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ASSEMBLY, No. 2548

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 1, 2000

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SYNOPSIS

Permits municipalities to enact ordinances requiring owners of certain multiple dwellings to have emergency evacuation plans.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning certain multiple dwellings and supplementing
2 P.L.1986, c.142 (C.52:27D-222 et seq.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. A municipal governing body, by ordinance, may require an
8 owner of a multiple dwelling, as defined under section 3 of P.L.1967,
9 c.76 (C.55:13A-3), which is comprised of more than 20 dwelling units
10 and reserves occupancy for residents who have attained the minimum
11 age of 55 to prepare and maintain an emergency building evacuation
12 plan for the multiple dwelling, in coordination with the appropriate
13 local fire and emergency response agencies.

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18 STATEMENT

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25 coordination with local fire and emergency response agencies.

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30 utilize independent living facilities for their residences. Under the law,
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33 living facilities. Although the individuals residing in independent living
34 facilities are still ambulatory, many are nonetheless frail and become
35 confused in times of chaos or crisis. The bill will allow those
36 municipalities that desire to require evacuation plans for their seniors
37 living in multiple dwellings in order to minimize the stress and
38 confusion on the elderly residents in times of evacuation to do so.

ASSEMBLY HOUSING COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2548

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 19, 2000

The Assembly Housing Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2548.

This bill would allow municipalities by ordinance to require owners of multiple dwellings comprised of more than 20 dwelling units and which reserve occupancy for residents who have attained the minimum age of 55, to prepare and maintain an emergency building evacuation plan for the multiple dwelling. The plan would be prepared in coordination with local fire and emergency response agencies.

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SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2548

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 8, 2001

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2548.

This bill would allow municipalities to require owners of certain multiple dwellings to prepare and maintain emergency evacuation plans. Only multiple dwellings with more than 20 dwelling units that reserve occupancy for persons at least 55 years of age would be subject to the bill's provisions. Owners of these multiple dwellings would be required to coordinate the preparation and maintenance of building evacuation plans with local fire and emergency response agencies.

P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 80, *approved May 4, 2001*
Assembly, No. 2548

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CHAPTER 80

AN ACT concerning certain multiple dwellings and supplementing P.L.1986, c.142 (C.52:27D-222 et seq.).

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.52:27D-224.1 Ordinances requiring evacuation plans for certain multiple dwellings.

1. A municipal governing body, by ordinance, may require an owner of a multiple dwelling, as defined under section 3 of P.L.1967, c.76 (C.55:13A-3), which is comprised of more than 20 dwelling units and reserves occupancy for residents who have attained the minimum age of 55 to prepare and maintain an emergency building evacuation plan for the multiple dwelling, in coordination with the appropriate local fire and emergency response agencies.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved May 4, 2001.

Office of the Governor
NEWS RELEASE

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RELEASE: May 4 , 2001

Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco signed the following legislation today:

S-2026, sponsored by Senators William Gormley (R-Atlantic) and John Matheussen (R-Camden/Gloucester) transfers the Bureau of Parole in the Department of Corrections to the State Parole Board thus consolidating the Bureau of Parole and the State Parole Board under one direct authority.

A-2083, sponsored by Senators Diane Allen (R-Burlington/Camden) and Robert Littell (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Assembly members Joseph Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Charlotte Vandervalk (R-Bergen) establishes a statewide Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program (SSANE) in the Office of the Attorney General. The SSANE program is aimed at ensuring more accurate collection of forensic evidence for use in prosecuting suspected rapists and creates a compassionate way to treat sexual assault victims.

S-1708, sponsored by Joseph Kyrillos (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Henry McNamara (R-Bergen/Passaic) and Assemblymen Samuel Thompson (R-Middlesex/ Monmouth) and Joseph Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) requires the New Jersey Department of Transportation to prepare a plan for litter pickup and removal along the highways maintained by the department.

S-1709, sponsored by Senators Joseph Kyrillos (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Henry McNamara (R-Bergen/Passaic) and Assemblymen Joseph Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Samuel Thompson (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) increases the penalties for littering by establishing a minimum penalty of \$100 for the offense of littering and a minimum fine of \$250 for any person convicted of littering within six months of a previous conviction for littering.

S-1079, sponsored by Senator John Cafiero (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and Assemblymen Michael Carroll (R-Morris) and Richard Merkt (R-Morris) establishes a ten-year limitation on surveyors' liability for deficiencies in a survey. There is an exception for adverse possession cases where the statute of limitations for surveying would be the same as the time period required for the adverse possession.

S-269, sponsored by Senators John Bennett (R-Monmouth) and John Lynch (D-Middlesex/Somerset/Union) and Assemblyman Michael Carroll (R-Morris) exempts from current post-employment restrictions any partnership, firm or corporation engaged in the practice of law with which a former member of the Judiciary is associated and any partner, officer, director or employee of the partnership, firm or corporation if the former member of the Judiciary 1) is associated with the firm in an 'of counsel' position without any equity interest and 2) is screened for a period of two years subsequent to termination of the former member's employment from any personal participation in any representation, appearance for or negotiation on behalf of any holder of or applicant for, a casino license.

A-2548, sponsored by Assembly members Loretta Weinberg (D-Bergen) and Ken Zisa (D-Bergen) allows municipalities to require owners of multiple dwellings comprised of more than 20 dwelling units to prepare an emergency evacuation plan. The plan must be prepared in coordination with local fire and emergency response agencies.

A-2793, sponsored by Senators William Schluter (R-Warren/Hunterdon/Mercer) and Joseph Littell (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Assemblyman Leonard Lance (R-Warren/Hunterdon/Mercer) requires the release of water from the Spruce Run and Round Valley reservoirs into the south branch of the Raritan River for the purpose of supporting recreational water use. Additionally, there is an appropriation for \$350,000 that creates a non-lapsing fund to defray the expense in releasing water from the Round Valley reservoir incurred by the New Jersey Water Supply Authority.

A-3039, sponsored by Senator Robert Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Assemblymen Jeffrey Moran (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Ocean) and Anthony Impreveduto (D-Bergen/Hudson) allows any mortician who holds a license or certification from another state to become licensed in New Jersey through endorsement provided he has met education and experience requirements substantially equivalent to the requirements of current New Jersey law.