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Jelani Gibson and Brent Johnson, 'Gov. Oks bill to give political players more clout over weed', *Times, The*, 18 Jan 2024

Jelani Gibson, 'New law gives more political players clout over weed,' *Star-Ledger, The*, 18 Jan 2024

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P.L. 2023, CHAPTER 291, *approved January 16, 2024*
Senate, No. 4268 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning representation by special State officers or
2 employees of licensed cannabis and casino businesses and
3 amending P.L.1981, c.142.
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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 4 of P.L.1981, c.142 (C.52:13D-17.2) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 4. a. As used in this section "person" means:

11 (1) (a) with respect to casino activity, activity related to medical
12 cannabis authorized pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.),
13 and activity related to personal use cannabis authorized pursuant to
14 P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.): the Governor; the President of
15 the Senate; the Speaker of the General Assembly; any full-time
16 member of the Judiciary; any full-time professional employee of the
17 Office of the Governor; the head of a principal department; the
18 assistant or deputy heads of a principal department, including all
19 assistant and deputy commissioners; the head of any division of a
20 principal department;

21 (b) with respect to casino activity: any State officer or employee
22 subject to financial disclosure by law or executive order and any
23 other State officer or employee with responsibility for matters
24 affecting casino activity; any special State officer or employee with
25 responsibility for matters affecting casino activity; any member of
26 the Legislature; any full-time professional employee of the
27 Legislature; members of the Casino Reinvestment Development
28 Authority; or

29 (c) with respect to activity related to medical cannabis
30 authorized pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and
31 activity related to personal use cannabis authorized pursuant to
32 P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.): any State officer or employee
33 subject to financial disclosure by law or executive order and any
34 other State officer or employee with responsibility for matters
35 affecting medical cannabis activity or personal use cannabis
36 activity; any special State officer or employee with responsibility
37 for matters affecting medical cannabis activity or personal use
38 cannabis activity; members of the Cannabis Regulatory
39 Commission; or

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** 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:

¹Senate SJU committee amendments adopted January 4, 2024.

²Assembly floor amendments adopted January 8, 2024.

1 (2) (a) any member of the governing body, or the municipal
2 judge or the municipal attorney of a municipality wherein a casino
3 is located; any member of or attorney for the planning board or
4 zoning board of adjustment of a municipality wherein a casino is
5 located, or any professional planner, or consultant regularly
6 employed or retained by such planning board or zoning board of
7 adjustment; or

8 (b) any member of the governing body or the municipal judge of
9 a municipality, any member of the planning board or zoning board
10 of adjustment, or any professional planner, or consultant regularly
11 employed or retained by such planning board or zoning board of
12 adjustment, of a municipality wherein a medical cannabis
13 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis
14 dispensary, or clinical registrant issued a permit pursuant to
15 P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.), or wherein a cannabis cultivator,
16 cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor,
17 cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service issued a license
18 pursuant to P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.), is located.

19 b. (1) No State officer or employee, nor any person, nor any
20 member of the immediate family of any State officer or employee,
21 or person, nor any partnership, firm, or corporation with which any
22 such State officer or employee or person is associated or in which
23 he has an interest, nor any partner, officer, director, or employee
24 while he is associated with such partnership, firm, or corporation,
25 shall hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold employment
26 with, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, any holder
27 of, or applicant for, a casino license, or any holding or intermediary
28 company with respect thereto, in connection with any cause,
29 application, or matter, except as provided in section 3 of P.L.2009,
30 c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3), and except that (a) a State officer or
31 employee other than a State officer or employee included in the
32 definition of person, and (b) a member of the immediate family of a
33 State officer or employee, or of a person, may hold employment
34 with the holder of, or applicant for, a casino license if, in the
35 judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint Legislative
36 Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court, as
37 appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the
38 responsibilities of the State officer or employee, or person, and will
39 not create a conflict of interest, or reasonable risk of the public
40 perception of a conflict of interest, on the part of the State officer or
41 employee, or person.

42 No special State officer or employee without responsibility for
43 matters affecting casino activity, excluding those serving in the
44 Departments of Education, Health, [and] Human Services, and the
45 Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, shall hold, directly or
46 indirectly, an interest in [, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on
47 behalf of,] ²[¹, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf

1 of,¹]² any holder of, or applicant for, a casino license, or any
2 holding or intermediary company with respect thereto ²[, in
3 connection with any cause, application, or matter]². However, a
4 special State officer or employee without responsibility for matters
5 affecting casino activity may hold employment directly with ¹[, or
6 may represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of,¹ ², or may
7 represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of,² any holder of or
8 applicant for a casino license or any holding or intermediary
9 company thereof and if so employed may hold, directly or
10 indirectly, an interest in, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on
11 behalf of, that employer, except as otherwise prohibited by law.

12 (2) No State officer or employee, nor any person, nor any
13 member of the immediate family of any State officer or employee,
14 or person, nor any partnership, firm, or corporation with which any
15 such State officer or employee or person is associated or in which
16 he has an interest, nor any partner, officer, director, or employee
17 while he is associated with such partnership, firm, or corporation,
18 shall hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold employment
19 with, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, or derive
20 any remuneration, payment, benefit, or any other thing of value for
21 any services, including but not limited to consulting or similar
22 services, from any holder of, or applicant for, a license, permit, or
23 other approval to conduct Internet gaming, or any holding or
24 intermediary company with respect thereto, or any Internet gaming
25 affiliate of any holder of, or applicant for, a casino license, or any
26 holding or intermediary company with respect thereto, or any
27 business, association, enterprise, or other entity that is organized, in
28 whole or in part, for the purpose of promoting, advocating for, or
29 advancing the interests of the Internet gaming industry generally or
30 any Internet gaming-related business or businesses in connection
31 with any cause, application, or matter, except as provided in section
32 3 of P.L.2009, c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3), and except that (a) a State
33 officer or employee other than a State officer or employee included
34 in the definition of person, and (b) a member of the immediate
35 family of a State officer or employee, or of a person, may hold
36 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a license, permit,
37 or other approval to conduct Internet gaming, or any holding or
38 intermediary company with respect thereto, or any Internet gaming
39 affiliate of any holder of, or applicant for, a casino license, or any
40 holding or intermediary company with respect thereto if, in the
41 judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint Legislative
42 Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court, as
43 appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the
44 responsibilities of the State officer or employee, or person, and will
45 not create a conflict of interest, or reasonable risk of the public
46 perception of a conflict of interest, on the part of the State officer or
47 employee, or person.

1 (3) No State officer or employee, nor any person, nor any
2 member of the immediate family of any State officer or employee,
3 or person, nor any partnership, firm, or corporation with which any
4 such State officer or employee or person is associated or in which
5 he has an interest, nor any partner, officer, director, or employee
6 while he is associated with such partnership, firm, or corporation,
7 shall hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold employment
8 with, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, any holder
9 of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis
10 manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant
11 permit issued pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or any
12 entity that employs any certified medical cannabis handler to
13 perform transfers or deliveries of medical cannabis, or any holding
14 or intermediary company with respect thereto, or a cannabis
15 cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis
16 distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service license
17 issued pursuant to P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.), or any entity
18 that employs or uses a certified personal use cannabis handler to
19 perform work for or on behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment,
20 distributor, or delivery service, or any holding or intermediary
21 company with respect thereto, in connection with any cause,
22 application, or matter, except as provided in section 3 of P.L.2009,
23 c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3), and except that (a) a State officer or
24 employee other than a State officer or employee included in the
25 definition of person, and (b) a member of the immediate family of a
26 State officer or employee, or of a person, may hold employment
27 with the holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator,
28 medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or
29 clinical registrant permit or any entity that employs any certified
30 medical cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of
31 medical cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer,
32 cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or
33 cannabis delivery service license or any entity that employs or uses
34 a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on
35 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery
36 service, if, in the judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the
37 Joint Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme
38 Court, as appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the
39 responsibilities of the State officer or employee, or person, and will
40 not create a conflict of interest, or reasonable risk of the public
41 perception of a conflict of interest, on the part of the State officer or
42 employee, or person.

43 No special State officer or employee without responsibility for
44 matters affecting medical cannabis activity or personal use cannabis
45 activity, excluding those serving in the Departments of Education,
46 Health, **[and]** Human Services, and the Office of the Secretary of
47 Higher Education, shall hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in **[**,

1 or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of,] any holder of,
2 or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis
3 manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant
4 permit or any entity that employs any certified medical cannabis
5 handler to perform transfers or deliveries of medical cannabis, or
6 any holding or intermediary company with respect thereto, or a
7 cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler,
8 cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service
9 license or any entity that employs or uses a certified personal use
10 cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a licensed
11 cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service, or any
12 holding or intermediary company with respect thereto ¹[, in
13 connection with any cause, application, or matter]¹. However, a
14 special State officer or employee without responsibility for matters
15 affecting medical cannabis activity or personal use cannabis activity
16 may hold employment directly with, or may represent, appear for,
17 or negotiate on behalf of, any holder of or applicant for a medical
18 cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical
19 cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit, or any entity that
20 employs any certified medical cannabis handler to perform transfers
21 or deliveries of medical cannabis, or any holding or intermediary
22 company thereof, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer,
23 cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or
24 cannabis delivery service license or any entity that employs or uses
25 a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on
26 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery
27 service, or any holding or intermediary company with respect
28 thereto, and if so employed may hold, directly or indirectly, an
29 interest in, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, that
30 employer, except as otherwise prohibited by law.

