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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Mr. SALSBURG

Referred to Committee on Public Safety, Defense and Veterans Affairs

AN ACT concerning the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety, and providing for the establishment and maintenance of a modern mobile radiotelephone and intercommunicating system in the Division of State Police.

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

1 1. There shall be established in the Division of State Police in the De-  
2 partment of Law and Public Safety under the direction of the Superintendent  
3 of State Police a modern, integrated mobile radiotelephone and intercom-  
4 municating system, which shall include sending and receiving stations at fixed  
5 State Police headquarters and State Police stations and in State Police  
6 mobile units and at such other locations as the police problems of the State  
7 may require for full operational control, for the prompt collection and dis-  
8 tribution of police information throughout the State, and for use in disaster  
9 operations.

1 2. The Superintendent of State Police shall equip State Police headquar-  
2 ters, State Police stations and State Police mobile units with proper modern  
3 radiotelephone and intercommunicating facilities which shall be integrated  
4 into the said system.

1 3. When, in the opinion of the Superintendent of State Police, it will not  
2 interfere with State Police work, other New Jersey law enforcement agencies

3 may be permitted by the Attorney-General to make use of the said system.  
4 Any such permission shall be subject to the conditions which the Superin-  
5 tendent of State Police shall find necessary or desirable to impose.

1 4. The Superintendent of State Police, subject to the approval of the At-  
2 torney-General, is authorized and empowered to contract for the furnishing  
3 of modern mobile radiotelephone and intercommunicating service when, in  
4 the opinion of the Superintendent of State Police, such contract will provide  
5 for the most efficient service available. Any such contract shall be made sub-  
6 ject to appropriations made by law. With the approval of the State Treas-  
7 urer, any such contract may be entered into without competitive bidding.

1 5. The Superintendent of State Police is hereby authorized and em-  
2 powered to transfer title, on behalf of the State of New Jersey, to any mobile  
3 radiotelephone equipment and related facilities now owned by the State of  
4 New Jersey to any person, firm, or corporation which contracts to furnish the  
5 said service, upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the contractor and  
6 the Superintendent of State Police, all subject to the approval of the Attor-  
7 ney-General and the State Treasurer. The agreed upon purchase price of such  
8 equipment and related facilities shall be credited against the service charges  
9 during the first 12 months of operation under such contract.

1 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

The Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety is presently using mobile radiotelephone equipment, a large part of which is antiquated and obsolete, and which does not provide coverage throughout the State. In 1952, a study was made of the needs of the Division of State Police with respect to a modern mobile radiotelephone and associated intercommunicating service. As a result of that study, it was determined that instead of owning and maintaining such equipment, the best interests of the State would be served if

the present mobile radiotelephone equipment and related facilities were disposed of and the State enter into a contract for the furnishing of such service. By this means, the State will have the continuing benefit of up-to-date and modern equipment which will incorporate changing improvements in the art and, in addition, the advantage of prompt and effective maintenance of such equipment. This would relieve for police work State Police officers who were heretofore assigned to the technical and administrative phases of maintaining the State-owned equipment. In the opinion of the Superintendent of State Police and the head of the Department of Law and Public Safety, the State, by this change-over, will obtain a greatly improved, a more efficient and far-reaching service throughout the State.

The purpose of this bill is to enable the Superintendent of State Police to enter into a contract for such services and to dispose of existing obsolete equipment to the best advantage of the State. A portion of the funds necessary to enter into such a contract has already been anticipated and an appropriation for such purpose was made in the 1953-1954 Annual Appropriations Act.

Report, referred to in statement:

974.90      New Jersey. Division of State Police.  
P766          Com m unications survey report...  
1952          November 14, 1952.

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