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Bill No. S416

Sponsor(s) Lipman and others

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 SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE, No. 416**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ADOPTED JULY 28, 1980

AN ACT establishing an Office of Small Business Assistance in the Department of **[[Labor and Industry, supplementing Title 34 of the Revised Statutes and making an appropriation]]** **Com-merce and Economic Development**.

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

1 1. The Legislature finds and declares that the economy of our  
 2 State is vitally dependent upon the health and stability of the  
 3 small and independent businesses which are resident in the State.  
 4 The Legislature finds further that the future welfare of the State  
 5 depends on the continued existence and development of these same  
 6 small and independent businesses. It is, therefore, the declared  
 7 policy of the Legislature to assist, counsel, aid and protect small  
 8 and independent business development in the furtherance of the  
 9 general welfare, by establishing a State Office of Small Business  
 10 Assistance.

1 2. As used in this act, "small business" means a business which  
 2 has its principle place of business in the State and is independently  
 3 owned and operated. The **[[office]]** **the Commissioner of the**  
 3A **Department of Commerce and Economic Development** shall  
 3B **[[establish]]** **promulgate by rule** a detailed definition **[[by**  
 4 rule, using in addition to the foregoing criteria, other criteria,  
 5 including the number of employees and the dollar volume of  
 6 business. When computing the size status of the business, annual  
 7 sales and receipts of the business and all of its affiliates shall be  
 8 included. The maximum number of employees and the maximum  
 9 dollar volume which a small business may have under the rules  
 10 promulgated by the office shall vary from industry to industry to  
 11 the extent necessary to reflect differing characteristics of the  
 12 industries based on the criteria presently used by the Federal  
 13 Small Business Administration for loans to small businesses as  
 14 set forth in section 121.3-10 and Schedules A, C and D (or for  
 15 awarding government procurements as set forth in section 121-3-S

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

16 and Schedule B) of Part 121 of Chapter 1 of Title 13 of the Code  
 17 of Federal Regulations, as amended, subject to the following general  
 18 limitations unless the above regulations provide for other size or  
 19 annual receipts standards for any industry or subindustry; but:

20 (1) No construction business is a small business if its average  
 21 annual receipts exceed \$9,500,000.00 for the 3 preceding fiscal years;

22 (2) No manufacturing business is a small business if it employs  
 23 more than 250 persons;

24 (3) No retail business or business selling services is a small  
 25 business if its average annual receipts exceed \$2,000,000.00;

26 (4) No transportation or warehousing business is a small business  
 27 if its average annual receipts exceed \$1,500,000.00;

28 (5) No wholesale business is a small business if its average  
 29 annual receipts exceed \$9,500,000.00;

30 (6) No farm business is a small business if its average receipts  
 31 for the 3 preceding fiscal years exceed \$1,000,000.00.]\* *\*which shall*  
 32 *set forth the criteria to be used to determine eligibility for assis-*  
 33 *tance pursuant to the provisions of this act. These criteria shall be*  
 34 *based on the criteria used by the Federal Small Business Admin-*  
 35 *istration under Title 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations. In*  
 36 *addition, the Commissioner of \*\*[Labor and Industry]\*\* \*\*the*  
 37 *Department of Commerce and Economic Development\*\* shall have*  
 38 *the authority to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations con-*  
 39 *cerning the eligibility for, and use of, loans, grants and other*  
 40 *financial support which are not provided by Federal funds.\**

1 3. a. There is established within the Division of Economic De-  
 2 velopment in the Department of \*\*[Labor and Industry]\*\* \*\*Com-  
 3 merce and Economic Development\*\*, the Office of Small Business  
 4 Assistance. The administrative head of the office shall be a chief,  
 5 who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of \*\*[Labor and  
 6 Industry]\*\* \*\*the Department of Commerce and Economic Deve-  
 7 lopment\*\*, who shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner  
 8 during the commissioner's term of office and until a successor is  
 9 appointed and qualified. Any vacancy occurring in the office of the  
 10 chief shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.  
 10A The position of chief shall be a full-time position and the salary  
 10B shall be as provided by law.

