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Assembly, No. 2763

1 **AN ACT** concerning the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact and  
2 supplementing Title 23 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. The State of New Jersey enacts and enters into the Interstate  
8 Wildlife Violator Compact with all other jurisdictions that legally  
9 join in the compact in the form substantially as follows:

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11 Article I. Findings and Statement of Purpose.

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13 1. a. The participating states to this compact find that:

14 (1) Wildlife resources are managed in trust by the respective  
15 states for the benefit of all residents and visitors;

16 (2) The protection of wildlife resources is materially affected by  
17 the degree of compliance with the laws, rules, and regulations  
18 relating to the protection and management of such resources;

19 (3) The preservation, protection, management, and restoration of  
20 wildlife contribute immeasurably to the aesthetic, recreational, and  
21 economic aspects of those natural resources;

22 (4) Wildlife resources are valuable without regard to political  
23 boundaries, and therefore, every person should be required to  
24 comply with the wildlife laws of the participating states as a  
25 condition precedent to the continuance or issuance of any license to  
26 hunt, fish, trap, or possess wildlife;

27 (5) The violation of wildlife laws interferes with the management  
28 of wildlife resources and may endanger the safety of persons and  
29 property;

30 (6) The mobility of people who violate wildlife laws necessitates  
31 the maintenance of channels of communication among the various  
32 states;

33 (7) In most instances, a person who is cited for a wildlife  
34 violation in a state other than the person's home state is:

35 (a) required to post collateral or a bond to secure appearance for  
36 a trial at a later date;

37 (b) taken into custody until the collateral or bond is posted; or

38 (c) taken directly to court for an immediate appearance.

1 (8) The purpose of the enforcement practices described in  
2 paragraph (7) of this subsection of this article is to ensure  
3 compliance with the terms of a wildlife citation by the cited person  
4 who, if permitted to continue on their way after receiving the  
5 citation, could return to their home state and disregard their duty  
6 under the terms of the citation;

7 (9) In most instances, a person receiving a wildlife citation in the  
8 person's home state is permitted to accept the citation from the  
9 officer at the scene of the violation and immediately continue on  
10 their way after agreeing or being instructed to comply with the  
11 terms of the citation;

12 (10) The practices described in paragraph (7) of this subsection  
13 of this article cause unnecessary inconvenience and, at times, a  
14 hardship for the person who is unable at the time to post collateral,  
15 furnish a bond, stand trial, or pay a fine, and thus is compelled to  
16 remain in custody until an alternative arrangement is made; and

17 (11) The enforcement practices described in paragraph (7) of this  
18 subsection of this article consume an undue amount of time of law  
19 enforcement agencies.

20 b. It is the policy of the participating states to:

21 (1) Promote compliance with wildlife laws in their respective  
22 states;

23 (2) Recognize the suspension of wildlife license privileges of any  
24 person whose license privileges have been suspended by a  
25 participating state and treat that suspension as if it had occurred in  
26 their state;

27 (3) Allow a violator, except as provided in subsection b. of  
28 Article III of the compact, to accept a wildlife citation and, without  
29 delay, proceed on their way, whether or not the violator is a resident  
30 of the state in which the citation was issued, if the violator's home  
31 state is party to this compact;

32 (4) Report to the appropriate participating state, as provided in  
33 the compact manual, any conviction recorded against any person  
34 whose home state was not the issuing state;

35 (5) Allow the home state to recognize and treat convictions  
36 recorded against its residents, which convictions occurred in a  
37 participating state, as though they had occurred in the home state;

38 (6) Extend cooperation to its fullest extent among the  
39 participating states for obtaining compliance with the terms of a  
40 wildlife citation issued in one participating state to a resident of  
41 another participating state;

42 (7) Maximize the effective use of law enforcement personnel and  
43 information; and

44 (8) Assist court systems in the efficient disposition of wildlife  
45 violations.

46 c. The purpose of this compact is to provide:

1 (1) a means by which participating states may join in a reciprocal  
2 program to effectuate the policies enumerated in subsection b. of  
3 this article in a uniform and orderly manner; and

4 (2) for the fair and impartial treatment of wildlife violators  
5 operating within participating states in recognition of the violator's  
6 right to due process and the sovereign status of a participating state.

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8 Article II. Definitions.

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10 2. As used in this compact and sections 2 through 6 of this act:

11 "Citation" means any summons, complaint, summons and  
12 complaint, ticket, penalty assessment, or other official document  
13 issued to a person by a wildlife officer or other peace officer for a  
14 wildlife violation which contains an order requiring the person to  
15 respond.

