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Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following pieces of legislation;

S-75, the High Technology Crimes and Interactive Computer Services Protection Act, establishes a procedure to disseminate information regarding computer safety when using the Internet. The bill requires the Department of Law and Public Safety (L&PS) to establish and maintain information to be made available thorough the Internet that will include, among other things, guidelines and recommendations on computer ethics and safe computing practices.

The bill requires L&PS to design and make available through the Internet a continuing educational program on emerging issues in high technology crimes. The bill also requires district and regional school boards of education that provide computer education to notify students about potential risks and dangers associated with computers, and directs the Department of Education to recommend guidelines and curriculum on the ethical use of computers and potential risks posed to juveniles.

The bill, which is a response to the increased use of computers to commit crime, appropriates \$150,000 to L&PS to carry out the purposes of the act.

Sponsors of the bill were Senators Andrew R. Ciesla (R- Monmouth/Ocean) and William L. Gormley (R-Atlantic) and Assembly Members James W. Holzapfel (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and David W. Wolfe (R-Monmouth/Ocean).

A-1115, sponsored by Assembly Members Joseph Azzolina (R- Middlesex/Monmouth) and John V. Kelly (R-Bergen/Essex/Passaic), revises the requirements for transporting manufactured homes on certain house type semitrailers and trailers.

The bill allows house type semitrailers or trailers carrying manufactured houses with a width not exceeding 16 feet to be transported on a transportation trailer system that conforms to the federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards.

Current regulations of the Division of Motor Vehicles provide that semitrailers or trailers carrying a load whose width is greater than 14 feet must transport such loads on a commercial low-bed trailer, semitrailer or properly registered dolly wheels. Under the bill, only those semitrailers or trailers carrying a load whose width is greater than 16 feet would be required to transport such loads on a commercial low-bed trailer, semitrailer or properly registered dolly wheels. The DMV will implement regulations to address safety issues.