

5:8-25.3

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SENATE: ----

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SENATE: October 31, 2002

DATE OF APPROVAL: December 11, 2002

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[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (Original version of bill enacted)

A2678

[SPONSORS STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 3 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

SENATE: No

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

S1263

[SPONSORS STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 3 of original bill) [Yes](#)

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to A2578

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

Identical to Assembly Statement for A2578

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P.L. 2002, CHAPTER 115, *approved December 11, 2002*

Assembly, No. 2678

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2678

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 12, 2002

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman PATRICK DIEGNAN, JR.

District 18 (Middlesex)

Assemblyman JACK CONNERS

District 7 (Burlington and Camden)

Assemblyman PETER J. BARNES, JR.

District 18 (Middlesex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Stanley, Gusciora, Assemblywoman Friscia, Assemblymen Burzichelli, Sarlo, Cryan, Assemblywoman Stender, Assemblymen Guear, Wisniewski, Assemblywoman Perez-Cinciarelli, Assemblymen Ahearn, Chivukula, Fisher, Egan, Cottrell, Malone, Assemblywoman Cruz-Perez, Assemblymen Van Drew, Connors, Moran, Geist, Asselta, Conaway, D'Amato, Assemblywoman Previte, Assemblyman Corodemus, Senators Bucco, Martin, Sweeney, Singer, Connors, Vitale, Matheussen, Coniglio, Allen, Palaia and Inverso

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ASSEMBLY TOURISM AND GAMING COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2678

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 21, 2002

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SENATE, No. 1263

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 7, 2002

Sponsored by:

Senator ANTHONY R. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris)

Senator ROBERT J. MARTIN

District 26 (Morris and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

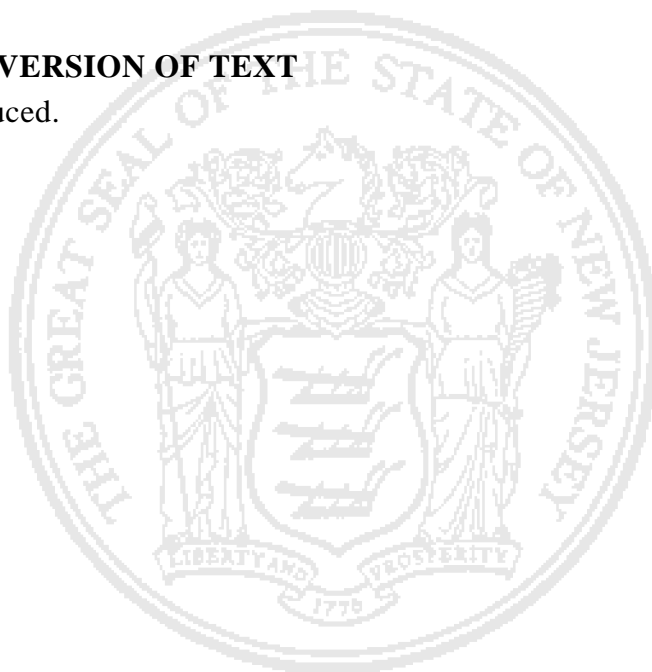
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SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND VETERANS'
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1263

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 17, 2002

The Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1263.

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