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NJSA: App: A9-67 (Expands membership of Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force to include DOBI commissioner)

BILL NO: A974 (Substituted for S2637)

SPONSOR(S) Johnson and others

DATE INTRODUCED: January 12, 2010

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Homeland Security and State Preparedness

SENATE: Law and Public Safety

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** December 13, 2010

SENATE: March 21, 2011

DATE OF APPROVAL: May 4, 2011

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Introduced version of bill enacted)

A974

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill)	Yes
COMMITTEE STATEMENT:	ASSEMBLY: Yes
	SENATE: Yes

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:	No
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE:	No

S2637

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COMMITTEE STATEMENT:	ASSEMBLY: No
	SENATE: Yes
FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:	No
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE:	No

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P.L.2011, CHAPTER 62, *approved May 4, 2011*

Assembly, No. 974

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2 Preparedness Task Force and amending P.L.2001, c.246.

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19 Assistance, the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, all of
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31 position at the pleasure of the Governor. The chairperson shall act
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33 In the event the Governor shall appoint a public member as
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35 purposes of effectuating the purposes of this act. The task force
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37 which shall be approved by the Governor in accordance with the
38 provisions of section 5 of this act.

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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2 this act, as well as such clerical and other personnel as may be
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5 the State and shall be deemed confidential employees for the
6 purposes of the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act,"
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16 Force to include DOBI commissioner.

ASSEMBLY, No. 974

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2010 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON

District 37 (Bergen)

SYNOPSIS

Expands membership of Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force to include DOBI commissioner.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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21 and Insurance.

22 The Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force was established
23 in the wake of 9/11 to provide Statewide coordination and
24 supervision of all activities related to domestic preparedness for a
25 terrorist attack. The task force, which is in the Office of Homeland
26 Security and Preparedness, reports directly to the Governor. It is
27 statutorily charged with two primary responsibilities:

28 (1) Developing proposals to preserve and sustain domestic
29 security and to ensure a comprehensive program of domestic
30 preparedness, particularly with regard to New Jersey's
31 infrastructure, transportation system, telecommunications and
32 information systems, financial systems and network, health services
33 and the potential impact of terrorist attacks or sabotage involving
34 chemical or biological agents or nuclear weapons; and

35 (2) Developing, implementing and managing comprehensive
36 responses to terroristic attacks or other technological disasters.

37 It is important that this State's financial institutions be
38 represented in domestic security preparedness planning. In the
39 event of a terrorist attack or other disaster, insurance companies and
40 banks will be called upon to assess the situation and provide funds
41 to assist this State's citizens in repairing and rebuilding their
42 communities. This bill would ensure representation of these
43 institutions on the task force.

ASSEMBLY HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE
PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 974

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 8, 2010

The Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 974.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2010-2011 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 974

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DATED: JANUARY 20, 2011

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As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2637, also reported by the committee on this same date.

SENATE, No. 2637

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 10, 2011

Sponsored by:

Senator JOHN A. GIRGENTI

District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

Senator CHRISTOPHER "KIP" BATEMAN

District 16 (Morris and Somerset)

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