31 c. (1) No person or any member of his immediate family, nor any
32 partnership, firm, or corporation with which such person is
33 associated or in which he has an interest, nor any partner, officer,
34 director, or employee while he is associated with such partnership,
35 firm or corporation, shall, within two years next subsequent to the
36 termination of the office or employment of such person, hold,
37 directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold employment with, or
38 represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, any holder of, or
39 applicant for, a casino license in connection with any cause,
40 application or matter, or any holding or intermediary company with
41 respect to such holder of, or applicant for, a casino license in
42 connection with any phase of casino development, permitting,
43 licensure, or any other matter whatsoever related to casino activity,
44 except as provided in section 3 of P.L.2009, c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3),
45 and except that:

46 (a) a member of the immediate family of a person may hold
47 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a casino license if,

1 in the judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint
2 Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court,
3 as appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the
4 responsibilities of the person and will not create a conflict of
5 interest, or reasonable risk of the public perception of a conflict of
6 interest, on the part of the person;

7 (b) an employee who is terminated as a result of a reduction in
8 the workforce at the agency where employed, other than an
9 employee who held a policy-making management position at any
10 time during the five years prior to termination of employment, may,
11 at any time prior to the end of the two-year period, accept
12 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a casino license if,
13 in the judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint
14 Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court,
15 as appropriate, such employment will not create a conflict of
16 interest, or reasonable risk of the public perception of a conflict of
17 interest, on the part of the employee. In no case shall the restrictions
18 of this subsection apply to a secretarial or clerical employee.

19 Nothing herein contained shall alter or amend the post-
20 employment restrictions applicable to members and employees of
21 the Casino Control Commission and employees and agents of the
22 Division of Gaming Enforcement pursuant to paragraph (2) of
23 subsection e. of section 59 and section 60 of P.L.1977, c.110
24 (C.5:12-59 and C.5:12-60); and

25 (c) any partnership, firm, or corporation engaged in the practice
26 of law or in providing any other professional services with which
27 any person included in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1)
28 of subsection a. of this section, or a member of the immediate
29 family of that person, is associated, and any partner, officer,
30 director, or employee thereof, other than that person, or immediate
31 family member, may represent, appear for or negotiate on behalf of
32 any holder of, or applicant for, a casino license in connection with
33 any cause, application or matter or any holding company or
34 intermediary company with respect to such holder of, or applicant
35 for, a casino license in connection with any phase of casino
36 development, permitting, licensure or any other matter whatsoever
37 related to casino activity, and that person or immediate family
38 member shall not be barred from association with such partnership,
39 firm or corporation, if for a period of two years next subsequent to
40 the termination of the person's office or employment, the person or
41 immediate family member (i) is screened from personal
42 participation in any such representation, appearance or negotiation;
43 and (ii) is associated with the partnership, firm or corporation in a
44 position which does not entail any equity interest in the partnership,
45 firm or corporation. The exception provided in this subparagraph
46 shall not apply to a former Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
47 Attorney General, member of the Legislature, person included in

1 subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of subsection a. of this section, or
2 to the members of their immediate families.

3 (2) No person or any member of the person's immediate family,
4 nor any partnership, firm, or corporation with which such person is
5 associated or in which the person has an interest, nor any partner,
6 officer, director, or employee while the person is associated with
7 such partnership, firm, or corporation, shall, within two years next
8 subsequent to the termination of the office or employment of such
9 person, hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold
10 employment with, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf
11 of, any holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator,
12 medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or
13 clinical registrant permit issued pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307
14 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or any entity that employs any certified medical
15 cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of medical
16 cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis
17 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis
18 delivery service license issued pursuant to P.L.2021, c.16
19 (C.24:6I-31 et al.) or any entity that employs or uses a certified
20 personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a
21 licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service in
22 connection with any cause, application, or matter, or any holding or
23 intermediary company with respect to such holder of, or applicant
24 for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,
25 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit or any
26 entity that employs any certified medical cannabis handler to
27 perform transfers or deliveries of medical cannabis, or a cannabis
28 cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis
29 distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service license or
30 any entity that employs or uses a certified personal use cannabis
31 handler to perform work for or on behalf of a licensed cannabis
32 establishment, distributor, or delivery service in connection with
33 any phase of development, permitting, licensure, or any other
34 matter whatsoever related to medical cannabis activity or personal
35 use cannabis activity, except as provided in section 3 of P.L.2009,
36 c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3), and except that:

37 (a) a member of the immediate family of a person may hold
38 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis
39 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis
40 dispensary, or clinical registrant permit issued pursuant to P.L.2009,
41 c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or any entity that employs any certified
42 medical cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of
43 medical cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer,
44 cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or
45 cannabis delivery service license issued pursuant to P.L.2021, c.16
46 (C.24:6I-31 et al.) or any entity that employs or uses a certified
47 personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a
48 licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service if,

1 in the judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint
2 Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court,
3 as appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the
4 responsibilities of the person and will not create a conflict of
5 interest, or reasonable risk of the public perception of a conflict of
6 interest, on the part of the person;

7 (b) an employee who is terminated as a result of a reduction in
8 the workforce at the agency where employed, other than an
9 employee who held a policy-making management position at any
10 time during the five years prior to termination of employment, may,
11 at any time prior to the end of the two-year period, accept
12 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis
13 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis
14 dispensary, or clinical registrant permit or any entity that employs
15 any certified medical cannabis handler to perform transfers or
16 deliveries of medical cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis
17 manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis
18 retailer, or cannabis delivery service license or any entity that
19 employs or uses a certified personal use cannabis handler to
20 perform work for or on behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment,
21 distributor, or delivery service if, in the judgment of the State Ethics
22 Commission, the Joint Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards,
23 or the Supreme Court, as appropriate, such employment will not
24 create a conflict of interest, or reasonable risk of the public
25 perception of a conflict of interest, on the part of the employee. In
26 no case shall the restrictions of this subsection apply to a secretarial
27 or clerical employee. Nothing herein contained shall alter or amend
28 the post-service or post-employment restrictions applicable to
29 members and employees of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission
30 pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection c. of section 34 and section
31 35 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-27 and C.24:6I-28); and

32 (c) any partnership, firm, or corporation engaged in the practice
33 of law or in providing any other professional services with which
34 any person included in subparagraphs (a) and (c) of paragraph (1) of
35 subsection a. of this section, or a member of the immediate family
36 of that person, is associated, and any partner, officer, director, or
37 employee thereof, other than that person, or immediate family
38 member, may represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of any
39 holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical
40 cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical
41 registrant permit or any entity that employs any certified medical
42 cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of medical
43 cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis
44 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis
45 delivery service license or any entity that employs or uses a
46 certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on
47 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery
48 service in connection with any cause, application, or matter or any

1 holding company or intermediary company with respect to such
2 holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical
3 cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical
4 registrant permit or any entity that employs any certified medical
5 cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of medical
6 cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis
7 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis
8 delivery service license or any entity that employs or uses a
9 certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on
10 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery
11 service in connection with any phase of development, permitting,
12 licensing, or any other matter whatsoever related to medical
13 cannabis activity or personal use cannabis activity, and that person
14 or immediate family member shall not be barred from association
15 with such partnership, firm, or corporation, if for a period of two
16 years next subsequent to the termination of the person's office or
17 employment, the person or immediate family member (i) is
18 screened from personal participation in any such representation,
19 appearance or negotiation; and (ii) is associated with the
20 partnership, firm, or corporation in a position which does not entail
21 any equity interest in the partnership, firm, or corporation. The
22 exception provided in this subparagraph shall not apply to a former
23 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, the President of
24 the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, to a person
25 included in subparagraph (b) of paragraph (2) of subsection a. of
26 this section, or to the members of their immediate families.

27 d. This section shall not apply to the spouse of a State officer
28 or employee, which State officer or employee is without
29 responsibility for matters affecting casino, medical cannabis, or
30 personal use cannabis activity, who becomes the spouse subsequent
31 to the State officer's or employee's appointment or employment as a
32 State officer or employee and who is not individually or directly
33 employed by a holder of, or applicant for, a casino license, medical
34 cannabis permit, personal use cannabis license, or any entity that
35 employs or uses a certified personal use cannabis handler to
36 perform work for or on behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment,
37 distributor, or delivery service, or any holding or intermediary
38 company thereof.

39 e. The Joint Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards and
40 the State Ethics Commission, as appropriate, shall forthwith
41 determine and publish, and periodically update, a list of those
42 positions in State government with responsibility for matters
43 affecting casino, medical cannabis activity, or personal use cannabis
44 activity.

45 f. (1) No person shall solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any
46 complimentary service or discount from any casino applicant or
47 licensee which he knows or has reason to know is other than a

1 service or discount that is offered to members of the general public
2 in like circumstance.

3 (2) No person shall solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any
4 complimentary service or discount from any holder of, or applicant
5 for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,
6 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit issued
7 pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or any entity that
8 employs any certified medical cannabis handler to perform transfers
9 or deliveries of medical cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis
10 manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis
11 retailer, or cannabis delivery service license issued pursuant to
12 P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.) or any entity that employs or uses
13 a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on
14 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery
15 service which the person knows or has reason to know is other than
16 a service or discount that is offered to members of the general
17 public in like circumstance.

18 g. (1) No person shall influence, or attempt to influence, by use
19 of his official authority, the decision of the Casino Control
20 Commission or the investigation of the Division of Gaming
21 Enforcement in any application for casino licensure or in any
22 proceeding to enforce the provisions of this act or the regulations of
23 the commission. Any such attempt shall be promptly reported to the
24 Attorney General; provided, however, that nothing in this section
25 shall be deemed to proscribe a request for information by any
26 person concerning the status of any application for licensure or any
27 proceeding to enforce the provisions of this act or the regulations of
28 the commission.

29 (2) No person shall influence, or attempt to influence, by use of
30 the person's official authority, the decision of the Cannabis
31 Regulatory Commission in any application for a medical cannabis
32 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis
33 dispensary, or clinical registrant permit, or a cannabis cultivator,
34 cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor,
35 cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service license, or in any
36 proceeding to enforce the provisions of P.L.1981, c.142
37 (C.52:13D-17.2 et al.), P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.), P.L.2021,
38 c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.), or the regulations of the Cannabis
39 Regulatory Commission. Any such attempt shall be promptly
40 reported to the Attorney General; provided, however, that nothing
41 in this section shall be deemed to proscribe a request for
42 information by any person concerning the status of any permit or
43 license application, or any proceeding to enforce the provisions of
44 P.L.1981, c.142 (C.52:13D-17.2 et al.), P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1
45 et al.), P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.), or the regulations of the
46 Cannabis Regulatory Commission.

