LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 44:10-3.1, 44:10-3.2 (Welfare agencies issue ID cards to certain welfare recipients) LAWS OF: <u>1983</u> CHAPTER: 85 Bill No: **A275** Sponsor(s): Flynn Date Introduced: Pre-filed Committee: Assembly: Corrections, Health & Human Services Senate: Institutions, Health & Welfare Amended during passage: Yes // Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks Date of Passage: Assembly: <u>June 7, 1982</u> Senate: <u>Jan. 3, 1983</u> Date of Approval: March 2, 1983 Following statements are attached if available: // Sponsor statement: Yes Committee statement: Assembly // Yes Senate // Yes Yes Fiscal Note: // /// Veto Message: No /// Message on Signing: No Following were printed:

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[OFFICIAL COPY REPRINT] ASSEMBLY, No. 275

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.

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

*—Assembly committee amendment adopted May 24, 1982.

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STATEMENT

This bill requires that photo-identification cards be issued to adult recipients of aid to families with dependent children as a condition of receiving public assistance. At present, recipients may obtain cards if they desire, but are not required to have them. The purpose of the bill is to insure that recipients are properly identified when receiving or cashing checks and to discourage fraudulent cashing of lost or stolen checks.

ASSEMBLY CORRECTIONS, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 275

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 24, 1982

This bill requires that photo-identification cards be issued to adult recipients of aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) as a condition of receiving public assistance.

Presently, such recipients must have identification cards but are not now required to have a photograph on the card. A representative for the State Department of Human Services informed the committee that over 90% of present recipients have photo-ID cards.

The committee agreed with the department that an amendment to allow the future use of increasingly accurate identification methods was necessary and released the bill with an amendment.

SENATE INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 20, 1983

This bill requires that photo-identification cards be issued to adult recipients of aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) as a condition of receiving assistance.

Presently, a photo-identification card is optional for AFDC recipients and most AFDC recipients already have such a card in order to facilitate negotiation of their checks. A fiscal estimate on the bill prepared by the Office of Legislative Services states that for this reason, the costs of the bill will be negligible.

FISCAL ESTIMATE TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 275

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 1, 1982

Assembly Bill No. 275, of 1982, would require that photo identification cards be issued to adult recipients of aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) as a condition of receiving public assistance.

The Department of Human Services indicates that, presently, the vast majority of AFDC families prefer to have photo ID cards prepared for them in order to facilitate negotiation of their assistance checks. Therefore, any additional costs would be negligible and would be fully shared between the federal agency and the respective counties.

The Office of Legislative Services concurs with the department.

In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1980, c. 67.