11 b. The chief may employ such professional, technical, research  
 12 and clerical staff as may be necessary within the limits of available  
 13 appropriations. The provisions of Title 11 (Civil Service) of the  
 14 Revised Statutes, shall be construed to extend to all such personnel.  
 15 The chief may also employ consultants from time to time as may  
 16 be necessary for particular projects.

1 4. For the purpose of advising and assisting the chief in carry-  
 2 ing out the functions, powers and duties of the Office of Small  
 3 Business Assistance, the Governor shall appoint, with the advice  
 4 and consent of the Senate, a small business advisory council  
 5 consisting of nine members. Members of the council shall serve  
 6 without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary ex-  
 7 penses incurred in the performance of their duties. The council  
 8 shall elect from among its members a person to chair the council  
 9 meetings. The advisory council shall consist of **\*[the five voting**  
 10 **members of the New Jersey Coalition of Small Business Organiza-**  
 11 **tions plus representatives from labor, minority groups and local**  
 12 **government.]\*** *\*five members of the small business community,*  
 13 *including minority and women members. Of the four remaining*  
 14 *members, one shall be a representative of labor, one shall repre-*  
 14A *sent local government, one shall represent the regional \*\*office of*  
 14B *the United States\*\* Small Business Administration and one shall*  
 14C *be a member of the academic community and shall hold an advanced*  
 14D *degree in a field related to business administration or management.\**  
 14E Any member of the advisory council may be removed from office by  
 14F the Governor, for cause, upon notice and opportunity to be heard.

15 a. Members of the advisory council shall serve for terms of 3  
 16 years; provided, however, but of the members first appointed,  
 17 three shall be appointed for 1-year terms, three shall be appointed  
 18 for 2-year terms, and three shall be appointed for 3-year terms.

19 b. The advisory council shall meet regularly at least four times  
 20 each year. Special meetings may be called by the person named  
 21 to the chair at the request of the chief of the Office of Small  
 22 Business Assistance.

1 5. The Office of Small Business Assistance, in order to aid and  
 2 encourage small business firms, including those operated by women  
 3 and minorities, shall:

4 a. Establish a loan referral program for small businesses using  
 5 criteria for eligibility **\*[for the loans]\*** which will be established in  
 6 New Jersey Economic Development Authority regulations;

7 b. **\*[Coordinate the procurement of contracts from State**  
 8 **agencies to small businesses;]\*** *\*Serve as liaison with the Depart-*  
 8A *ment of the Treasury to promote the procurement of contracts for*  
 8B *small business firms;\**

9 c. **\*[Coordinate]\*** *\*Monitor\** the regulatory activities of all State  
 10 agencies performing functions affecting the operation of small  
 11 businesses in the State:

12 d. Using available resources within the State, including, but  
 13 not restricted to, small business development centers\*, *academic*

14 *institutions with graduate business programs\** and minority  
 15 business development offices, **\*[provide]\*** *\*coordinate\** managerial  
 15A and technical assistance in a systematic manner to small businesses;

16 e. Receive complaints of operators of small businesses and refer  
 17 them to the appropriate Federal, State or local agency authorized  
 18 by law for appropriate action on the complaints;

19 **\*[f.]** Conduct investigations, research, studies and analyses of  
 20 matters affecting the interests of small businesses;**]**\*

21 **\*[g.]** *\*f.\** Study the operation of the laws affecting small  
 22 businesses and recommend to the commissioner new laws and  
 23 amendments of laws for the benefit of small businesses;

24 **\*[h.]** *\*g.\** Review pending legislation affecting small businesses  
 25 and report its findings to the commissioner;

26 **\*[i.]** *\*h.\** Provide a central resource for small businesses in  
 27 their dealing with Federal, State and local governments, including  
 28 information regarding government requirements which affect small  
 28A businesses;

29 **\*[j.]** *\*i.\** Initiate and encourage small business education pro-  
 29A grams;

30 **\*[k.]** *\*j.\** Submit to the Governor and the Legislature an annual  
 31 report regarding its activities and setting forth recommendations  
 32 of methods which might be utilized to more efficiently and effectively  
 33 carry out the purposes of this act, and submit to the commissioner  
 34 periodic reports on the condition of small businesses in the State;

35 **\*[l.]** *\*k.\** Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations necessary  
 36 to carry out the purposes of this act.