1 h. Any person who willfully violates the provisions of this
2 section is a disorderly person and shall be subject to a fine not to
3 exceed \$1,000, or imprisonment not to exceed six months, or both.

4 In addition, for violations of subsection c. of this section
5 occurring after the effective date of P.L.2005, c.382, a civil penalty
6 of not less than \$500 nor more than \$10,000 shall be imposed upon
7 a former State officer or employee or former special State officer or
8 employee of a State agency in the Executive Branch upon a finding
9 of a violation by the State Ethics Commission, which penalty may
10 be collected in a summary proceeding pursuant to the "Penalty
11 Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).
12 (cf: P.L.2021, c.16, s.14)

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14 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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20 Permits certain special State officers to represent licensed
cannabis and casino businesses.

SENATE, No. 4268

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 2, 2024

Sponsored by:

Senator NICHOLAS P. SCUTARI

District 22 (Somerset and Union)

SYNOPSIS

Permits certain special State officers to represent licensed cannabis and casino businesses.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



S4268 SCUTARI

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1 AN ACT concerning representation by special State officers or
2 employees of licensed cannabis and casino businesses and
3 amending P.L.1981, c.142.

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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 4 of P.L.1981, c.142 (C.52:13D-17.2) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 4. a. As used in this section "person" means:

11 (1) (a) with respect to casino activity, activity related to medical
12 cannabis authorized pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.),
13 and activity related to personal use cannabis authorized pursuant to
14 P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.): the Governor; the President of
15 the Senate; the Speaker of the General Assembly; any full-time
16 member of the Judiciary; any full-time professional employee of the
17 Office of the Governor; the head of a principal department; the
18 assistant or deputy heads of a principal department, including all
19 assistant and deputy commissioners; the head of any division of a
20 principal department;

21 (b) with respect to casino activity: any State officer or employee
22 subject to financial disclosure by law or executive order and any
23 other State officer or employee with responsibility for matters
24 affecting casino activity; any special State officer or employee with
25 responsibility for matters affecting casino activity; any member of
26 the Legislature; any full-time professional employee of the
27 Legislature; members of the Casino Reinvestment Development
28 Authority; or

29 (c) with respect to activity related to medical cannabis
30 authorized pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and
31 activity related to personal use cannabis authorized pursuant to
32 P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.): any State officer or employee
33 subject to financial disclosure by law or executive order and any
34 other State officer or employee with responsibility for matters
35 affecting medical cannabis activity or personal use cannabis
36 activity; any special State officer or employee with responsibility
37 for matters affecting medical cannabis activity or personal use
38 cannabis activity; members of the Cannabis Regulatory
39 Commission; or

40 (2) (a) any member of the governing body, or the municipal
41 judge or the municipal attorney of a municipality wherein a casino
42 is located; any member of or attorney for the planning board or
43 zoning board of adjustment of a municipality wherein a casino is
44 located, or any professional planner, or consultant regularly

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 employed or retained by such planning board or zoning board of
2 adjustment; or

3 (b) any member of the governing body or the municipal judge of
4 a municipality, any member of the planning board or zoning board
5 of adjustment, or any professional planner, or consultant regularly
6 employed or retained by such planning board or zoning board of
7 adjustment, of a municipality wherein a medical cannabis
8 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis
9 dispensary, or clinical registrant issued a permit pursuant to
10 P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.), or wherein a cannabis cultivator,
11 cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor,
12 cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service issued a license
13 pursuant to P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.), is located.

14 b. (1) No State officer or employee, nor any person, nor any
15 member of the immediate family of any State officer or employee,
16 or person, nor any partnership, firm, or corporation with which any
17 such State officer or employee or person is associated or in which
18 he has an interest, nor any partner, officer, director, or employee
19 while he is associated with such partnership, firm, or corporation,
20 shall hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold employment
21 with, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, any holder
22 of, or applicant for, a casino license, or any holding or intermediary
23 company with respect thereto, in connection with any cause,
24 application, or matter, except as provided in section 3 of P.L.2009,
25 c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3), and except that (a) a State officer or
26 employee other than a State officer or employee included in the
27 definition of person, and (b) a member of the immediate family of a
28 State officer or employee, or of a person, may hold employment
29 with the holder of, or applicant for, a casino license if, in the
30 judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint Legislative
31 Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court, as
32 appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the
33 responsibilities of the State officer or employee, or person, and will
34 not create a conflict of interest, or reasonable risk of the public
35 perception of a conflict of interest, on the part of the State officer or
36 employee, or person.

37 No special State officer or employee without responsibility for
38 matters affecting casino activity, excluding those serving in the
39 Departments of Education, Health, **[and]** Human Services, and the
40 Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, shall hold, directly or
41 indirectly, an interest in **[**, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on
42 behalf of,**]** any holder of, or applicant for, a casino license, or any
43 holding or intermediary company with respect thereto, in
44 connection with any cause, application, or matter. However, a
45 special State officer or employee without responsibility for matters
46 affecting casino activity may hold employment directly with, or
47 may represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, any holder of
48 or applicant for a casino license or any holding or intermediary

1 company thereof and if so employed may hold, directly or
2 indirectly, an interest in, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on
3 behalf of, that employer, except as otherwise prohibited by law.

4 (2) No State officer or employee, nor any person, nor any
5 member of the immediate family of any State officer or employee,
6 or person, nor any partnership, firm, or corporation with which any
7 such State officer or employee or person is associated or in which
8 he has an interest, nor any partner, officer, director, or employee
9 while he is associated with such partnership, firm, or corporation,
10 shall hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold employment
11 with, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, or derive
12 any remuneration, payment, benefit, or any other thing of value for
13 any services, including but not limited to consulting or similar
14 services, from any holder of, or applicant for, a license, permit, or
15 other approval to conduct Internet gaming, or any holding or
16 intermediary company with respect thereto, or any Internet gaming
17 affiliate of any holder of, or applicant for, a casino license, or any
18 holding or intermediary company with respect thereto, or any
19 business, association, enterprise, or other entity that is organized, in
20 whole or in part, for the purpose of promoting, advocating for, or
21 advancing the interests of the Internet gaming industry generally or
22 any Internet gaming-related business or businesses in connection
23 with any cause, application, or matter, except as provided in section
24 3 of P.L.2009, c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3), and except that (a) a State
25 officer or employee other than a State officer or employee included
26 in the definition of person, and (b) a member of the immediate
27 family of a State officer or employee, or of a person, may hold
28 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a license, permit,
29 or other approval to conduct Internet gaming, or any holding or
30 intermediary company with respect thereto, or any Internet gaming
31 affiliate of any holder of, or applicant for, a casino license, or any
32 holding or intermediary company with respect thereto if, in the
33 judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint Legislative
34 Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court, as
35 appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the
36 responsibilities of the State officer or employee, or person, and will
37 not create a conflict of interest, or reasonable risk of the public
38 perception of a conflict of interest, on the part of the State officer or
39 employee, or person.

40 (3) No State officer or employee, nor any person, nor any
41 member of the immediate family of any State officer or employee,
42 or person, nor any partnership, firm, or corporation with which any
43 such State officer or employee or person is associated or in which
44 he has an interest, nor any partner, officer, director, or employee
45 while he is associated with such partnership, firm, or corporation,
46 shall hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold employment
47 with, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, any holder
48 of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis

1 manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant
2 permit issued pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or any
3 entity that employs any certified medical cannabis handler to
4 perform transfers or deliveries of medical cannabis, or any holding
5 or intermediary company with respect thereto, or a cannabis
6 cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis
7 distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service license
8 issued pursuant to P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.), or any entity
9 that employs or uses a certified personal use cannabis handler to
10 perform work for or on behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment,
11 distributor, or delivery service, or any holding or intermediary
12 company with respect thereto, in connection with any cause,
13 application, or matter, except as provided in section 3 of P.L.2009,
14 c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3), and except that (a) a State officer or
15 employee other than a State officer or employee included in the
16 definition of person, and (b) a member of the immediate family of a
17 State officer or employee, or of a person, may hold employment
18 with the holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator,
19 medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or
20 clinical registrant permit or any entity that employs any certified
21 medical cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of
22 medical cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer,
23 cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or
24 cannabis delivery service license or any entity that employs or uses
25 a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on
26 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery
27 service, if, in the judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the
28 Joint Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme
29 Court, as appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the
30 responsibilities of the State officer or employee, or person, and will
31 not create a conflict of interest, or reasonable risk of the public
32 perception of a conflict of interest, on the part of the State officer or
33 employee, or person.

34 No special State officer or employee without responsibility for
35 matters affecting medical cannabis activity or personal use cannabis
36 activity, excluding those serving in the Departments of Education,
37 Health, **[and]** Human Services, and the Office of the Secretary of
38 Higher Education, shall hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in **[**,
39 or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of,**]** any holder of,
40 or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis
41 manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant
42 permit or any entity that employs any certified medical cannabis
43 handler to perform transfers or deliveries of medical cannabis, or
44 any holding or intermediary company with respect thereto, or a
45 cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler,
46 cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service
47 license or any entity that employs or uses a certified personal use
48 cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a licensed

1 cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service, or any
2 holding or intermediary company with respect thereto, in
3 connection with any cause, application, or matter. However, a
4 special State officer or employee without responsibility for matters
5 affecting medical cannabis activity or personal use cannabis activity
6 may hold employment directly with, or may represent, appear for,
7 or negotiate on behalf of, any holder of or applicant for a medical
8 cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical
9 cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit, or any entity that
10 employs any certified medical cannabis handler to perform transfers
11 or deliveries of medical cannabis, or any holding or intermediary
12 company thereof, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer,
13 cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or
14 cannabis delivery service license or any entity that employs or uses
15 a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on
16 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery
17 service, or any holding or intermediary company with respect
18 thereto, and if so employed may hold, directly or indirectly, an
19 interest in, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, that
20 employer, except as otherwise prohibited by law.

