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Senate, No. 2709

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SENATE, No. 2709

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 26, 2022

Sponsored by:

Senator NILSA I. CRUZ-PEREZ

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

Senator ROBERT W. SINGER

District 30 (Monmouth and Ocean)

Assemblyman WILLIAM F. MOEN, JR.

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

SYNOPSIS

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(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/26/2023)

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ASSEMBLY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2709

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2022

The Assembly State and Local Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2709.

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As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4524, which was also reported by the committee on this same date.

SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2709

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

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INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

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Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

03/13/2023

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

S-297/A-493 (Greenstein, Madden/Murphy, Benson, Calabrese) - Requires public agencies and government contractors to report cybersecurity incidents to Homeland Security and Preparedness

S-428/ACS for A-3039 (Smith, Oroho/Thomson, Calabrese, Freiman) - Extends Right to Farm Act protections to certain shellfish aquaculture activities

S-743/A-189 (Lagana, Johnson/Rooney, McKeon) - Requires publication of certain information related to toll discounts on E-ZPass website

S-2709/A-4524 (Cruz-Perez, Singer/Moen) - Permits appointment of additional alternate deputy registrars

S-3124/A-4792 (Diegnan/Benson, Spearman, Wimberly) - Changes definition of eligible contract for DOT grant program to compensate certain contractors affected by supply chain shortages

AJR-171/SJR-79 (Mosquera, Lampitt, Chaparro/Ruiz, Cunningham) - Permanently designates first full week in April as “Week of the Young Child” in New Jersey

A-256/S-732 (Munoz, DeFuccio, Speight/Madden) - Requires certain health care facilities to adopt and implement policies to prevent exposure to surgical evacuation system