16 "Collateral" means, except as used in section 3 of this act, any  
17 cash or other security deposited to secure an appearance for trial in  
18 connection with the issuance by a wildlife officer or other peace  
19 officer of a citation for a wildlife violation.

20 "Compact" means the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

21 "Compliance" means, except as used in section 3 of this act, the  
22 act of answering a citation through an appearance in a court or  
23 tribunal, or through the payment of fines, costs, and surcharges, if  
24 any.

25 "Conviction" means an admission of guilt of a violation of law  
26 by an accused defendant and the subsequent finding of guilt by a  
27 competent court of appropriate jurisdiction by way of trial, hearing,  
28 summary civil proceeding, or the payment of a fine or penalty to a  
29 court in lieu of a court appearance through a court's violations  
30 bureau, and includes any court conviction for any offense related to  
31 the preservation, protection, management, or restoration of wildlife  
32 which is prohibited by wildlife law including any court conviction  
33 that results in suspension or revocation of a license, and the term  
34 also includes the forfeiture of any bail, bond, or other security  
35 deposited to secure appearance by a person charged with having  
36 committed any such offense, the payment of a penalty assessment, a  
37 plea of nolo contendere, or the imposition of a deferred or  
38 suspended sentence by the court.

39 "Court" means a court of law, including but not limited to  
40 magistrate's court, justice of the peace court, municipal court, and  
41 the State Superior Court.

42 "Division" or "Division of Fish and Wildlife" means the Division  
43 of Fish and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental  
44 Protection.

45 "Home state" means the state of primary residence of a person.

46 "Issuing state" means the participating state that issues a wildlife  
47 citation to a violator.

1 "License" means any license, permit, or other public document  
2 that conveys to the person to whom it was issued the privilege of  
3 pursuing, possessing, or taking any wildlife regulated by law, rule,  
4 or regulation; including any privilege to obtain such license, permit,  
5 or other public document, or any statutory exemption from the  
6 requirement to obtain such license, permit, or other public  
7 document.

8 "Licensing authority" means the department or division within  
9 each participating state which is authorized by law to issue or  
10 approve licenses or permits to hunt, fish, trap, or possess wildlife.

11 "Participating state" means any state that enacts legislation to  
12 become a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

13 "Personal recognizance" means an agreement by a person made  
14 at the time of issuance of the wildlife citation that the person will  
15 comply with the terms of the citation.

16 "State" means any state, territory, or possession of the United  
17 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,  
18 the Provinces of Canada, or other countries.

19 "Suspension" means any suspension, revocation, denial, or  
20 withdrawal of any or all license privileges, including the privilege  
21 to apply for, purchase, or exercise the benefits conferred by any  
22 license.

23 "Terms of a citation" or "terms of the citation" means the  
24 conditions and options expressly stated in the citation.

25 "Wildlife" means all species of wild, non-domesticated animals,  
26 including, but not limited to, mammals, birds, fish, reptiles,  
27 amphibians, mollusks, and crustaceans, which are defined as  
28 wildlife and are protected or otherwise regulated by wildlife law in  
29 a participating state. Species included in the definition of "wildlife"  
30 may vary among the states and the determination of whether a  
31 species is "wildlife" for the purposes of this compact shall be based  
32 on the laws, rules, and regulations of the issuing state.

33 "Wildlife law" means any law, rule, or regulation enacted for the  
34 management of wildlife resources and the uses thereof.

35 "Wildlife officer" means any person authorized by a participating  
36 state to issue a citation for a wildlife violation.

37 "Wildlife violation" means any cited violation of a wildlife law.

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39 Article III. Procedures for Issuing State.  
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41 3. a. When issuing a citation for a wildlife violation, a wildlife  
42 officer shall issue a citation to any person whose primary residence  
43 is in a participating state in the same manner as though the person  
44 were a resident of the issuing state. The wildlife officer shall not  
45 require the person to post collateral to secure the person's  
46 appearance, subject to the exceptions set forth in subsection b. of  
47 this article, if the wildlife officer receives the person's personal

1 recognizance that the person will comply with the terms of the  
2 citation.

3 b. Personal recognizance is acceptable if not prohibited by local  
4 law, by policy, procedure, rule, or regulation of the issuing agency,  
5 or by the compact manual, and if the person provides adequate  
6 proof of identification to the wildlife officer.

7 c. Upon conviction or failure of a person to comply with the  
8 terms of a wildlife citation, the appropriate official shall report the  
9 conviction or failure to comply to the licensing authority of the  
10 participating state in which the wildlife citation was issued. The  
11 report shall be made in accordance with the procedures specified by  
12 the issuing state and shall contain information as specified in the  
13 compact manual as minimum requirements for effective processing  
14 by the home state.

