smart Growth Development Impact Analysis

The rules proposed for readoption will have an insignificant impact on smart growth and there is an extreme unlikelihood that the rules proposed for readoption would evoke a change in housing production in Planning Areas 1 or 2, or within designated centers, under the State Development and Redevelopment Plan in New Jersey because the rules proposed for readoption pertain to programs for veterans at Veterans' Haven.

Racial and Ethnic Community Criminal Justice and Public Safety Impact

The rules proposed for readoption will have no impact on pretrial detention, sentencing, probation, or parole policies concerning juveniles and adults in the State.

Full text of the rules proposed for readoption may be found at in the New Jersey Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 5A:8.

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OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL New Jersey Vietnam 25th Anniversary Commemorative Medal Criteria, Procedures for Requesting, and Issuance of the Medal

Proposed Readoption: N.J.A.C. 5A:10

Authorized By: Major General Jemal J. Beale, The Adjutant General, Commissioner, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Authority: P.L. 2000, c. 154 and P.L. 2007, c. 309; N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.0 and u and 35A:15-3.

Calendar Reference: See Summary below for explanation of exception to calendar requirement.

Proposed Number: PRN 2020-118.

Submit written comments by February 19, 2021, to:

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The agency proposal follows:

Summary

Take notice that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the New Jersey Vietnam 25th Anniversary Commemorative Medal rules, N.J.A.C. 5A:10, are proposed to be readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period. The rules proposed for readoption, N.J.A.C. 5A:10, New Jersey Vietnam 25th Anniversary Commemorative Medal, were scheduled to expire on January 30, 2021. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (Department) has reviewed these rules and has determined that the rules should be readopted because they are necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c, timely filing of this notice extended the expiration date of the chapter 180 days to July 29, 2021, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(2).

The rules proposed for readoption articulate the Department's minimum criteria for the awarding of the New Jersey Vietnam 25th Anniversary Commemorative Medal and Ribbon to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the ending of the Vietnam Conflict in January 1973. The rules proposed for readoption also establish the procedures for eligible individuals to request an award or, if deceased, their surviving spouse or immediate family member to request an award on their behalf.

N.J.A.C. 5A:10-1.1 sets forth the purpose of the chapter. N.J.A.C. 5A:10-1.2 provides the definitions of terms used in the chapter. N.J.A.C. 5A:10-2.1 sets forth the criteria for the award. N.J.A.C. 5A:10-2.2 lays out the procedures for requesting the award. N.J.A.C. 5A:10-2.3 sets forth the procedures for the issuance of the award.

As the Department has provided a 60-day comment period on this notice of proposal, this notice is exempted from the rulemaking calendar requirement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-3.3(a)5.

Social Impact

The year 1998 marked the 25th Anniversary of the United States, North Vietnam, South Vietnam, and the National Liberation Front's provisional revolutionary government signing an agreement to end the war in Vietnam. The conflict that was declared over in 1973 was a uniquely important event in the political and domestic history of Southeast Asia and this country. The United States' involvement in that conflict resulted in great domestic turmoil and dispute in this nation, as well as over 50,000 American servicemen killed, including 1,515 from New Jersey. The rules proposed for readoption allow the State of New Jersey to recognize the military service of its sons and daughters through the awarding of this medal. It is fitting and proper for the State to recognize those among its residents who served proudly and those who died bravely in the Vietnam

Conflict on the 25th anniversary of its ending, because in 1973 those same individuals were often ignored or scorned for their service to their country.

Economic Impact

Other than the continuing costs of existing staff and the costs associated with processing requests for the issuance of the individual medals and ribbons, the rules proposed for readoption will have a minimal impact upon the Department. No additional costs to other State Departments or the general public are anticipated.

Federal Standards Statement

A Federal standards analysis is not required because the rules proposed for readoption are governed by N.J.S.A. 38A:15-3 and are not subject to any Federal requirements or standards.

Jobs Impact

Other than the staff already in the position for the processing of requests for the issuance of the individual medals and ribbons, the rules proposed for readoption will not result in the creation or loss of jobs in the State.

Agriculture Industry Impact

The rules proposed for readoption will have no impact upon the agriculture industry in the State.

Regulatory Flexibility Statement

The rules proposed for readoption concerning a military service award to residents, do not impose any reporting, recordkeeping, or compliance requirements on small businesses, as that term is defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-16 et seq. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required. The rules establish criteria, and application and issuance procedures, for an award to individuals.