21 c. (1) No person or any member of his immediate family, nor any
22 partnership, firm, or corporation with which such person is
23 associated or in which he has an interest, nor any partner, officer,
24 director, or employee while he is associated with such partnership,
25 firm or corporation, shall, within two years next subsequent to the
26 termination of the office or employment of such person, hold,
27 directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold employment with, or
28 represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, any holder of, or
29 applicant for, a casino license in connection with any cause,
30 application or matter, or any holding or intermediary company with
31 respect to such holder of, or applicant for, a casino license in
32 connection with any phase of casino development, permitting,
33 licensure, or any other matter whatsoever related to casino activity,
34 except as provided in section 3 of P.L.2009, c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3),
35 and except that:

36 (a) a member of the immediate family of a person may hold
37 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a casino license if,
38 in the judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint
39 Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court,
40 as appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the
41 responsibilities of the person and will not create a conflict of
42 interest, or reasonable risk of the public perception of a conflict of
43 interest, on the part of the person;

44 (b) an employee who is terminated as a result of a reduction in
45 the workforce at the agency where employed, other than an
46 employee who held a policy-making management position at any
47 time during the five years prior to termination of employment, may,
48 at any time prior to the end of the two-year period, accept

1 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a casino license if,
2 in the judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint
3 Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court,
4 as appropriate, such employment will not create a conflict of
5 interest, or reasonable risk of the public perception of a conflict of
6 interest, on the part of the employee. In no case shall the restrictions
7 of this subsection apply to a secretarial or clerical employee.

8 Nothing herein contained shall alter or amend the post-
9 employment restrictions applicable to members and employees of
10 the Casino Control Commission and employees and agents of the
11 Division of Gaming Enforcement pursuant to paragraph (2) of
12 subsection e. of section 59 and section 60 of P.L.1977, c.110
13 (C.5:12-59 and C.5:12-60); and

14 (c) any partnership, firm, or corporation engaged in the practice
15 of law or in providing any other professional services with which
16 any person included in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1)
17 of subsection a. of this section, or a member of the immediate
18 family of that person, is associated, and any partner, officer,
19 director, or employee thereof, other than that person, or immediate
20 family member, may represent, appear for or negotiate on behalf of
21 any holder of, or applicant for, a casino license in connection with
22 any cause, application or matter or any holding company or
23 intermediary company with respect to such holder of, or applicant
24 for, a casino license in connection with any phase of casino
25 development, permitting, licensure or any other matter whatsoever
26 related to casino activity, and that person or immediate family
27 member shall not be barred from association with such partnership,
28 firm or corporation, if for a period of two years next subsequent to
29 the termination of the person's office or employment, the person or
30 immediate family member (i) is screened from personal
31 participation in any such representation, appearance or negotiation;
32 and (ii) is associated with the partnership, firm or corporation in a
33 position which does not entail any equity interest in the partnership,
34 firm or corporation. The exception provided in this subparagraph
35 shall not apply to a former Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
36 Attorney General, member of the Legislature, person included in
37 subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of subsection a. of this section, or
38 to the members of their immediate families.

39 (2) No person or any member of the person's immediate family,
40 nor any partnership, firm, or corporation with which such person is
41 associated or in which the person has an interest, nor any partner,
42 officer, director, or employee while the person is associated with
43 such partnership, firm, or corporation, shall, within two years next
44 subsequent to the termination of the office or employment of such
45 person, hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold
46 employment with, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf
47 of, any holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator,
48 medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or

1 clinical registrant permit issued pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307
2 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or any entity that employs any certified medical
3 cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of medical
4 cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis
5 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis
6 delivery service license issued pursuant to P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-
7 31 et al.) or any entity that employs or uses a certified personal use
8 cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a licensed
9 cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service in
10 connection with any cause, application, or matter, or any holding or
11 intermediary company with respect to such holder of, or applicant
12 for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,
13 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit or any
14 entity that employs any certified medical cannabis handler to
15 perform transfers or deliveries of medical cannabis, or a cannabis
16 cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis
17 distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service license or
18 any entity that employs or uses a certified personal use cannabis
19 handler to perform work for or on behalf of a licensed cannabis
20 establishment, distributor, or delivery service in connection with
21 any phase of development, permitting, licensure, or any other
22 matter whatsoever related to medical cannabis activity or personal
23 use cannabis activity, except as provided in section 3 of P.L.2009,
24 c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3), and except that:

25 (a) a member of the immediate family of a person may hold
26 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis
27 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis
28 dispensary, or clinical registrant permit issued pursuant to P.L.2009,
29 c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or any entity that employs any certified
30 medical cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of
31 medical cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer,
32 cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or
33 cannabis delivery service license issued pursuant to P.L.2021, c.16
34 (C.24:6I-31 et al.) or any entity that employs or uses a certified
35 personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a
36 licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service if,
37 in the judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint
38 Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court,
39 as appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the
40 responsibilities of the person and will not create a conflict of
41 interest, or reasonable risk of the public perception of a conflict of
42 interest, on the part of the person;

43 (b) an employee who is terminated as a result of a reduction in
44 the workforce at the agency where employed, other than an
45 employee who held a policy-making management position at any
46 time during the five years prior to termination of employment, may,
47 at any time prior to the end of the two-year period, accept
48 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis

1 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis
2 dispensary, or clinical registrant permit or any entity that employs
3 any certified medical cannabis handler to perform transfers or
4 deliveries of medical cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis
5 manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis
6 retailer, or cannabis delivery service license or any entity that
7 employs or uses a certified personal use cannabis handler to
8 perform work for or on behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment,
9 distributor, or delivery service if, in the judgment of the State Ethics
10 Commission, the Joint Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards,
11 or the Supreme Court, as appropriate, such employment will not
12 create a conflict of interest, or reasonable risk of the public
13 perception of a conflict of interest, on the part of the employee. In
14 no case shall the restrictions of this subsection apply to a secretarial
15 or clerical employee. Nothing herein contained shall alter or amend
16 the post-service or post-employment restrictions applicable to
17 members and employees of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission
18 pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection c. of section 34 and section
19 35 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-27 and C.24:6I-28); and

20 (c) any partnership, firm, or corporation engaged in the practice
21 of law or in providing any other professional services with which
22 any person included in subparagraphs (a) and (c) of paragraph (1) of
23 subsection a. of this section, or a member of the immediate family
24 of that person, is associated, and any partner, officer, director, or
25 employee thereof, other than that person, or immediate family
26 member, may represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of any
27 holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical
28 cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical
29 registrant permit or any entity that employs any certified medical
30 cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of medical
31 cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis
32 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis
33 delivery service license or any entity that employs or uses a
34 certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on
35 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery
36 service in connection with any cause, application, or matter or any
37 holding company or intermediary company with respect to such
38 holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical
39 cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical
40 registrant permit or any entity that employs any certified medical
41 cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of medical
42 cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis
43 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis
44 delivery service license or any entity that employs or uses a
45 certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on
46 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery
47 service in connection with any phase of development, permitting,
48 licensing, or any other matter whatsoever related to medical

1 cannabis activity or personal use cannabis activity, and that person
2 or immediate family member shall not be barred from association
3 with such partnership, firm, or corporation, if for a period of two
4 years next subsequent to the termination of the person's office or
5 employment, the person or immediate family member (i) is
6 screened from personal participation in any such representation,
7 appearance or negotiation; and (ii) is associated with the
8 partnership, firm, or corporation in a position which does not entail
9 any equity interest in the partnership, firm, or corporation. The
10 exception provided in this subparagraph shall not apply to a former
11 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, the President of
12 the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, to a person
13 included in subparagraph (b) of paragraph (2) of subsection a. of
14 this section, or to the members of their immediate families.

15 d. This section shall not apply to the spouse of a State officer
16 or employee, which State officer or employee is without
17 responsibility for matters affecting casino, medical cannabis, or
18 personal use cannabis activity, who becomes the spouse subsequent
19 to the State officer's or employee's appointment or employment as a
20 State officer or employee and who is not individually or directly
21 employed by a holder of, or applicant for, a casino license, medical
22 cannabis permit, personal use cannabis license, or any entity that
23 employs or uses a certified personal use cannabis handler to
24 perform work for or on behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment,
25 distributor, or delivery service, or any holding or intermediary
26 company thereof.

27 e. The Joint Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards and
28 the State Ethics Commission, as appropriate, shall forthwith
29 determine and publish, and periodically update, a list of those
30 positions in State government with responsibility for matters
31 affecting casino, medical cannabis activity, or personal use cannabis
32 activity.

33 f. (1) No person shall solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any
34 complimentary service or discount from any casino applicant or
35 licensee which he knows or has reason to know is other than a
36 service or discount that is offered to members of the general public
37 in like circumstance.

38 (2) No person shall solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any
39 complimentary service or discount from any holder of, or applicant
40 for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,
41 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit issued
42 pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or any entity that
43 employs any certified medical cannabis handler to perform transfers
44 or deliveries of medical cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis
45 manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis
46 retailer, or cannabis delivery service license issued pursuant to
47 P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.) or any entity that employs or uses
48 a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on

1 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery
2 service which the person knows or has reason to know is other than
3 a service or discount that is offered to members of the general
4 public in like circumstance.

5 g. (1) No person shall influence, or attempt to influence, by use
6 of his official authority, the decision of the Casino Control
7 Commission or the investigation of the Division of Gaming
8 Enforcement in any application for casino licensure or in any
9 proceeding to enforce the provisions of this act or the regulations of
10 the commission. Any such attempt shall be promptly reported to the
11 Attorney General; provided, however, that nothing in this section
12 shall be deemed to proscribe a request for information by any
13 person concerning the status of any application for licensure or any
14 proceeding to enforce the provisions of this act or the regulations of
15 the commission.