15 d. Upon receipt of the report of conviction or noncompliance  
16 pursuant to subsection c. of this article, the licensing authority of  
17 the issuing state shall transmit to the licensing authority of the home  
18 state of the violator the information in the form and content  
19 prescribed in the compact manual.

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#### 21 Article IV. Procedures for Home State.

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23 4. a. Upon receipt of a report from the licensing authority of the  
24 issuing state reporting the failure of a violator to comply with the  
25 terms of a citation, the licensing authority of the home state shall  
26 notify the violator and may initiate a suspension action in  
27 accordance with the applicable suspension procedure of the home  
28 state. The licensing authority of the home state shall suspend the  
29 licensing privileges of the violator until satisfactory evidence of  
30 compliance with the terms of the wildlife citation has been  
31 furnished by the issuing state to the licensing authority of the home  
32 state. Due process safeguards shall be accorded to the violator.

33 b. Upon receipt of a report of conviction from the licensing  
34 authority of the issuing state, the licensing authority of the home  
35 state shall enter the conviction in its records and shall treat the  
36 conviction as though it occurred in the home state for purposes of  
37 the possible suspension of license privileges.

38 c. The licensing authority of the home state shall maintain a  
39 record of actions taken and make reports to issuing states as  
40 provided in the compact manual.

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#### 42 Article V. Reciprocal Recognition of Suspension.

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44 5. a. Each participating state may recognize the suspension of  
45 license privileges of any person by any other participating state as  
46 though the violation on which the suspension is based had occurred  
47 in that state and would have been the basis for suspension of license  
48 privileges in that state.

1       b. Each participating state shall communicate information  
2 concerning the suspension of license privileges to other  
3 participating states in the form and content prescribed in the  
4 compact manual.

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6                   Article VI. Applicability of Other Laws.

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8       6. Except as expressly required by provisions of this compact,  
9 this compact shall not affect the right of any participating state to  
10 apply any of its laws relating to license privileges to any person or  
11 circumstance or to invalidate or prevent any agreement or other  
12 cooperative arrangement between a participating state and a  
13 nonparticipating state concerning the enforcement of wildlife laws.

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15                   Article VII. Compact Administrator Procedures.

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17       7. a. For the purpose of administering the provisions of this  
18 compact and to serve as a governing body for the resolution of all  
19 matters relating to the operation of this compact, a board of  
20 compact administrators is established. The board shall be  
21 composed of one representative from each of the participating states  
22 to be known as the compact administrator. The Commissioner of  
23 Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Director of the  
24 Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Chief of the Bureau of Law  
25 Enforcement within the division, shall recommend to the Governor  
26 a nominee to serve as compact administrator for the State of New  
27 Jersey. No later than 90 days after receipt of the recommendation  
28 from the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Governor  
29 shall appoint the recommended nominee as the compact  
30 administrator for the State of New Jersey. The compact  
31 administrator shall serve and be subject to removal in accordance  
32 with the laws of the State of New Jersey. The compact  
33 administrator may provide for the discharge of duties and the  
34 performance of functions as a board member by an alternate. An  
35 alternate shall not serve unless written notification of the identity of  
36 the alternate has been given to the board.

37       b. Each member of the board of compact administrators shall be  
38 entitled to one vote. No action of the board shall be binding unless  
39 taken at a meeting at which a majority of the total number of the  
40 votes of the board is cast in favor thereof. Action by the board shall  
41 be only at a meeting at which a majority of the participating states  
42 are represented.

43       c. The board shall elect annually from its membership a  
44 chairperson and vice chairperson.

45       d. The board shall adopt bylaws not inconsistent with the  
46 provisions of this compact or the laws of a participating state for the  
47 conduct of its business and may amend and rescind its bylaws.



1 e. The board may accept for any of its purposes and functions  
2 under this compact any and all donations and grants of moneys,  
3 equipment, supplies, materials, and services, conditional or  
4 otherwise, from any state, the federal government, or any  
5 governmental agency, and may receive, use, and dispose of the  
6 same.

7 f. The board may contract with, or accept services or personnel  
8 from, any governmental or intergovernmental agency, person, firm,  
9 corporation, or private nonprofit organization or institution.

10 g. The board shall formulate all necessary procedures and  
11 develop uniform forms and documents for administering the  
12 provisions of this compact. All procedures and forms adopted  
13 pursuant to board action shall be contained in the compact manual.  
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#### 15 Article VIII. Entry into and Withdrawal from Compact.

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17 8. a. This compact shall become effective upon adoption in  
18 substantially similar form by two or more states.

