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# SENATE, No. 1431

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 11, 2010

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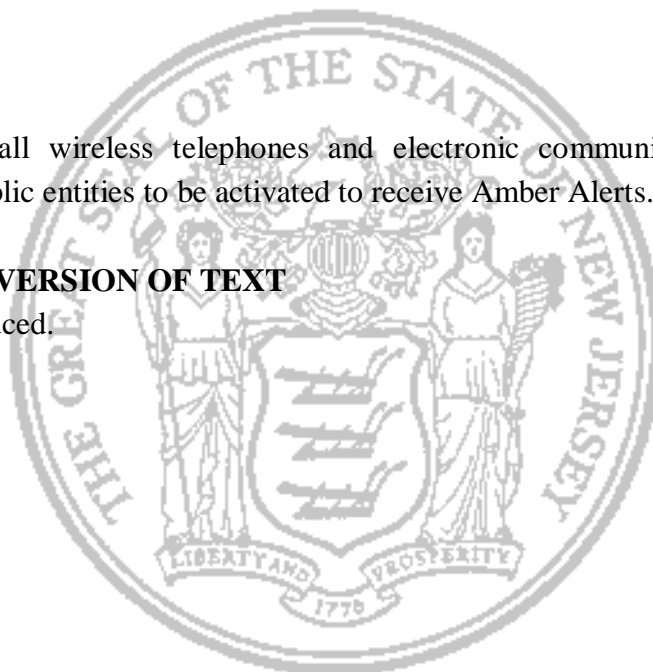
**Senators Bateman, Oroho, Assemblywoman Tucker, Assemblymen Diegnan, Green, Conaway, DiCicco, Assemblywomen Handlin, Rodriguez, Assemblymen DeAngelo, Greenwald, Assemblywoman Riley and Assemblyman Rible**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires all wireless telephones and electronic communication devices issued by public entities to be activated to receive Amber Alerts.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/14/2010)**

1 AN ACT concerning wireless telephones and electronic  
2 communication devices issued by public entities and  
3 supplementing P.L.2002, c.129 (C.52:17B-194.1 et seq.).  
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:  
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8 1. As used in this act:

9 “National Wireless Amber Alerts Initiative” means the voluntary  
10 partnership between the wireless industry, the United States  
11 Department of Justice, and the National Center for Missing and  
12 Exploited Children to distribute Amber Alert text messages to  
13 wireless subscribers who register to receive the messages and are  
14 able to receive text messages on their wireless telephones or  
15 electronic communication devices.

16 “Public entity” means the State and any county, municipality,  
17 district, or political subdivision and any authority, agency, board, or  
18 body thereof that, on the effective date of P.L. c. (C. )  
19 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), is under contract with a  
20 wireless telephone company providing commercial mobile service  
21 as defined in 47 U.S.C. s.332 (d) that participates in the national  
22 Wireless Amber Alerts Initiative.  
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24 2. Every officer or employee of a public entity who possesses a  
25 wireless telephone or electronic communication device which is  
26 issued by a public entity, is capable of receiving text messages, and  
27 is enrolled in or subscribed to a service or plan that enables the  
28 telephone or device to receive text messages shall subscribe with  
29 the national Wireless Amber Alerts Initiative to receive wireless  
30 Amber Alert text messages. The officer or employee shall, at a  
31 minimum, enroll the wireless telephone or electronic  
32 communication device in the initiative to receive wireless Amber  
33 Alert text messages for a zip code that corresponds to the city of his  
34 permanent residence and of his primary place of business. In the  
35 event that the officer or employee is not authorized to manage the  
36 account for the wireless telephone or electronic communication  
37 device issued by a public entity, such officer or employee shall  
38 request the administrator of the account to enroll the wireless  
39 telephone or electronic communication device to receive Amber  
40 Alert text messages in accordance with the provisions of this act.  
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42 3. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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45 STATEMENT  
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47 This bill requires employees or officers of certain public entities  
48 of this State who possess a wireless telephone or electronic

1 communication device issued by the public entity to enroll in the  
2 national Wireless Amber Alerts Initiative to receive Amber Alert  
3 text messages. This requirement would apply only to employees or  
4 officers using a wireless telephone or electronic communication  
5 device 1) issued by a public entity that has contracted with a  
6 wireless telephone company that participates in the national  
7 Wireless Amber Alerts Initiative; 2) that is capable of receiving text  
8 messages; and 3) that is subscribed to or enrolled in a plan that  
9 allows the telephone or device to receive text messages.

