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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Bullet proof vests--
A.G. may accept gift of,
or money for)

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NJSA _____
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Bill No. A1396 _____
Sponsor(s) Jackman and others _____
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Committee: Assembly _____
Senate _____

Amended during passage Yes ~~XXX~~ No
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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement	Yes	XXX (Below)
Committee Statement: Assembly	XXX	No
Senate	XXX	No
Fiscal Note	XXX	No
Veto Message	XXX	No
Message on signing	Yes	XXX

Following were printed:

Reports	XXX	No
Hearings	XXX	No

Sponsors' statement:

The purpose of this bill is to expressly permit the Attorney General to accept a donation of bulletproof vests or money to purchase such vests. This bill is in response to a recent opinion by the Attorney General which prohibited a direct donation to the Department of Law and Public Safety.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1396

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 13, 1982

By Assemblymen JACKMAN, VISOTCKY, HOLLENBECK, T. GALLO, JANISZEWSKI, CHARLES, DOYLE, CHINNICI, MUZIANI, WEIDEL, ZIMMER, LITTELL and HAYTAIAN

(Without Reference)

AN ACT concerning the donation of bulletproof vests to the State.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Any monetary donation by a private individual made avail-
2 able to the State which specifies the purchase of bulletproof vests,
3 or any donation of bulletproof vests which vests meet the require-
4 ments of those used as standard equipment by the Division of
5 State Police, shall be accepted by the Attorney General on behalf
6 of the State and distributed or appropriated for law enforcement
7 purposes. Any such monetary donation shall be included in the
8 annual appropriation bill and distributed in the same manner as
9 other appropriations.

1. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to expressly permit the Attorney General to accept a donation of bulletproof vests or money to purchase such vests. This bill is in response to a recent opinion by the Attorney General which prohibited a direct donation to the Department of Law and Public Safety.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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JUNE 21, 1982

Governor Thomas H. Kean, in a public ceremony in his outer office, today signed legislation permitting private individuals to donate to the State either bullet-proof vests or money toward the purchase of such vests for New Jersey State Police Officers.

Under the bill, A-1396, sponsored by Assemblyman Christopher Jackman (D-Hudson) and others, the Attorney General will be required to accept monetary donations expressly for the purchase of vests for the Division of State Police. The donations will be considered part of the Division's annual appropriation.

The Attorney General will also be required to accept gifts of vests themselves, provided they meet the standards set by the Division.

The bill was in response to a recent opinion by the Attorney General prohibiting direct donations of vests, or money earmarked for vests, to the Department of Law and Public Safety. Financier Robert Brennan of Brielle, who has offered to donate \$180,000 toward the purchase of bullet-proof vests, and whose offer was the subject of the Attorney General's opinion, attended today's bill signing with Governor Kean.

The legislation takes effect immediately.

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Press release incorrect: not an Attorney General opinion, but
an oral statement before Judiciary Committee.