1 6. To effectuate the purposes of this act, the chief may request  
 2 from any department, division, board, bureau, commission or other  
 3 agency of the State or from any public corporation or district, and  
 4 the same are authorized to provide, such assistance, services and  
 5 data as will enable the office properly to carry out its functions,  
 6 powers and duties hereunder.

1 **\*\*[7.]** There is appropriated **\*[\$250,000.00]\*** *\*\$188,753.00\** to the  
 2 Department of Labor and Industry for the purposes of administer-  
 3 ing this act.**]\*\***

1 **\*\*[8.]\*\*** *\*\*7.\*\** This act shall take effect **\*\*[immediately]\*\***  
 2 *\*\*January 19, 1982\*\**.

SENATE, No. 416

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1980 SESSION

By Senators LIPMAN, MERLINO, HAMILTON, GRAVES, A.  
RUSSO, ERRICHETTI, FELDMAN, RODGERS, FRIED-  
LAND, WEISS, ORECHIO, BEDELL and PERSKIE

AN ACT establishing an Office of Small Business Assistance in the  
Department of Labor and Industry and supplementing Title 34  
of the Revised Statutes.

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

1 1. The Legislature finds and declares that the economy of  
2 our State is vitally dependent upon the health and stability of  
3 the multitude of small businessmen who are so much an integral  
4 part of our system of free enterprise and free competition. The  
5 Legislature finds further that these very same small businessmen,  
6 albeit so important to our economy, are often lacking, individually  
7 and collectively, in terms of an effective voice against the improper  
8 actions and inactions of State governmental bureaucracy and an  
9 effective voice representing their interests in the legislative process;  
10 and, that particularly those businesses which are operated by  
11 women, minorities and other socially or economically disadvantaged  
12 persons need assistance and advocacy. It is, therefore, the declared  
13 policy of the Legislature to aid, counsel, assist, represent, and  
14 protect small businessmen, by establishing a State Office of Small  
15 Business Assistance.

1 2. As used in this act, "small business" means a business which  
2 is independently owned and operated and which is not dominant in  
3 its field of operation.

1 3. a. There is established within the Division of Economic Devel-  
2 opment in the Department of Labor and Industry, the Office of  
3 Small Business Assistance. The administrative head of the office  
4 shall be an executive director, who shall be appointed by the Com-  
5 missioner of Labor and Industry, who shall serve at the pleasure  
6 of the commissioner during the commissioner's term of office and

7 until his successor is appointed and qualified. Any vacancy occur-  
8 ring in the office of the executive director shall be filled in the same  
9 manner as the original appointment. The executive director shall  
10 devote his entire time to the performance of his duties and shall  
11 receive such salary as shall be provided by law.

12 b. The Division of Economic Development shall make available  
13 to the office such research and other professional staffers as may  
14 be needed to assist the executive director in discharging his duties.

15 c. The executive director may employ such technical and clerical  
16 staff and other employees as may be necessary to assist him in the  
17 performance of his duties, within the limits of available appropria-  
18 tions. The provisions of Title 11 (Civil Service) of the Revised  
19 Statutes, shall be construed to extend to all such personnel. He may  
20 also employ consultants from time to time as may be necessary to  
21 assist him on particular projects.

