

2A:44-19.1

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(Rug & carpet cleaning--  
unclaimed items)

NJSA: 2A:44-19.1

LAWS OF: 1991 CHAPTER: 480

BILL NO: A1102

SPONSOR(S): Schuber

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SENATE: Judiciary

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6 *State of New Jersey:*

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8 read as follows:

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12 clothing, wearing apparel (exclusive of furs), draperies, curtains,  
13 carpets or rugs, slipcovers or furniture covers, or ~~stores any of~~  
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16 services, storage, materials or supplies, or, in the event there  
17 has been no agreed charge, for the reasonable value thereof.  
18 (cf: P.L.1983, c.528, s.2)

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#### CIVIL JUSTICE

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1102  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1990 SESSION

By Assemblymen SCHUBER and ROMA

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STATEMENT

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25 and rugs the right to sell those carpets and rugs if they are left  
26 unclaimed for more than 90 days in order to cover the cost of  
27 the service performed. Before selling any unclaimed carpet or  
28 rug, the individual who performed the service is required to give  
29 the owner a 30 day advance notice that the carpet or rug is to  
30 be sold. Any proceeds in excess of the amount needed to cover  
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ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1102

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 21, 1991

The Assembly Judiciary, Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1102.

This bill amends N.J.S.A.2A:44-19.2 to grant individuals who clean, store, repair, dye or alter carpets and rugs the right to sell those carpets and rugs if they are left unclaimed for more than 90 days in order to cover the cost of the service performed. Before selling any unclaimed carpet or rug, the individual who performed the service is required to give the owner a 30 day advance notice that the carpet or rug is to be sold. Any proceeds in excess of the amount needed to cover the costs of the service performed and the notification of the owner of the sale of the items is to be sent to the owner, if possible. If the owner cannot be located, any excess moneys are to be held for six months and, if still unclaimed, given to the municipality.

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

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1102

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 19, 1991

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1102.

N.J.S.A.2A:44-19.1 et seq., establishes procedures which permits those engaged in dry cleaning, laundering and tailoring businesses to sell property which remains unclaimed for more than 90 days. Before selling any unclaimed property, the individual who performed the service is required to give the owner a 30 day advance notice that the property is to be sold. Any proceeds in excess of the amount needed to cover the costs of the service performed and the notification of the owner of the sale of the items is to be sent to the owner, if possible. If the owner cannot be located, any excess moneys are to be held for six months and, if still unclaimed, given to the municipality in which the business establishment is located. This bill would extend the provisions of N.J.S.A.2A:44-19.1 et seq. to cover persons engaged in the business of cleaning, storing, repairing or altering carpets and rugs.