16 (2) No person shall influence, or attempt to influence, by use of
17 the person's official authority, the decision of the Cannabis
18 Regulatory Commission in any application for a medical cannabis
19 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis
20 dispensary, or clinical registrant permit, or a cannabis cultivator,
21 cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor,
22 cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service license, or in any
23 proceeding to enforce the provisions of P.L.1981, c.142 (C.52:13D-
24 17.2 et al.), P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.), P.L.2021, c.16
25 (C.24:6I-31 et al.), or the regulations of the Cannabis Regulatory
26 Commission. Any such attempt shall be promptly reported to the
27 Attorney General; provided, however, that nothing in this section
28 shall be deemed to proscribe a request for information by any
29 person concerning the status of any permit or license application, or
30 any proceeding to enforce the provisions of P.L.1981, c.142
31 (C.52:13D-17.2 et al.), P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.), P.L.2021,
32 c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.), or the regulations of the Cannabis
33 Regulatory Commission.

34 h. Any person who willfully violates the provisions of this
35 section is a disorderly person and shall be subject to a fine not to
36 exceed \$1,000, or imprisonment not to exceed six months, or both.

37 In addition, for violations of subsection c. of this section
38 occurring after the effective date of P.L.2005, c.382, a civil penalty
39 of not less than \$500 nor more than \$10,000 shall be imposed upon
40 a former State officer or employee or former special State officer or
41 employee of a State agency in the Executive Branch upon a finding
42 of a violation by the State Ethics Commission, which penalty may
43 be collected in a summary proceeding pursuant to the "Penalty
44 Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).
45 (cf: P.L.2021, c.16, s.14)

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47 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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This bill would permit special State officers or employees who do not have responsibility for matters affecting cannabis or casino business activities to represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of cannabis and casino businesses. Under current law, only special State officers or employees serving in the Departments of Education, Health, Human Services, and the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education are excluded from the law prohibiting special State officers or employees from holding an interest in, representing, appearing for, or negotiating on behalf of cannabis and casino businesses.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 4268

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 4, 2024

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 4268.

This bill, as amended, would permit special State officers or employees who do not have responsibility for matters affecting medical cannabis or personal use cannabis business activities to represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of cannabis businesses, applicants for cannabis businesses, and certain other entities associated with cannabis business activities, such as an entity that employs or uses a medical or personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a cannabis business. Under current law, only special State officers or employees serving in the Departments of Education, Health, Human Services, and the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education are excluded from the law prohibiting special State officers or employees from representing, appearing for, or negotiating on behalf of such businesses, applicants, and other entities.

The committee amendments to the bill:

- reestablish the current prohibition on special State officers or employees who do not have responsibility for matters affecting casino business activities from representing, appearing for, or negotiating on behalf of casino businesses or casino license applicants;

- remove, as an unnecessary reference, the phrase “in connection with any cause, application, or matter,” which is tied to the current prohibition on special State officers or employees representing, appearing for, or negotiating on behalf of a cannabis business, applicant for a cannabis business, or certain other entities associated with a cannabis business; the quoted phrase is no longer needed due to the bill’s intent to permit these officers and employees to represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of such businesses in any manner of settings; and

- update the bills synopsis to reflect the changes made by the amendments.

STATEMENT TO
[First Reprint]
SENATE, No. 4268

with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Assemblyman DANIELSEN)

ADOPTED: JANUARY 8, 2024

These floor amendments would permit special State officers or employees who do not have responsibility for matters affecting casino business activities to represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of casino businesses.

ASSEMBLY, No. 5911

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 4, 2024

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOE DANIELSEN

District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)

SYNOPSIS

Permits certain special State officers to represent licensed cannabis and casino businesses.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning representation by special State officers or
2 employees of licensed cannabis and casino businesses and
3 amending P.L.1981, c.142.

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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 4 of P.L.1981, c.142 (C.52:13D-17.2) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 4. a. As used in this section "person" means:

11 (1) (a) with respect to casino activity, activity related to medical
12 cannabis authorized pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.),
13 and activity related to personal use cannabis authorized pursuant to
14 P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.): the Governor; the President of
15 the Senate; the Speaker of the General Assembly; any full-time
16 member of the Judiciary; any full-time professional employee of the
17 Office of the Governor; the head of a principal department; the
18 assistant or deputy heads of a principal department, including all
19 assistant and deputy commissioners; the head of any division of a
20 principal department;

21 (b) with respect to casino activity: any State officer or employee
22 subject to financial disclosure by law or executive order and any
23 other State officer or employee with responsibility for matters
24 affecting casino activity; any special State officer or employee with
25 responsibility for matters affecting casino activity; any member of
26 the Legislature; any full-time professional employee of the
27 Legislature; members of the Casino Reinvestment Development
28 Authority; or

29 (c) with respect to activity related to medical cannabis
30 authorized pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and
31 activity related to personal use cannabis authorized pursuant to
32 P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.): any State officer or employee
33 subject to financial disclosure by law or executive order and any
34 other State officer or employee with responsibility for matters
35 affecting medical cannabis activity or personal use cannabis
36 activity; any special State officer or employee with responsibility
37 for matters affecting medical cannabis activity or personal use
38 cannabis activity; members of the Cannabis Regulatory
39 Commission; or

40 (2) (a) any member of the governing body, or the municipal
41 judge or the municipal attorney of a municipality wherein a casino
42 is located; any member of or attorney for the planning board or
43 zoning board of adjustment of a municipality wherein a casino is
44 located, or any professional planner, or consultant regularly

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 employed or retained by such planning board or zoning board of
2 adjustment; or

3 (b) any member of the governing body or the municipal judge of
4 a municipality, any member of the planning board or zoning board
5 of adjustment, or any professional planner, or consultant regularly
6 employed or retained by such planning board or zoning board of
7 adjustment, of a municipality wherein a medical cannabis
8 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis
9 dispensary, or clinical registrant issued a permit pursuant to
10 P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.), or wherein a cannabis cultivator,
11 cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor,
12 cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service issued a license
13 pursuant to P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.), is located.

14 b. (1) No State officer or employee, nor any person, nor any
15 member of the immediate family of any State officer or employee,
16 or person, nor any partnership, firm, or corporation with which any
17 such State officer or employee or person is associated or in which
18 he has an interest, nor any partner, officer, director, or employee
19 while he is associated with such partnership, firm, or corporation,
20 shall hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold employment
21 with, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, any holder
22 of, or applicant for, a casino license, or any holding or intermediary
23 company with respect thereto, in connection with any cause,
24 application, or matter, except as provided in section 3 of P.L.2009,
25 c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3), and except that (a) a State officer or
26 employee other than a State officer or employee included in the
27 definition of person, and (b) a member of the immediate family of a
28 State officer or employee, or of a person, may hold employment
29 with the holder of, or applicant for, a casino license if, in the
30 judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint Legislative
31 Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court, as
32 appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the
33 responsibilities of the State officer or employee, or person, and will
34 not create a conflict of interest, or reasonable risk of the public
35 perception of a conflict of interest, on the part of the State officer or
36 employee, or person.

37 No special State officer or employee without responsibility for
38 matters affecting casino activity, excluding those serving in the
39 Departments of Education, Health, **[and]** Human Services, and the
40 Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, shall hold, directly or
41 indirectly, an interest in **[**, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on
42 behalf of,**]** any holder of, or applicant for, a casino license, or any
43 holding or intermediary company with respect thereto **[**, in
44 connection with any cause, application, or matter**]**. However, a
45 special State officer or employee without responsibility for matters
46 affecting casino activity may hold employment directly with, or
47 may represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, any holder of
48 or applicant for a casino license or any holding or intermediary

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1 company thereof and if so employed may hold, directly or
2 indirectly, an interest in, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on
3 behalf of, that employer, except as otherwise prohibited by law.

4 (2) No State officer or employee, nor any person, nor any
5 member of the immediate family of any State officer or employee,
6 or person, nor any partnership, firm, or corporation with which any
7 such State officer or employee or person is associated or in which
8 he has an interest, nor any partner, officer, director, or employee
9 while he is associated with such partnership, firm, or corporation,
10 shall hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold employment
11 with, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, or derive
12 any remuneration, payment, benefit, or any other thing of value for
13 any services, including but not limited to consulting or similar
14 services, from any holder of, or applicant for, a license, permit, or
15 other approval to conduct Internet gaming, or any holding or
16 intermediary company with respect thereto, or any Internet gaming
17 affiliate of any holder of, or applicant for, a casino license, or any
18 holding or intermediary company with respect thereto, or any
19 business, association, enterprise, or other entity that is organized, in
20 whole or in part, for the purpose of promoting, advocating for, or
21 advancing the interests of the Internet gaming industry generally or
22 any Internet gaming-related business or businesses in connection
23 with any cause, application, or matter, except as provided in section
24 3 of P.L.2009, c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3), and except that (a) a State
25 officer or employee other than a State officer or employee included
26 in the definition of person, and (b) a member of the immediate
27 family of a State officer or employee, or of a person, may hold
28 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a license, permit,
29 or other approval to conduct Internet gaming, or any holding or
30 intermediary company with respect thereto, or any Internet gaming
31 affiliate of any holder of, or applicant for, a casino license, or any
32 holding or intermediary company with respect thereto if, in the
33 judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint Legislative
34 Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court, as
35 appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the
36 responsibilities of the State officer or employee, or person, and will
37 not create a conflict of interest, or reasonable risk of the public
38 perception of a conflict of interest, on the part of the State officer or
39 employee, or person.