1 4. The Office of Small Business Assistance, in order to aid and  
2 encourage small business firms, particularly those operated by  
3 women, minorities and other socially or economically disadvantaged  
4 persons, shall:

5 a. Establish a program to provide working capital loans to small  
6 businesses, including the criteria for eligibility for the loans within  
7 the limits of funds made available to the Division of Economic  
8 Development;

9 b. Provide managerial and technical assistance in a systematic  
10 manner to small businesses;

11 c. Serve as an advocate on behalf of small businesses to secure  
12 favorable and equitable treatment from Federal, State, county and  
13 municipal agencies with respect to programs offering business  
14 opportunities to small businesses;

15 d. Maintain liaison with the Federal Small Business Administra-  
16 tion and represent the State's interest to Federal agencies;

17 e. Propose legislation aimed at promoting small businesses;

18 f. Seek and accept financial assistance in the form of contribu-  
19 tions, gifts, grants, or matching funds from the Federal Govern-  
20 ment and any other public or private sources to further the purposes  
21 of the office;

22 g. Submit to the Governor and the Legislature an annual report  
23 regarding its activities and setting forth recommendations of  
24 methods which might be utilized to more efficiently and effectively  
25 carry out the purposes of this act;

26 h. Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations necessary to  
27 carry out the purposes of this act.

1 5. Every State, county and municipal department, board, bureau,  
2 commission and agency shall cooperate with and support the efforts  
3 of the Office of Small Business Assistance, and shall submit to the  
4 executive director their affirmative action programs which exist or  
5 are intended for implementation.

1 6. There is appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the  
2 purposes of administering this act.

1 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

This bill would establish an Office of Small Business Assistance in the Division of Economic Development in the Department of Labor and Industry to provide advocacy and assistance to small businessmen. The bill recognizes that small businessmen, particularly those operated by women, minorities and other socially or economically disadvantaged persons, are a vital part of our economy and should be helped and protected by government, as we do so many others.

At the present time, there is an Office of Business Advocacy in the Department of Labor and Industry and an Office of Citizens Complaints in the Department of Public Advocate which, presumably, are available to small businessmen. However, neither is especially designed to protect and represent the peculiar interests of small businessmen with respect to their administrative grievances and legislative needs.

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**ASSEMBLY LABOR COMMITTEE**  
STATEMENT TO  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE, No. 416**  
with Senate committee amendment

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 1981

The Assembly Labor Committee favorably reports this bill to establish an Office of Small Business Assistance in the Division of Economic Development and endorses the Senate committee statements thereto. It would, for the first time, establish a statutory program and budget authorization for such an office. As envisaged by the Department of Labor and Industry, the office would have a staff of six, including some personnel now involved in business-oriented activity. In addition to two clericals, there would be a chief (serving as administrative head), and a coordinator of Government and Small Business Aid, who would: supervise and coordinate the pertinent elements of the Economic Development Act and other related grant sources and would also promote the procurement of contracts from State and Federal agencies; establish a loan referral program for small business using eligibility criteria which will be established in New Jersey Economic Development Authority regulations; assist businesses in the preparation of materials and forms, and consult with small business on problems in the areas of finance, accounting, and capital formation; and provide managerial and technical assistance to small businesses by initiating and encouraging small business education programs geared to the managerial and marketing needs of the small business.

Further, there would be a Research Analyst, in coordination with the Office of Business Advocacy and Citizens Complaints who would receive complaints and refer them to the appropriate Federal, State or local agency; conduct research and analyze matters affecting the interests of small business; study the operation of laws now affecting small business and recommend any needed changes; and review pending legislation affecting small business and report on the findings.

A Procedures Analyst would serve as a central resource for small businesses in their relations with all levels of government and provide information with respect to governmental requirements affecting them.

Testimony received by the committee in support of the bill asserted that "small business firms have created the majority of new jobs in the State. Eighty-five percent (122,224) of the businesses in New Jersey have less than twenty employees. Yet national and local statistics show that these small firms are the source of two-thirds of all new jobs in the State. Although 3% (about 4,000) of our large industrial firms which have more than 100 employees control about 48.5% of the covered jobs in the State, 97% of 140,000 of our businesses have less than 100 employees and provide employment for over 1.2 million persons, which represents about 51.5% of the covered jobs in the State."

