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Senate, No. 1833

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SENATE, No. 1833

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 22, 2010

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH PENNACCHIO

District 26 (Morris and Passaic)

Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblywoman L. GRACE SPENCER

District 29 (Essex and Union)

Co-Sponsored by:

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SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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DATED: OCTOBER 7, 2010

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3462

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INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 8, 2010

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