40 (3) No State officer or employee, nor any person, nor any
41 member of the immediate family of any State officer or employee,
42 or person, nor any partnership, firm, or corporation with which any
43 such State officer or employee or person is associated or in which
44 he has an interest, nor any partner, officer, director, or employee
45 while he is associated with such partnership, firm, or corporation,
46 shall hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold employment
47 with, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, any holder
48 of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis

1 manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant
2 permit issued pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or any
3 entity that employs any certified medical cannabis handler to
4 perform transfers or deliveries of medical cannabis, or any holding
5 or intermediary company with respect thereto, or a cannabis
6 cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis
7 distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service license
8 issued pursuant to P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.), or any entity
9 that employs or uses a certified personal use cannabis handler to
10 perform work for or on behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment,
11 distributor, or delivery service, or any holding or intermediary
12 company with respect thereto, in connection with any cause,
13 application, or matter, except as provided in section 3 of P.L.2009,
14 c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3), and except that (a) a State officer or
15 employee other than a State officer or employee included in the
16 definition of person, and (b) a member of the immediate family of a
17 State officer or employee, or of a person, may hold employment
18 with the holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator,
19 medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or
20 clinical registrant permit or any entity that employs any certified
21 medical cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of
22 medical cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer,
23 cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or
24 cannabis delivery service license or any entity that employs or uses
25 a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on
26 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery
27 service, if, in the judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the
28 Joint Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme
29 Court, as appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the
30 responsibilities of the State officer or employee, or person, and will
31 not create a conflict of interest, or reasonable risk of the public
32 perception of a conflict of interest, on the part of the State officer or
33 employee, or person.

34 No special State officer or employee without responsibility for
35 matters affecting medical cannabis activity or personal use cannabis
36 activity, excluding those serving in the Departments of Education,
37 Health, **[and]** Human Services, and the Office of the Secretary of
38 Higher Education, shall hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in **[**,
39 or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of,**]** any holder of,
40 or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis
41 manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant
42 permit or any entity that employs any certified medical cannabis
43 handler to perform transfers or deliveries of medical cannabis, or
44 any holding or intermediary company with respect thereto, or a
45 cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler,
46 cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service
47 license or any entity that employs or uses a certified personal use
48 cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a licensed

1 cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service, or any
2 holding or intermediary company with respect thereto [, in
3 connection with any cause, application, or matter]. However, a
4 special State officer or employee without responsibility for matters
5 affecting medical cannabis activity or personal use cannabis activity
6 may hold employment directly with, or may represent, appear for,
7 or negotiate on behalf of, any holder of or applicant for a medical
8 cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical
9 cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit, or any entity that
10 employs any certified medical cannabis handler to perform transfers
11 or deliveries of medical cannabis, or any holding or intermediary
12 company thereof, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer,
13 cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or
14 cannabis delivery service license or any entity that employs or uses
15 a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on
16 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery
17 service, or any holding or intermediary company with respect
18 thereto, and if so employed may hold, directly or indirectly, an
19 interest in, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, that
20 employer, except as otherwise prohibited by law.

21 c. (1) No person or any member of his immediate family, nor any
22 partnership, firm, or corporation with which such person is
23 associated or in which he has an interest, nor any partner, officer,
24 director, or employee while he is associated with such partnership,
25 firm or corporation, shall, within two years next subsequent to the
26 termination of the office or employment of such person, hold,
27 directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold employment with, or
28 represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, any holder of, or
29 applicant for, a casino license in connection with any cause,
30 application or matter, or any holding or intermediary company with
31 respect to such holder of, or applicant for, a casino license in
32 connection with any phase of casino development, permitting,
33 licensure, or any other matter whatsoever related to casino activity,
34 except as provided in section 3 of P.L.2009, c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3),
35 and except that:

36 (a) a member of the immediate family of a person may hold
37 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a casino license if,
38 in the judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint
39 Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court,
40 as appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the
41 responsibilities of the person and will not create a conflict of
42 interest, or reasonable risk of the public perception of a conflict of
43 interest, on the part of the person;

44 (b) an employee who is terminated as a result of a reduction in
45 the workforce at the agency where employed, other than an
46 employee who held a policy-making management position at any
47 time during the five years prior to termination of employment, may,
48 at any time prior to the end of the two-year period, accept

1 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a casino license if,
2 in the judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint
3 Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court,
4 as appropriate, such employment will not create a conflict of
5 interest, or reasonable risk of the public perception of a conflict of
6 interest, on the part of the employee. In no case shall the restrictions
7 of this subsection apply to a secretarial or clerical employee.

8 Nothing herein contained shall alter or amend the post-
9 employment restrictions applicable to members and employees of
10 the Casino Control Commission and employees and agents of the
11 Division of Gaming Enforcement pursuant to paragraph (2) of
12 subsection e. of section 59 and section 60 of P.L.1977, c.110
13 (C.5:12-59 and C.5:12-60); and

14 (c) any partnership, firm, or corporation engaged in the practice
15 of law or in providing any other professional services with which
16 any person included in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1)
17 of subsection a. of this section, or a member of the immediate
18 family of that person, is associated, and any partner, officer,
19 director, or employee thereof, other than that person, or immediate
20 family member, may represent, appear for or negotiate on behalf of
21 any holder of, or applicant for, a casino license in connection with
22 any cause, application or matter or any holding company or
23 intermediary company with respect to such holder of, or applicant
24 for, a casino license in connection with any phase of casino
25 development, permitting, licensure or any other matter whatsoever
26 related to casino activity, and that person or immediate family
27 member shall not be barred from association with such partnership,
28 firm or corporation, if for a period of two years next subsequent to
29 the termination of the person's office or employment, the person or
30 immediate family member (i) is screened from personal
31 participation in any such representation, appearance or negotiation;
32 and (ii) is associated with the partnership, firm or corporation in a
33 position which does not entail any equity interest in the partnership,
34 firm or corporation. The exception provided in this subparagraph
35 shall not apply to a former Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
36 Attorney General, member of the Legislature, person included in
37 subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of subsection a. of this section, or
38 to the members of their immediate families.

39 (2) No person or any member of the person's immediate family,
40 nor any partnership, firm, or corporation with which such person is
41 associated or in which the person has an interest, nor any partner,
42 officer, director, or employee while the person is associated with
43 such partnership, firm, or corporation, shall, within two years next
44 subsequent to the termination of the office or employment of such
45 person, hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold
46 employment with, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf
47 of, any holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator,
48 medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or

1 clinical registrant permit issued pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307
2 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or any entity that employs any certified medical
3 cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of medical
4 cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis
5 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis
6 delivery service license issued pursuant to P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-
7 31 et al.) or any entity that employs or uses a certified personal use
8 cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a licensed
9 cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service in
10 connection with any cause, application, or matter, or any holding or
11 intermediary company with respect to such holder of, or applicant
12 for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,
13 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit or any
14 entity that employs any certified medical cannabis handler to
15 perform transfers or deliveries of medical cannabis, or a cannabis
16 cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis
17 distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service license or
18 any entity that employs or uses a certified personal use cannabis
19 handler to perform work for or on behalf of a licensed cannabis
20 establishment, distributor, or delivery service in connection with
21 any phase of development, permitting, licensure, or any other
22 matter whatsoever related to medical cannabis activity or personal
23 use cannabis activity, except as provided in section 3 of P.L.2009,
24 c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3), and except that:

25 (a) a member of the immediate family of a person may hold
26 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis
27 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis
28 dispensary, or clinical registrant permit issued pursuant to P.L.2009,
29 c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or any entity that employs any certified
30 medical cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of
31 medical cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer,
32 cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or
33 cannabis delivery service license issued pursuant to P.L.2021, c.16
34 (C.24:6I-31 et al.) or any entity that employs or uses a certified
35 personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a
36 licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service if,
37 in the judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint
38 Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court,
39 as appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the
40 responsibilities of the person and will not create a conflict of
41 interest, or reasonable risk of the public perception of a conflict of
42 interest, on the part of the person;

43 (b) an employee who is terminated as a result of a reduction in
44 the workforce at the agency where employed, other than an
45 employee who held a policy-making management position at any
46 time during the five years prior to termination of employment, may,
47 at any time prior to the end of the two-year period, accept
48 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis

1 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis
2 dispensary, or clinical registrant permit or any entity that employs
3 any certified medical cannabis handler to perform transfers or
4 deliveries of medical cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis
5 manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis
6 retailer, or cannabis delivery service license or any entity that
7 employs or uses a certified personal use cannabis handler to
8 perform work for or on behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment,
9 distributor, or delivery service if, in the judgment of the State Ethics
10 Commission, the Joint Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards,
11 or the Supreme Court, as appropriate, such employment will not
12 create a conflict of interest, or reasonable risk of the public
13 perception of a conflict of interest, on the part of the employee. In
14 no case shall the restrictions of this subsection apply to a secretarial
15 or clerical employee. Nothing herein contained shall alter or amend
16 the post-service or post-employment restrictions applicable to
17 members and employees of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission
18 pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection c. of section 34 and section
19 35 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-27 and C.24:6I-28); and

20 (c) any partnership, firm, or corporation engaged in the practice
21 of law or in providing any other professional services with which
22 any person included in subparagraphs (a) and (c) of paragraph (1) of
23 subsection a. of this section, or a member of the immediate family
24 of that person, is associated, and any partner, officer, director, or
25 employee thereof, other than that person, or immediate family
26 member, may represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of any
27 holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical
28 cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical
29 registrant permit or any entity that employs any certified medical
30 cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of medical
31 cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis
32 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis
33 delivery service license or any entity that employs or uses a
34 certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on
35 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery
36 service in connection with any cause, application, or matter or any
37 holding company or intermediary company with respect to such
38 holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical
39 cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical
40 registrant permit or any entity that employs any certified medical
41 cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of medical
42 cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis
43 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis
44 delivery service license or any entity that employs or uses a
45 certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on
46 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery
47 service in connection with any phase of development, permitting,
48 licensing, or any other matter whatsoever related to medical

1 cannabis activity or personal use cannabis activity, and that person
2 or immediate family member shall not be barred from association
3 with such partnership, firm, or corporation, if for a period of two
4 years next subsequent to the termination of the person's office or
5 employment, the person or immediate family member (i) is
6 screened from personal participation in any such representation,
7 appearance or negotiation; and (ii) is associated with the
8 partnership, firm, or corporation in a position which does not entail
9 any equity interest in the partnership, firm, or corporation. The
10 exception provided in this subparagraph shall not apply to a former
11 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, the President of
12 the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, to a person
13 included in subparagraph (b) of paragraph (2) of subsection a. of
14 this section, or to the members of their immediate families.

