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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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LAWS OF 1977 CHAPTER 247

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Sponsor(s) Stewart and others

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2000

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 24, 1976

By Assemblymen STEWART, HERMAN, FORAN, HURLEY, BAS-
SANO, GORMAN, KOZLOSKI, SPIZZIRI, JACKMAN and
T. GALLO

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Environment

AN ACT to provide for economic and environmental impact state-
ments for certain proposed legislation **[** and making an appro-
priation therefor **]**.

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

1 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Economic
2 and Environmental Impact Statement Act of 1976."

1 2. The Legislature hereby recognizes the need for a balance be-
2 tween New Jersey's economic and environmental needs.

3 The Legislature further recognizes that information on the en-
4 vironmental and economic impact of legislation under consideration
5 is essential to maintaining a balance between New Jersey's eco-
6 nomic and environmental needs.

1 3. An economic impact statement on a specific legislative bill
2 shall be prepared by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry when
3 so directed by a majority **[vote]** of the legislative committee con-
4 sidering that bill. The legislative committee **[may]** *shall* set
5 a time limit up to 90 days for completion of the economic impact
6 statement. The legislative committee **[may]** *shall* specify, but
7 not limit, areas of impact to be covered by the statement, *including*
8 *the short and long term economic impact of such bill and any poten-*
9 *tial alternative thereto*. ***In preparing the economic impact state-*
10 *ment, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry is authorized to*
11 *obtain essential information from other State agencies.***

1 4. An environmental impact statement on a specific legislative
2 bill shall be prepared by the Commissioner of Environmental Pro-
3 tection when so directed by a majority **[vote]** of the legislative

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

4 committee considering that bill. The legislative committee ***[may]***
 5 **shall** set a time limit up to 90 days for completion of the environ-
 6 mental impact statement. The legislative committee ****[may]****
 7 ****shall**** specify, but not limit areas of impact to be covered by the
 8 statement*, *including the short and long term environmental impact*
 9 *of such bill and any potential alternative thereto*. ****In preparing**
 10 *the environmental impact statement, the Commissioner of Environ-*
 11 *mental Protection is authorized to obtain essential information*
 12 *from other State agencies.***

1 5. Nothing in this act shall affect a specific statutory obligation
 2 of a State agency to comply with criteria or standards prescribed
 3 by other law. The policies set forth in this act are supplementary
 4 to those set forth in existing authorizations of State agencies.

1 ***[6.** There is appropriated from the General State Fund to carry
 2 out the provisions of this act an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. **]***

1 ***[7.]*** **6.** This act shall take effect immediately.

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2 of a State agency to comply with criteria or standards prescribed
3 by other law. The policies set forth in this act are supplementary
4 to those set forth in existing authorizations of State agencies.

1 6. There is appropriated from the General State Fund to carry
2 out the provisions of this act an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

1 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

New Jersey is a most densely populated, heavily industrial State. Its manufacturing industries provides a solid base for its economy and employment directly and indirectly for over 2 million citizens.

New Jersey is also a farming and recreational State and is striving to maintain and improve the environmental quality of life for its citizens.

There has been, is and will probably continue to be some degree of conflict between the need to provide our citizens with jobs and with clean air and water. This bill is designed to provide as much information as possible on the economic and environmental impacts of pertinent bills being considered by legislative committees.

Under its provisions, a legislative committee by a majority vote can obtain an economic impact statement or an environmental impact statement or both statements before acting on a particular bill. The economic impact statement will be provided by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry and the environmental impact statement will be provided by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. The legislative committee has the right to set a time limit up to 90 days for the return of a completed report.

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2000

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 14, 1976

In its original form, this bill would have authorized legislative committees to direct, by majority vote, that economic impact statements, environmental impact statements, or both, be prepared concerning the provisions of a specific legislative bill under consideration. Economic impact statements would be prepared by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, and environmental impact statements would be prepared by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. Such committees would have had the discretion to set time limits for the completion of such statements and to specify, but not limit, the areas of impact to be covered. Such statements would be supplementary to any other requirement of law.

The Assembly Agriculture and Environment Committee adopted several amendments to this bill. The effect of these amendments would be to (1) delete the \$100,000.00 appropriation, with the intention of using existing personnel and appropriations for the preparation of statements; (2) allow a majority of a committee, without a formal vote, to direct the preparation of such statements; (3) require committees to set time limits for the completion of up to 90 days of such statements, and (4) provide that such statements address the short and long term impact of the proposed legislation, including any potential alternative thereto.

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SENATE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2000

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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DATED: JANUARY 24, 1977

The Senate committee approves the Assembly committee statement as a description of the purposes and provisions of the bill. Senate committee amendments authorize each of the concerned commissioners to obtain essential information from other State agencies.

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FISCAL NOTE TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 2000

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 9, 1977

The Senate Reprint to Assembly Bill No. 2000 provides for economic and environmental impact statements for certain proposed legislation.

The Department of Environmental Protection speculates that the preparation of such impact statements could cost \$1,000,000.00 per year but readily admits that without more knowledge of the projected workload, this amount could be grossly inadequate. The Division of Budget and Accounting agrees that in the absence of additional information it would be impossible to make an accurate estimate of the costs involved.

In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1962, c. 27.