19 b. (1) Entry into the compact shall be made by resolution of  
20 ratification executed by the authorized officials of the applying state  
21 and submitted to the chairperson of the board.

22 (2) The resolution shall substantially be in the form and content  
23 as provided in the compact manual and include the following:

24 (a) A citation of the authority by which the state is authorized to  
25 become a party to this compact;

26 (b) An agreement of compliance with the terms and provisions of  
27 the compact; and

28 (c) An agreement that entry into the compact is with all states  
29 participating in the compact and with any additional states that  
30 legally become party to the compact.

31 (3) The effective date of entry shall be specified by the applying  
32 state, but shall not be less than 60 days after notice has been given  
33 by the chairperson of the board of the compact administrators or by  
34 the secretary of the board to each participating state that the  
35 resolution from the applying state has been received.

36 c. A participating state may withdraw from the compact by  
37 official written notice to each participating state, but withdrawal  
38 shall not become effective until 90 days after the notice of  
39 withdrawal is given. The notice shall be directed to the compact  
40 administrator of each participating state. The withdrawal of any  
41 state does not affect the validity of this compact as to the remaining  
42 participating states.  
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#### 44 Article IX. Amendments to the Compact.

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46 9. a. This compact may be amended from time to time.  
47 Amendments shall be presented in resolution form to the

1 chairperson of the board of compact administrators and may be  
2 initiated by one or more participating states.

3 b. Adoption of an amendment shall require endorsement by all  
4 participating states and shall become effective 30 days after the date  
5 of the last endorsement.

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7 Article X. Construction and Severability.

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9 10. This compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate  
10 the purposes stated herein. The provisions of the compact are  
11 severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of the  
12 compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any  
13 participating state or of the federal government, or if the  
14 applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or  
15 circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the  
16 compact shall not be affected thereby. If the compact is held  
17 contrary to the constitution of any participating state, the compact  
18 shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining states and in  
19 full force and effect as to the participating state affected as to all  
20 severable matters.

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22 2. a. The Division of Fish and Wildlife shall comply with the  
23 Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact set forth in this act and shall  
24 effectuate the purpose and intent of the compact in so far as its  
25 ability within the jurisdiction outlined in Title 23, Title 50, and  
26 chapter 24 of Title 58 of the Revised Statutes, and any rules and  
27 regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

28 b. The division is authorized, on behalf of the State, to:

29 (1) enter or withdraw from the Interstate Wildlife Violator  
30 Compact pursuant to the terms of article VIII of the compact  
31 pursuant to this act and subsection c. of this section; and

32 (2) adopt amendments to the compact pursuant to the terms of  
33 article IX of the compact pursuant to this act.

34 c. At least 45 business days prior to withdrawing from the  
35 Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, the division shall send written  
36 notice of the decision to withdraw from the compact and an  
37 explanation of the reasoning therefor to the Governor, the President  
38 of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, and the  
39 respective chairpersons of the Senate Environment and Energy  
40 Committee and the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources  
41 Committee, or their designated successors.

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43 3. a. When the Division of Fish and Wildlife receives notice of  
44 the suspension of the hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges of a  
45 person by a participating state, the division shall determine whether  
46 the violation leading to the suspension could lead to the suspension  
47 of privileges under State law, rule, or regulation. If the division  
48 determines that the suspension of privileges in the issuing state

1 would initiate the suspension of a person's privileges according to  
2 State law, rule, or regulation, the division may suspend the license  
3 privileges of that person to hunt, fish, or trap in New Jersey for the  
4 same period imposed by the issuing state not to exceed the time  
5 period prescribed by corresponding State law, rule, or regulation.  
6 The division shall provide written notification to the person of the  
7 suspension of their privileges to take or possess wildlife in New  
8 Jersey and the reason for the suspension.

9 b. When the Division of Fish and Wildlife receives notification  
10 of the conviction of a New Jersey resident from a licensing  
11 authority of a participating state, the division may suspend the  
12 resident's hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges, or other  
13 privileges to take or possess wildlife, if the conviction can be  
14 treated as if the violation had occurred in this State. The division  
15 shall determine if the conviction from a participating state would  
16 satisfy the suspension requirements of the resident's hunting,  
17 fishing, or trapping privileges, or other privileges to take or possess  
18 wildlife in New Jersey pursuant to Title 23, Title 50, and chapter 24  
19 of Title 58 of the Revised Statutes and any rules and regulations  
20 adopted pursuant thereto.

