

52:32-1.1 and 52:32-1.2

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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LAWS 1980 CHAPTER 122

Bill No. S1528

Sponsor(s) Dwyer and others

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Senate -----

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MAN, HAGEDORN and FORAN

(Without Reference)

AN ACT concerning government purchase of automobiles assembled  
in the United States and supplementing chapter 32 of Title 52  
of the Revised Statutes.

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

1 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless the  
2 head of the department or other public officer charged with the  
3 duty by law shall determine it to be inconsistent with the public  
4 interest or the cost to be unreasonable, only automobiles assembled  
5 in the United States shall be purchased, leased or otherwise ac-  
6 quired for public use.

7 This section shall not apply with respect to automobiles assem-  
8 bled in the United States to be purchased, leased or otherwise  
9 acquired for public use if automobiles of the class or kind to be  
10 used are not assembled in the United States in commercial quanti-  
11 ties and of a satisfactory quality.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately, apply to all contracts  
2 awarded after the effective date of the act and expire 2 years  
3 after its effective date.

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STATEMENT

This bill mandates that automobiles purchased, leased, or other-  
wise acquired for public use by State and local government shall  
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increases in gasoline prices have spurred great demand for small,  
fuel efficient automobiles. In responding to this demand, foreign  
automobile manufacturers have made significant inroads into the  
domestic automobile market. The market share of domestic auto-

mobile manufacturers has contracted, and the domestic automobile industry and ancillary domestic industries have been forced to lay-off workers, and close plants. The purchasing policy set forth in this bill is intended to preserve domestic employment, and aid the domestic automobile industry while it retools plants and re-designs its products to compete for the consumer demand for more fuel efficient automobiles.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

OCTOBER 7, 1980

PAT SWEENEY

Governor Brendan Byrne today in a public ceremony signed Senate Bill No. 1528, sponsored by Senator Bernard J. Dwyer (D-Middlesex), which mandates that automobiles purchased, leased or otherwise acquired for public use by state and local government shall be automobiles assembled in the United States.

The Governor signed the legislation after it was passed by emergency action in both Houses, and before he departed on a trade and tourism promotion mission to Canada.

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