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(Women police officers  
of the year---annual award)

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SPONSOR(S): Lipman

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SENATE: Law, Public Safety & Defense

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P.L.1991, CHAPTER 443, approved January 18, 1992

1990 Senate No. 2120

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b. Nominations for the award may be submitted by any municipal, county or State police department in the State, at any time during the year, to the Office of the Attorney General in the Department of Law and Public Safety with a written statement setting forth the reasons for the individual's nomination.

c. From the nominations submitted, the Attorney General shall recommend one candidate to the Governor who shall present the award in a public ceremony.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

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SENATE, No. 2120

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1990 SESSION

By Senator LIPMAN

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ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW AND  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2120

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 9, 1992

The Assembly Judiciary, Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2120.

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SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2120

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 7, 1990

The Senate Law, Public Safety and Defense Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2120.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1990 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.