Senate Bill No. 416 received support from the Department of Labor and Industry, and the New Jersey Coalition of Small Business organizations, which includes the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce, the New Jersey Small Business Association, the New Jersey Delegation to the National Unity Committee, the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners, and the New Jersey Chapter, National Business League.

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SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL AND  
INTERSTATE RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

**SENATE, No. 416**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JULY 28, 1980

The purpose of this bill, which is now being considered as a committee substitute, is to create a State agency which will perform very specific functions for an important section of the State's economy – the small business sector. Many of the needs of small and independent businesses in our highly complex society can only be met through an agency at the State level. Presently, there is no such entity in New Jersey State Government and it is the aim of this bill to remedy the deficiency.

The legislation creates an Office of Small Business Assistance in the Division of Economic Development of the Department of Labor and Industry. The office is headed by a chief who is appointed by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry. The chief will serve at the pleasure of the commissioner during the commissioner's term of office.

The bill provides very specific criteria for "small business." A "small business" is defined as one which has its principle place of business in the State and is independently-owned and operated. Further, in its definition of "small business," the bill requires that the office, in promulgating rules, utilize the varying criteria for dollar volume and maximum number of employees presently in use by the Federal Small Business Administration.

A small business advisory board comprised of nine members is also created by the bill. The membership is to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Five of the council members are to be the five voting members of the New Jersey Coalition of Small Business Organizations. The other four members are to be representatives of labor, minority groups and local government. The council is to serve without compensation but is to be reimbursed for necessary expenses.

One of the most important functions of the office is to establish a loan referral service for small businesses. The criteria for loan eligibility will be established by the regulations of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

The office is to coordinate the procurement of contracts for small businesses from State agencies and to coordinate State regulatory activities affecting small businesses.

Among its other functions the office is to provide managerial and technical assistance to small business firms, using available resources within the State such as small business development centers and minority business development centers. It is to receive complaints from small business operators and refer such complaints to the appropriate governmental agency. The office is to conduct research on matters of interest to small businesses.

It will be a function of the office to study laws affecting small business firms and to recommend new laws, and appropriate amendments, to the commissioner, and to review pending legislation and report its findings on such legislation to the commissioner.

The office will initiate and encourage small business educational programs.

An annual report will be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature by the office and, in addition, the office is to report, periodically, to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry on the condition of small businesses in the State.

The bill carries an appropriation of \$250,000.00.

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SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

**SENATE, No. 416**

with committee amendments

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: OCTOBER 6, 1980

Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 416, with committee amendments, establishes an Office of Small Business Assistance in the Department of Labor and Industry to further the general welfare of the State by assisting, counseling, aiding and protecting small and independent business development.

The office is authorized to define a small business by its own rule using criteria that is based on the characteristics, e.g., dollar volume and numbers of employees, used as criteria by the Federal Small Business Administration for loans to small businesses.

The bill also provides for the establishment of a 9 member small business advisory council to assist the office in carrying out its duties. Appointed by the Governor for 3 year staggered terms, the council will consist of 5 members of the State's small business community plus representatives from labor, local government, the academic community and the regional Small Business Administration.

The Office of Small Business Assistance is charged to carry out 12 tasks. Among these are the responsibility to:

- Establish a loan referral program
- Act as a liaison with the Treasury Department to promote the procurement of State contracts to small businesses
- Monitor the regulatory activities of all State agencies that affect small businesses
- Receive and refer complaints to appropriate agencies

The bill appropriates \$188,753.00 to provide staff for the office and expenses of the council.

May 4, 1981

SENATE BILL NO. 416 (OCR/SCS)

To the Senate:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14(b) of the Constitution, I herewith return Senate Bill No. 416 (OCR/SCS) with my objections, for reconsideration.

Senate Bill No. 416 (OCR/SCS) would create an Office of Small Business Assistance in the Division of Economic Development in the Department of Labor and Industry. The office would, in essence, be an advocate for small business within the State Government. The office would monitor rule-making affecting small business, and offer technical assistance to business operators. Creation of this office will, I believe, provide needed support to the small business that constitute the backbone of our State's economy.