15 d. This section shall not apply to the spouse of a State officer
16 or employee, which State officer or employee is without
17 responsibility for matters affecting casino, medical cannabis, or
18 personal use cannabis activity, who becomes the spouse subsequent
19 to the State officer's or employee's appointment or employment as a
20 State officer or employee and who is not individually or directly
21 employed by a holder of, or applicant for, a casino license, medical
22 cannabis permit, personal use cannabis license, or any entity that
23 employs or uses a certified personal use cannabis handler to
24 perform work for or on behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment,
25 distributor, or delivery service, or any holding or intermediary
26 company thereof.

27 e. The Joint Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards and
28 the State Ethics Commission, as appropriate, shall forthwith
29 determine and publish, and periodically update, a list of those
30 positions in State government with responsibility for matters
31 affecting casino, medical cannabis activity, or personal use cannabis
32 activity.

33 f. (1) No person shall solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any
34 complimentary service or discount from any casino applicant or
35 licensee which he knows or has reason to know is other than a
36 service or discount that is offered to members of the general public
37 in like circumstance.

38 (2) No person shall solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any
39 complimentary service or discount from any holder of, or applicant
40 for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,
41 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit issued
42 pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or any entity that
43 employs any certified medical cannabis handler to perform transfers
44 or deliveries of medical cannabis, or a cannabis cultivator, cannabis
45 manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis
46 retailer, or cannabis delivery service license issued pursuant to
47 P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.) or any entity that employs or uses
48 a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on

1 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery
2 service which the person knows or has reason to know is other than
3 a service or discount that is offered to members of the general
4 public in like circumstance.

5 g. (1) No person shall influence, or attempt to influence, by use
6 of his official authority, the decision of the Casino Control
7 Commission or the investigation of the Division of Gaming
8 Enforcement in any application for casino licensure or in any
9 proceeding to enforce the provisions of this act or the regulations of
10 the commission. Any such attempt shall be promptly reported to the
11 Attorney General; provided, however, that nothing in this section
12 shall be deemed to proscribe a request for information by any
13 person concerning the status of any application for licensure or any
14 proceeding to enforce the provisions of this act or the regulations of
15 the commission.

16 (2) No person shall influence, or attempt to influence, by use of
17 the person's official authority, the decision of the Cannabis
18 Regulatory Commission in any application for a medical cannabis
19 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis
20 dispensary, or clinical registrant permit, or a cannabis cultivator,
21 cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor,
22 cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service license, or in any
23 proceeding to enforce the provisions of P.L.1981, c.142 (C.52:13D-
24 17.2 et al.), P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.), P.L.2021, c.16
25 (C.24:6I-31 et al.), or the regulations of the Cannabis Regulatory
26 Commission. Any such attempt shall be promptly reported to the
27 Attorney General; provided, however, that nothing in this section
28 shall be deemed to proscribe a request for information by any
29 person concerning the status of any permit or license application, or
30 any proceeding to enforce the provisions of P.L.1981, c.142
31 (C.52:13D-17.2 et al.), P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.), P.L.2021,
32 c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.), or the regulations of the Cannabis
33 Regulatory Commission.

34 h. Any person who willfully violates the provisions of this
35 section is a disorderly person and shall be subject to a fine not to
36 exceed \$1,000, or imprisonment not to exceed six months, or both.

37 In addition, for violations of subsection c. of this section
38 occurring after the effective date of P.L.2005, c.382, a civil penalty
39 of not less than \$500 nor more than \$10,000 shall be imposed upon
40 a former State officer or employee or former special State officer or
41 employee of a State agency in the Executive Branch upon a finding
42 of a violation by the State Ethics Commission, which penalty may
43 be collected in a summary proceeding pursuant to the "Penalty
44 Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).
45 (cf: P.L.2021, c.16, s.14)

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47 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5911

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 4, 2024

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FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill has not been certified for a fiscal note.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/16/2024

TRENTON – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

SCS for S-281/ACS for A-3791 (Greenstein, Turner/Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson) – w/STATEMENT - Concerns automatic fire sprinkler systems within newly constructed townhouses
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S-539wGR/A-2140 (Ruiz, Pou/Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Mosquera) - Permits online purchase of eligible foods using WIC funds and use of WIC funds for grocery delivery ch

S-659/A-2014 (Oroho, Greenstein/Conaway, Wirths, Umba) - "Manufacturing in Higher Education Act"; requires various State entities to promote manufacturing career pathways students and provides assistance to manufacturing industry

S-1110/A-3936 (Polistina, Singleton/Guardian, Swift, McClellan) - Authorizes CRDA to finance transportation projects between Atlantic City Airport and Atlantic City Tourism Dis

S-1662/A-3526 (Ruiz, Codey/Lampitt, Benson, Sauickie) - Requires NJ Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council to prepare report regarding suicide prevention instruction in pu schools

S-1680wGR/A-2257 (Pou, Ruiz/Murphy, Quijano, Wimberly) - Designates each community college in State as provider of allowable services under SNAP employment and training program

S-2076/ACS for A-3319 (Zwicker, Greenstein/McKnight, Lampitt) - Establishes "Twelfth Grade Postsecondary Transition Year Pilot Program" in Department of Education

S-2535wGR/A-4048 (Polistina, Pou/Benson, McKnight, Reynolds-Jackson, Carter) - Requires health benefits coverage of hearing aids and cochlear implants

S-2841/A-4292 (Scutari, Bramnick/Carter) - Raises minimum amount of liability coverage for commercial motor vehicles and autocabs

SCS for S-3080/ACS for-398 (Ruiz, Burgess/Caputo, Giblin, Tucker) - Establishes position of Youth Disconnection Prevention and Recovery Ombudsperson; establishes "School Disconnection Prevention Task Force"; appropriates \$200,000

S-3102/A-4715 (Smith, Singleton/Stanley, Benson) - Establishes uptime requirement for electric vehicle charging station incentive programs

S-3176/A-4760 (Greenstein, Smith/Swain, Haider, Tully) - Requires DEP and Drinking Water Quality Institute to perform study concerning regulation and treatment of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances

SCS for S-3632 and 3649w/GR/ACS for A-1948 (Johnson, Cryan/Haider, Conaway, Quijano) - Requires labeling of non-flushable disposable wipes

S-3758/A-5343 (Cryan/Karabinchak) - Changes deadline for unaffiliated mail-in voters to declare their political party before primary election

S-3837/A-5438 (Pou, Cruz-Perez/Pintor Marin, Wimberly) - Clarifies process for administrative appropriations to UEZs

S-3897/A-5578 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Jasey, Carter, Reynolds-Jackson) - Authorizes Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to award annual summer tuition aid grants

S-4040/A-5881 (Polistina, Lagana/Tully, Guardian, Swift) - Concerns jurisdiction and operations of regional municipal courts

S-4084/A-5851 (Ruiz, Cruz-Perez/Moriarty, Calabrese, Moen) - Concerns temporary registration certificates and license plates

S-4130/A-5849 (Codey/Jasey, Tucker) - Special legislation to change name of "Township of South Orange Village" to "South Orange Village"; changes titles of certain municipal officials; permits nonpartisan municipal elections to be moved to November; permits stipend for governing body members

S-4206/A-5856 (Sarlo/Calabrese) - Changes number of signatures required on primary election petition to nominate certain municipal candidates in certain municipalities

S-4209/A-5879 (Sarlo/Pintor Marin) - Eliminates vote on school budgets for Type II school districts in April elections, except for separate proposals to spend above cap

S-4268/A-5911 (Scutari/Danielsen) - Permits certain special State officers to represent cannabis businesses

A-203/S-2884 (Rooney, Benson, Caputo/A.M. Bucco) - Authorizes creation of special license plates commemorating horse as State animal

A-1100/S-995 (Calabrese, Mukherji, McKnight/Ruiz, Stack) - Requires entities to remove abandoned lines and mark information on certain lines

A-1107/S-770 (Chaparro, Murphy, Mukherji/Pou, Beach) - Directs Chief Technology Officer to conduct study on impacts of redacting handwritten signatures published on State websites; allows for protocols for such redactions to be established by rules and regulations

ACS for A-1255/SS for S-1794 (Stanley, Conaway, Benson/Gopal, Singer) - Updates requirements and standards for authorization and prior authorization of health care services

A-1727/S-3300 (Speight, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/Stanfield, Ruiz) - Requires Attorney General to perform outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking under certain circumstances

A-1729/S-3550 (Speight, Reynolds-Jackson, McKnight/Greenstein, Ruiz) - Requires AG to address human trafficking in underserved communities

A-1755/S-2505 (McKeon, Calabrese, Conaway/Smith, Greenstein) - Requires installation of operational automatic rain sensor or smart sprinkler as condition of sale of certain properties, and on certain commercial, retail, and industrial properties and common interest communities within specified timeframes

A-2146wGR/S-855 (Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Sumter/Singleton, Beach) - Creates State business assistance program to establish contracting agency procurement goals for socially and economically disadvantaged business enterprises

A-2581/S-2503 (Lampitt, Park/Beach) - Provides that certain cosmetology and hairstyling courses may be taught using distance learning technology

A-3142/S-1564 (Moen, Moriarty, Benson/Singleton, Corrado) - Authorizes grants to purchase and rehabilitate abandoned homes for homeless veterans

A-3211/S-2302 (Speight, Haider, Swain/Gopal, Ruiz) - Establishes "New Jersey Feminine Hygiene Products for the Homeless Act"

A-3980/S-2706 (Speight, McKnight, Atkins/Zwicker, Turner) - Grants child placed in resource family care and resource family parents the right to be notified when case manager

supervisor is assigned to child; grants child in resource family care right to be notified of certain property and benefits

