

37:1-12.1 to 37:1-12.3

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 37:1-12.1 to 37:1-12.3 (Marriage Licenses--increase fees -- use revenues to support shelters for victims of domestic violence)  
LAWS 1981 CHAPTER 382

Bill No. A618

Sponsor(s) Doyle

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Committee: Assembly Institutions, Health and Welfare

Senate Institutions, Health and Welfare

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**ASSEMBLY, No. 618****STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

INTRODUCED JANUARY 17, 1980

By Assemblymen DOYLE and BAER

Referred to Committee on Institutions, Health and Welfare

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SENATE INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND WELFARE  
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STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 618**  
with Senate committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: APRIL 28, 1980

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The committee amended the bill to require that the licensing officer forward the fees on a quarterly basis to the department.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1981

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

DAVE DE MAIO

Acting-Governor Joseph P. Merlino today signed into law A-618, requiring applicants for marriage licenses to pay a \$5.00 fee in addition to the current \$3.00 charge. The bill also provides for the establishment and maintenance of shelters for victims of domestic violence, to be financed by revenues from the \$5.00 license charge.

The bill will raise an estimated \$300,000 each year. Funds for shelters will be provided in grants-in-aid form.

The bill was sponsored by Assemblyman John Paul Doyle (D-Ocean).

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