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Assembly, No. 1748

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2 c.225.

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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24 (cf. PL.2003, c.225, s.3)

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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31 Expands membership of Domestic Violence Fatality and Near
32 Fatality Review Board.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1748

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2010 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

District 15 (Mercer)

Assemblywoman CLEOPATRA G. TUCKER

District 28 (Essex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywomen Rodriguez and Greenstein

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1748

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 18, 2010

The Assembly Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1748.

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This bill was prefiled 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 HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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DATED: JUNE 13, 2011

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This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2272 (Gordon), which the committee also reported favorably on this date.

SENATE, No. 2272

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INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

Sponsored by:

Senator ROBERT M. GORDON

District 38 (Bergen)

Senator JENNIFER BECK

District 12 (Mercer and Monmouth)

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