10 The New Jersey Amber Plan is a voluntary, cooperative program  
11 between the law enforcement community and the broadcast media  
12 to send an emergency alert (“Amber Alert”) to the public when a  
13 child has been abducted and it is believed that the child’s life is in  
14 danger. The national Wireless Amber Alerts Initiative is a  
15 voluntary partnership between the wireless industry, the United  
16 States Department of Justice, and the National Center for Missing  
17 and Exploited Children to distribute Amber Alert text messages to  
18 wireless subscribers who register to receive the messages.

# SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 1431

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 18, 2010

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1431.

This bill requires employees or officers of certain public entities of this State who possess a wireless telephone or electronic communication device issued by the public entity to enroll in the national Wireless Amber Alerts Initiative to receive Amber Alert text messages. This requirement would apply only to employees or officers using a wireless telephone or electronic communication device: 1) issued by a public entity that has contracted with a wireless telephone company that participates in the national Wireless Amber Alerts Initiative; 2) that is capable of receiving text messages; and 3) that is subscribed to or enrolled in a plan that allows the telephone or device to receive text messages.

The New Jersey Amber Plan is a voluntary, cooperative program between the law enforcement community and the broadcast media to send an emergency alert ("Amber Alert") to the public when a child has been abducted and it is believed that the child's life is in danger. The national Wireless Amber Alerts Initiative is a voluntary partnership between the wireless industry, the United States Department of Justice, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to distribute Amber Alert text messages to wireless subscribers who register to receive the messages.

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1431**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 9, 2010

The Assembly Judiciary Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1431.

This bill requires officers and employees of certain public entities of this State who possess a wireless telephone or electronic communication device issued by the public entity to enroll in the national Wireless Amber Alerts Initiative to receive Amber Alert text messages. This requirement would apply only to officers or employees using a wireless telephone or electronic communication device that is: 1) issued by a public entity that has contracted with a wireless telephone company that participates in the national Wireless Amber Alerts Initiative; 2) capable of receiving text messages; and 3) subscribed to or enrolled in a plan that allows the telephone or device to receive text messages.

The bill requires the officer or employee to, at a minimum, enroll the wireless telephone or electronic communication device in the initiative to receive wireless Amber Alert text messages for a zip code that corresponds to the city of his permanent residence and of his primary place of business. In the event that the officer or employee is not authorized to manage the account for the wireless telephone or electronic communication device issued by a public entity, such officer or employee shall request the administrator of the account to enroll the wireless telephone or electronic communication device to receive Amber Alert text messages in accordance with the provisions of this act.

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This bill is identical to A-2781 of the 2010-2011 Legislative Session.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2781

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 20, 2010

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman RUBEN J. RAMOS, JR.**

**District 33 (Hudson)**

**Assemblyman CRAIG J. COUGHLIN**

**District 19 (Middlesex)**

**Assemblyman CHARLES MAINOR**

**District 31 (Hudson)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman Tucker, Assemblymen Diegnan, Green, Conaway, DiCicco, Assemblywomen Handlin, Rodriguez, Assemblymen DeAngelo, Greenwald, Assemblywoman Riley and Assemblyman Rible**

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# ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 2781

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 9, 2010

The Assembly Judiciary Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2781.

This bill requires officers and employees of certain public entities of this State who possess a wireless telephone or electronic communication device issued by the public entity to enroll in the national Wireless Amber Alerts Initiative to receive Amber Alert text messages. This requirement would apply only to officers or employees using a wireless telephone or electronic communication device that is: 1) issued by a public entity that has contracted with a wireless telephone company that participates in the national Wireless Amber Alerts Initiative; 2) capable of receiving text messages; and 3) subscribed to or enrolled in a plan that allows the telephone or device to receive text messages.

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This bill is identical to S-1431 of the 2010-2011 Legislative Session.