However, this bill must be viewed in conjunction with legislation creating a new Department of Commerce and Economic Development. I have stated that the next Administration should undertake the task of organizing and staffing this new department to which the Office of Small Business Assistance would be allocated. The creation of the new Office of Small Business Assistance should, consequently, be postponed until January, 1982. Various technical amendments to Senate Bill No. 416 (OCR/SCS) also should be adopted. As the new office would not become operational until well into the next fiscal year, I also recommend the deletion of the appropriation.

Accordingly, I herewith return Senate Bill No. 416 (OCR/SCS) for reconsideration and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Page 1, title, line 2: After "of" delete balance of line and insert "Commerce and Economic Development."

Page 1, title, line 3: Delete in its entirety.

Page 1, section 2, line 3: Delete "office" and insert "the Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development"

Page 1, section 2, line 3: Delete "establish" and insert "promulgate by rule"

Page 2, section 2, line 36: Delete "Labor and Industry" and insert "the Department of Commerce and Economic Development"

Page 2, section 3, line 2: Delete "Labor and Industry" and insert "Commerce and Economic Development"

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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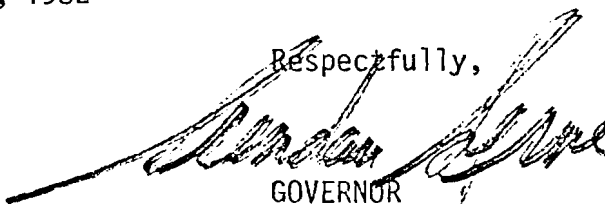
Page 2, section 3, line 5: Delete "Labor and Industry" and insert "the Department of Commerce and Economic Development"

Page 3, section 4, line 14A: After "regional" insert "office of the United States"

Page 4, section 7, lines 1 to 3: Delete in their entirety.

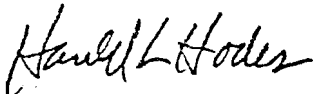
Page 4, section 8, line 1: Delete "8" insert "7" and delete "immediately" and insert "January 19, 1982"

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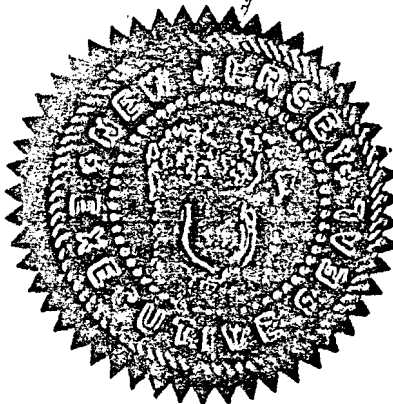


GOVERNOR

Attest:



Chief of Staff, Secretary



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 14, 1981

KATHRYN FORSYTH

Governor Brendan Byrne has signed the following bills:

S-416, sponsored by Senator Wynona Lipman (D-Essex) creating an Office of Small Business.

Under the bill, the office will serve as an advocate for small business, monitor rule-making and legislation affecting those operations and provide technical assistance.

The measure also establishes a Small Business Advisory Council.

Governor Byrne conditionally vetoed S-416 on May 4, 1981, saying that although he supported the concept of such an office, its creation must be viewed in conjunction with the legislation creating the new Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

"I have stated that the next administration should undertake the task of organizing and staffing this new department to which the Office of Small Business would be allocated ... (and therefore recommend that) the creation of the new office ... be postponed until January, 1982," Byrne said in his veto message.

He also recommended that some technical amendments be adopted and, since the office will not be operational until the next fiscal year, suggested that the \$188,753 appropriation be deleted.

The legislature concurred with the Governor's recommendations.

S-1375, sponsored by Senator Raymond Zane (D-Gloucester), changing the list of organizations entitled to send a delegate to the annual State Agricultural Convention.

It deletes the Dairyman's Council and Fur Breeders Association, a defunct organization, and adds the Garden State Milk Council, the New Jersey Apple Institute and the Peach Promotion Council, all of which are active organizations.

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