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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 11:22-5.5 (Housing police--certain--grant permanent civil service status)

LAWS OF: 1985 CHAPTER: 484

BILL NO: A3281

Sponsor(s): Girgenti and Pellecchia

Date Introduced: February 14, 1985

Committee: Assembly: Municipal Government

Senate: County and Municipal

Amended during passage: Yes Amendments denoted by asterisks according to Governor's recommendations

Date of Passage: Assembly: September 12, 1985 Re-enacted 1-13-86

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Date of Approval: January 17, 1986

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Sponsor statement: Yes (Below)

Committee statement: Assembly Yes

Senate Yes

Fiscal Note: No

Veto Message: Yes

Message on Signing: No Yes

Following were printed:

Reports: No

Hearings: No

Sponsors' statement:

This bill provides that a housing police officer or housing policeman may receive permanent civil services status if that individual has 10 years experience as a housing policeman, housing guard or housing police officer, and has completed a certified police academy training course.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3281

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 14, 1985

By Assemblymen GIRGENTI and PELLECCIA

AN ACT concerning the permanent appointment of certain individuals to the position of housing police officer or housing policeman ***[without having to take a civil service examination]**.*

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

1 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule or regulation
2 to the contrary, an individual may be appointed to the position of
3 housing police officer or housing policeman in the permanent civil
4 service ***[without having to take the civil service open competitive**
5 **examination]*** if, on the effective date of this act, that person:

6 a. Is serving as a housing police officer or housing policeman;

7 b. Has not less than 10 consecutive years' experience as a
8 housing policeman, housing guard, housing police officer, or any
9 combination thereof; ***[and]***

10 c. Has successfully completed a certified Police Academy Train-
11 ing Course in the State of New Jersey **or shall do so within 60*
12 *days of the effective date of this act; and*

13 *d. Has taken and passed the appropriate civil service open com-*
14 *petitive examination.**

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

***—Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations January 6, 1986.**

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9 combination thereof; and

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STATEMENT

This bill provides that a housing police officer or housing policeman may receive permanent civil service status if that individual has 10 years' experience as a housing policeman, housing guard or housing police officer, and has completed a certified police academy training course.

ASSEMBLY MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3281

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 28, 1985

Assembly Bill No. 3281 permits a municipality to appoint a housing policeman or housing police officer in the permanent civil service without examination under certain circumstances.

As employees of municipal housing authorities, housing policemen currently serve in the classified civil service pursuant to section 1 of P. L. 1943, c. 64 (C. 55:14A-6.1) and section 1 of P. L. 1945, c. 147 (C. 55:14A-6.2). Under P. L. 1975, c. 198 (C. 40A:14-146.2 et seq.), certain municipalities may appoint persons to the position of housing police officer in the classified civil service. In both cases, an individual must have passed certain civil service examinations to be permanently appointed.

This bill allows an individual to be appointed to the position of housing policeman or housing police officer in the permanent civil service, without examination, if that person:

- a. Is serving in the appropriate capacity on the date the bill is enacted into law;
- b. Has at least 10 consecutive years' experience as a housing guard, housing policeman, housing police officer, or any combination thereof; and
- c. Has successfully completed a certified Police Academy Training Course in the State of New Jersey.

The committee reported this bill favorably.

SENATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3281

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 18, 1985

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Under the provisions of this bill, any individual who, on the date upon which this bill is enacted into law, meets the following qualifications: (1) Is serving as a housing police officer or housing policeman; (2) Has not less than 10 consecutive years experience as a housing policeman, housing guard, housing police officer, or any combination thereof; and (3) Has successfully completed a certified Police Academy Training Course in the State of New Jersey, may be granted permanent civil service status as a housing police officer or housing policeman without having to take the civil service examination.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

January 6, 1986

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3281

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 1, Paragraph 14 of the Constitution, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 3281 with my objections and recommendations for amendment.

This bill authorizes the permanent appointment of individuals who have not necessarily passed a competitive civil service examination to the position of housing police officer or housing policeman if, on the effective date of this act, the individual: (1) is currently serving as a housing policeman; and (2) has not less than ten consecutive years' experience as a housing guard, housing police officer, or any combination thereof; and (3) has successfully completed a certified Police Academy Training Course in the State of New Jersey.


This legislation represents questionable public policy by not requiring, at the least, that an open competitive test be taken and passed as a condition of appointment. Furthermore, the bill is technically defective in that it does not provide relief to one of the two individuals it was intended to benefit. I am therefore recommending language to correct these items.

Therefore, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 3281 and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Page 1, Section 1, Lines 4-5: Delete "without having to take the civil service open competitive" from line 4 and delete "examination" from line 5.

Page 1, Section 1, Line 9: Delete "and"

Page 1, Section 1, Line 11: After "Jersey" insert "or shall do so within 60 days of the effective date of this act; and
d. Has taken and passed the appropriate civil service open competitive examination"



Respectfully,
/s/ Thomas H. Kean
GOVERNOR

[seal]

Attest:

/s/ W. Cary Edwards
Chief Counsel

A-3281, sponsored by Assemblyman John A. Girgenti, D-Passaic, which authorizes permanent appointment of individuals who have not passed a Civil Service examination to the position of housing police officer if they are currently serving in that job title, have had not less than ten consecutive years of experience and have successfully completed a certified Police Academy Training Course in New Jersey.

A-3342, sponsored by Assemblyman Nicholas LaRocca, D-Hudson, which raises from 50 percent to 60 percent the amount of assets domestic life and health insurers may invest in first mortgages.

A-3406, sponsored by Assemblyman Joseph V. Doria, D-Hudson, which provides a \$5 million matching grant for the construction of a Science/Technology Education Center at Liberty State Park.

A-3584, sponsored by Assemblyman Ralph A. Loveys, R-Morris, which appropriates funds for the clearing and desnagging of sections of the Passaic, Pequannock, Pompton, Ramapo, Rockaway, Wanaque and Whippany rivers. The bill was conditionally vetoed to lower the appropriation from \$6 million to \$2 million.

A-3573, sponsored by Assemblyman David C. Schwartz, D-Middlesex, which authorizes \$30 million of proceeds from the Community Development Bond Act of 1982 for the continued capitalization of the Local Development Financing Fund.

A-3736, sponsored by Assemblyman Martin A. Herman, D-Salem, which appropriates \$10,000 for a study to determine the effectiveness of using a computer system to process firearm applications and permits.

A-3811, sponsored by Assemblyman George Otlowski, D-Middlesex, which establishes a peer grouping system category of government-operated nursing homes.