Housing Affordability Impact Analysis

The rules proposed for readoption will have an insignificant impact on the affordability of housing in New Jersey and there is an extreme unlikelihood that the rules would evoke a change in the average costs associated with housing because the rules proposed for readoption pertain to the minimum criteria for the awarding of the New Jersey Vietnam 25th Anniversary Commemorative Medal and Ribbon to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the ending of the Vietnam Conflict in January 1973.

Smart Growth Development Impact Analysis

The rules proposed for readoption will have an insignificant impact on smart growth and there is an extreme unlikelihood that the rules would evoke a change in housing production in Planning Areas 1 or 2, or within designated centers, under the State Development and Redevelopment Plan in New Jersey because the rules pertain to the minimum criteria for the awarding of the New Jersey Vietnam 25th Anniversary Commemorative Medal and Ribbon to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the ending of the Vietnam Conflict in January 1973.

Racial and Ethnic Community Criminal Justice and Public Safety Impact

The rules proposed for readoption will have no impact on pretrial detention, sentencing, probation, or parole policies concerning juveniles and adults in the State because the proposed readoption articulates the minimum criteria for the awarding of the New Jersey Vietnam 25th Anniversary Commemorative Medal and Ribbon to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the ending of the Vietnam Conflict in January 1973 and establishes the procedures for eligible individuals to request an award of, if deceased, their surviving spouse or immediate family member to request an award on their behalf.

Full text of the rules proposed for readoption may be found in the New Jersey Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 5A:10.

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

(a)

DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE BOARD OF COURT REPORTING Temporary Registered Reporters

Proposed Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:43-2.2, 2.3, 3.2, 4.1, 5.4, 5.5, and 5.8

Authorized By: State Board of Court Reporting, Michela Ross, Executive Director.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:15B-1.

Calendar Reference: See Summary below for explanation of exception to calendar requirement.

Proposal Number: PRN 2020-116.

Submit written comments by February 19, 2021, to:

Michela Ross

Executive Director

State Board of Court Reporting

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Newark, New Jersey 07101

Or electronically at: <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Proposals/Pages/default.aspx>.

The agency proposal follows:

Summary

The State Board of Court Reporting (Board) met with representatives of the Certified Court Reporters Association of New Jersey (Association) to discuss the Association's concerns with application requirements for temporary registered reporters and certified court reporters. The Association contends that application requirements for temporary registered court reporters require unregistered and uncertified individuals to practice court reporting in order to qualify for registration. The Association is also concerned that certification requirements prohibit individuals who passed the certification examination prior to 2006, from obtaining certification, limiting the available pool of certified court reporters able to provide services in New Jersey. In order to address these concerns, the Board proposes to amend rules regarding applications for temporary registered reporters and certified court reporters.

Specifically, the Board proposes to amend N.J.A.C. 13:43-2.2 to clarify language and to correct a grammar and punctuation mistake at subsection (a). The Board proposes to amend subsection (b) to remove a requirement that applicants for registration as temporary registered reporters provide proof that they have practiced court reporting for three of the last five years. As no one is permitted to practice court reporting without either registration as a temporary registered reporter or certification as a court reporter, it is inappropriate to require three years of practice as a criterion for registration as a temporary registered reporter.

The Board proposes to amend N.J.A.C. 13:43-2.3 to remove references to "shorthand" as that term was changed to "court reporting" pursuant to P.L. 2005, c. 308.

The Board proposes to amend N.J.A.C. 13:43-3.2 to change the term "employment status" to "work status," as the new term more accurately describes the information required from applicants.

The Board proposes to amend N.J.A.C. 13:43-4.1 to remove a provision that required applicants to take the National Court Reporter Association Registered Professional Reporter examination on or after May 1, 2006. This provision has prevented some otherwise qualified applicants from obtaining certification.

The Board proposes to amend N.J.A.C. 13:43-5.4 and 5.8 to remove reference to court reporters being an employee of a party to a matter or action. Certified court reporters cannot be employees of such parties and it is unnecessary to include this reference in the rules.

The Board proposes to amend N.J.A.C. 13:43-5.5 to require temporary registered reporters to follow the same standards for identification on official documents as certified court reporters are required to follow. Subsection (b), which imposed separate identification requirements for