A-4033wGR/S-2657 (Coughlin, Wimberly/Sarlo, Ruiz) - Extends deadline for completion of school district's annual audit

A-4049/S-3495 (McKnight, Reynolds-Jackson, Benson/Vitale, Johnson) - Provides for presumptive eligibility for home and community-based services and services provided thru program of all-inclusive care for the elderly under Medicaid

A-4105/S-4202 (Lopez, Jimenez, Quijano/Vitale, Turner) - Establishes Interagency Council on Homelessness

A-4183/S-4264 (Haider/Singleton) - Concerns local unit filing requirement for certain shared services agreements

A-4212/S-2762 (Pintor Marin, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/Ruiz, Cunningham) - Establishes Center for Career Relevant Education and Talent Evaluation of New Jersey at Thomas Edison State University

A-4337/S-4156 (Conaway, Atkins, Rooney/Singleton, Pou) - Requires Department of Health to provide information to Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system regarding the location of disposal sites for hypodermic syringes and needles and prescription drugs

ACS for A-4496/SCS for S-3247 (Coughlin, Lampitt, Karabinchak, Wimberly/Zwicker, Greenstein) - Revises various provisions of law governing construction of school facilities projects and operations of New Jersey Schools Development Authority; establishes "Charter School and Renaissance School Project Facilities Loan Program" in EDA

A-4522/S-3234 (Moen, McKnight, Quijano/Singer, Singleton) - Requires certain disclosures by sellers of single-family homes with solar panels installed

A-4691/S-1530 (Swain, DeAngelo, Speight/Greenstein, Zwicker) - Requires hazard mitigation plans to include climate change-related threat assessments and hazard prevention mitigation strategies

A-4723/S-2740 (McKeon, Moriarty, Rooney/Codey, Scutari) - Requires motor vehicle dealer to offer to delete personal information in motor vehicles in certain situations

A-4791/S-3184 (Kennedy, Haider, McKeon/Diegnan, Sarlo) - Establishes "Resiliency and Environmental System Investment Charge Program"

ACS for A-4794/S-3224 (Benson, Mukherji/Singleton, Turner) - Requires request for proposal to establish demonstration projects to develop electric vehicle charging depots served by distributed energy resource charging centers for certain electric vehicle use

A-4814/S-1023 (Moen, Wimberly/Singleton, Gopal) - Removes expected family contribution from calculation of financial need under circumstances in which public institutions or higher education may reduce student's institutional financial aid

ACS for A-4821 and 4823wGR/S-3283 (Karabinchak, Conaway, Schaer/Greenstein, Zwicker) - Directs DEP to take certain actions concerning identification and testing of microplastics in drinking water, and requires DEP and BPU to study and promote use of microplastics removal technologies

A-4955/S-3531 (S. Kean, Thomson/Singer, Gopal) - Designates portion of State Highway Route 71 as "John Tarantino Highway"

A-5094/S-3476 (Spearman/Beach, Greenstein) - Concerns licensing of security officer companies

A-5227/S-3662 (Danielsen, Space/Smith, Oroho) - Expands eligibility for "fishing buddy license" fee

A-5285/SCS for S-3708 (Greenwald, Haider, Lopez/Greenstein, A.M. Bucco) - Requires copies of certain law enforcement records to be provided to victims of domestic violence upon request

A-5293/S-3746 (Greenwald, McKnight, Rooney/Gopal, Ruiz) - Concerns New Jersey Civic Information Consortium

A-5311/S-3061 (Verrelli, McKnight, Matsikoudis/Stanfield, Turner) - Enters New Jersey into Counseling Compact

A-5391/S-3765 (DeAngelo/Diegnan, Corrado) - Imposes conditions on drivers approaching disabled vehicles

A-5412/S-3850 (Greenwald, Swain, Jasey/Gopal, Singer) - Establishes nonpublic school transportation program to provide funding to consortiums of nonpublic schools that will assume responsibility for mandated nonpublic school busing

A-5416wGR/S-3883 (Wimberly, Giblin, Haider/Greenstein, Turner) - Requires State Board of Education to authorize alternate route to expedite teacher certification of persons employed as paraprofessionals in school districts

A-5442/S-3793 (Karabinchak, Conaway, McKeon/Smith, Greenstein) - Directs BPU to conduct study to determine feasibility, marketability, and costs of implementing large-scale geothermal heat pump systems in State

A-5462/S-3867 (Coughlin, McKnight, Speight/Vitale, Turner) - Revises law establishing Office of Food Security Advocate, and establishes certain conditions for use of monies appropriated to emergency food organizations

ACS for A-5495/SCS for S-3846 (Danielsen/Scutari, A.M. Bucco) - Clarifies types of firearms allowed to be carried or transported while hunting

A-5516/S-4047 (Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli, Conaway/Burgess, Turner) - Requires certain health care professionals to undergo bias training

A-5565/S-3971 (S. Kean, Thomson/Gopal) - Provides that 10-year term does not apply to lease of certain municipal properties unless they are waterfront properties or related to waterfront concessions

A-5567/S-3807 (Torrissi, Calabrese/A.M. Bucco, Sarlo) - Extends period of usefulness of fire engines for bonding purposes from 10 to 20 years; eliminates exclusion of passenger cars and station wagons

A-5582/S-3781 (Swain, Simonsen/Lagana, Cryan) - Establishes grant program for NJ YouthBuild programs through DOLWD; makes appropriation

A-5610wGR/S-3954 (Greenwald, Spearman, Chaparro/Beach, A.M. Bucco) - Revises penalties for possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage persons

A-5748/S-4166 (Spearman, Moen, Moriarty/Cruz-Perez, Madden) - Amends definition of "participating county" under County Option Hospital Fee Program

A-5755/S-4183 (Carter, Sumter, Wimberly, Quijano/Scutari, Singleton) - Enhances notice requirements and occupancy restrictions for hotels and multiple dwellings following determination of potentially hazardous condition

A-5799/S-1472 (Moen, Moriarty/Beach, Stack) - Authorizes DOT to establish and administer toll collection and enforcement system on behalf of NJ toll authorities and to enter into reciprocal agreements for enforcement of toll violations with toll authorities from other states

A-5806/S-4165 (Moriarty, Sauickie/Greenstein, Oroho) - Appropriates \$48 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreational and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects, and Green Acres Program administrative costs

A-5807/S-4138 (Freiman/Johnson, Schepisi) - Appropriates \$58 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

A-5808/S-4135 (Park, Freiman, Lopez/Beach, Turner) - Appropriates \$15,564,293 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for grants for certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses

A-5809/S-4097 (Swain, Lopez, Sauickie/Zwicker, Gopal) - Amends lists of projects eligible to receive loans for environmental infrastructure projects from NJ Infrastructure Bank FY 2024

A-5810/S-4098 (Sampson, Sauickie, Lopez/Greenstein, Stanfield) - Amends lists of environmental infrastructure projects approved for long-term funding by DEP under FY 2024 environmental infrastructure funding program

A-5828/S-4201 (Lopez/Vitale) - Authorizes State Treasurer to sell as surplus certain real property and improvements in Township of Woodbridge in Middlesex County

A-5835/S-4134 (Greenwald, Lampitt/Beach, Turner) - Authorizes regional authority to develop and operate regional rehabilitation and reentry center

A-5836/S-4212 (DeAngelo, Sumter, Wimberly/Gopal, Greenstein) - Makes supplemental appropriation of \$650,000 to New Jersey Division of State Police for trooper recruitment retention

A-5910/S-4266 (Egan/Codey) - Increases annual salary of certain public employees and officers

AJR-200/SJR-138 (Park, Freiman, Calabrese/Lagana) - Designates November 22 of each year as Kimchi Day

Governor Murphy pocket vetoed the following bills:

S-2989/A-1739 (Pou, Singer/McKeon, Quijano, Flynn) - Makes certain for-profit debt adjusters eligible for licensing to conduct business in State

S-3172/A-4689 (Gopal, Turner/Lampitt, Matsikoudis, McKnight) - Establishes teacher certification route for candidates with Montessori teaching credentials

S-3287/ACS for A-4852 and 1170 (Turner/Reynolds-Jackson, Jasey, Dunn, Wimberly, Calabrese, Spearman, Verrilli) - Requires institutions of higher education to maintain support policy governing use of naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray for opioid overdose emergencies

A-1476/S-930 (Benson, Dancer/Holzappel, Diegman) - Exempts certain motor vehicles that are owned by certain nutrition programs and certain nonprofit organizations that offer social services from motor vehicle registration fees

A-3642/S-665 (Wirhiths, Murphy, Benson, Oroho/Greenstein) - Requires MVC to place designation on motor vehicle's registration information indicating registrant is deaf

A-3945/S-1660 (Quijano, Reynolds-Jackson, Carter/Ruiz, Singleton) - Establishes "Male Teachers of Color Mentorship Pilot Program"; appropriates \$95,000

A-4177/S-2478 (Mosquera, Swain, McKnight, Tucker, Dunn/Ruiz, Vitale) - Extends duration of law requiring certain provider subsidy payments for child care services be based on enrollment

A-4396/S-2927 (Lampitt, Jasey, Caputo/Codey) - Establishes timelines for review and approval by Commissioner of Education of annual certified audits submitted by approved private schools for students with disabilities

A-4621/S-3156 (Mosquera, Greenwald, Swain/Madden) - Requires issuance of report on certain information and data on processing of applications for professional and occupational licenses and mandates review of training and call intake in Division of Consumer Affairs.

A-4740/S-2970 (Mukherji, DeAngelo, McKnight/Cruz-Perez, Turner) - Provides employee access to employee's employment records on file with DOLWD

A-5294/S-1825 (Greenwald, Swain, Rooney/Steinhardt, Sarlo, Doherty) - Exempts sales of investment metal bullion and investment coins from sales and use tax

A-5893/S-4228 (Karabinchak, Calabrese, Sauickie/Gopal, Sarlo) - Extends annual horse racing purse subsidies through State fiscal year 2029