

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Requirements for appointing Chaplain  
to municipal police departments--with  
or without rank & salary)NJSA 40A:14-141Laws of 1977 Chapter 409Bill No. A2396Sponsor(s) Hurley, ChinniciDate Introduced Dec. 20, 1976Committee: Assembly Municipal GovernmentSenate County & Municipal GovernmentAmended during passage YES NoDate of passage: Assembly May 2, 1977Senate Jan. 5, 1978Date of approval February 23, 1978

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement Yes NO (Below)Committee Statement: Assembly YES NoSenate YES NoFiscal Note YES NoVeto message YES NoMessage on signing YES No

Following were printed:

Reports YES NoHearings YES No**Sponsor's Statement:**

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2396

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 20, 1976

By Assemblymen HURLEY and CHINNICI

Referred to Committee on Municipal Government

AN ACT concerning municipal police chaplains and amending  
N. J. S. 40A:14-141.

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

1 1. N. J. S. 40A:14-141 is amended to read as follows:

2 40A:14-141. The governing body of any municipality, by  
3 ordinance, may provide for the appointment of one or more  
4 chaplains to the police department or force. Any person appointed  
5 as chaplain shall be an ordained clergyman in good standing in  
6 the religious body from which he is selected. Said chaplain shall  
7 become a member of the municipal police department or force  
8 with *or without* **[the]** rank **[of captain]** *and salary as specified*  
9 *in the ordinance.* His salary, *if any*, shall be fixed by the governing  
10 body of the municipality and payable in the same manner as in the  
11 case of other members of the police department or force.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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