21 When the division determines the violation is a violation which  
22 can be considered for a suspension in New Jersey by (1) pre-  
23 requisite of an accumulation of violations, or (2) cause of collateral  
24 consequence, a suspension due to the nature of the violation  
25 corresponding with prescribed penalties of Title 23, Title 50, and  
26 chapter 24 of Title 58 of the Revised Statutes and any rules and  
27 regulations adopted pursuant thereto, the division may suspend the  
28 resident's privileges to hunt, fish, or trap in this State for the same  
29 period imposed by the issuing state, not to exceed the time period  
30 prescribed by corresponding State law, rule, or regulation. The  
31 division shall provide written notification to the person of their  
32 suspension of privileges to take or possess wildlife in New Jersey in  
33 compliance with this act.

34 c. When notice of suspension is sent to a person, the person  
35 shall immediately surrender any current New Jersey wildlife  
36 licenses to the division.

37 d. A person whose privileges have been suspended and who  
38 hunts, fishes, or traps in this State, who applies for or purchases any  
39 license or permit to hunt, fish, or trap in this State, or who refuses  
40 to surrender any current hunting, fishing, or trapping license as  
41 required, shall be subject to penalties and sanctions prescribed in  
42 Title 23, Title 50, and chapter 24 of Title 58 of the Revised  
43 Statutes, and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

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45 4. a. When the Division of Fish and Wildlife receives notice  
46 that a resident of the State has failed to comply with the terms of a  
47 citation issued for a wildlife violation in a participating state, the  
48 division shall send written notice to that person of their non-

1 compliance. The written notification from the division shall  
2 provide a 30-day period to allow the person to comply with the  
3 issuing state's order to comply. If a resident's citation from the  
4 participating state remains outstanding or out of compliance 30  
5 calendar days after the date of the division's notification, the person  
6 shall be in violation of the compact and subject to a penalty of \$50,  
7 and an additional \$10 for each month thereafter that the citation  
8 remains outstanding or out of compliance. In addition to the  
9 penalties prescribed, all licenses and privileges to take or possess  
10 wildlife shall be suspended until such time that the division receives  
11 notice from the issuing state that the citation has been satisfied and  
12 a disposition for the matter has been recorded.

13 b. In addition to the suspension provision set forth in subsection  
14 a. of this section, a violation of the compact as described in that  
15 subsection shall be considered in evaluating suspensions for  
16 accumulation of violations in R.S.23:3-22.

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18 5. a. A written suspension notification letter issued by the  
19 Division of Fish and Wildlife pursuant to section 3 or 4 of this act  
20 shall include, but need not be limited to, the following information:  
21 the period of suspension; the reason for suspension; identification  
22 of the violations leading to the suspension; and the procedure by  
23 which the person may appeal their suspension.

24 b. Upon receipt of a written request by a person suspended  
25 pursuant to the provisions of this act, a review of the suspension  
26 shall be conducted and a determination made concerning whether  
27 the suspension is eligible for early restoration pursuant to section 2  
28 of P.L.1955, c.96 (C.23:3-22.1). If, following review, the person is  
29 aggrieved by disposition of the request, the person may, by written  
30 request to the division, within 20 days after notification of the  
31 completion of the initial review, request a hearing. Upon receipt of  
32 notification within the 20-day period, the division shall request a  
33 hearing be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the  
34 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
35 seq.), and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. All  
36 appeal considerations shall also conform to section 2 of P.L.1955,  
37 c.96 (C.23:3-22.1).

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39 6. If it is determined by the Bureau of Law Enforcement of the  
40 Division of Fish and Wildlife that the provisions of this compact, in  
41 full or in part, are not being implemented with respect to violations  
42 and suspensions reported from the State of New Jersey by any other  
43 participating state, the Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife,  
44 with the approval of the Commissioner of Environmental  
45 Protection, may suspend enforcement of the provisions of this  
46 compact as against such participating state until such time as the  
47 Chief of the Bureau of Law Enforcement determines that the

1 participating state is fully implementing the provisions of the  
2 compact.

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4 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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9 This bill would enter New Jersey in the Interstate Wildlife  
10 Violator Compact.

11 The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC) is an  
12 agreement among participating states to provide reciprocal sharing  
13 of information regarding hunting, fishing, and trapping violations.  
14 The IWVC allows for recognition of suspension of hunting, fishing,  
15 and trapping licenses and permits in other member states resulting  
16 from violations concerning hunting, fishing, and trapping laws.  
17 Illegal activities in one participating state can thus affect a person's  
18 hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in all member states. The  
19 IWVC requires participating states to report wildlife violation  
20 convictions to compact members, gives the member states the  
21 capability to honor each other's suspensions, and provides the  
22 method to exchange violator data between member states. A  
23 conviction in one compact member state may cause a person to be  
24 barred from hunting, fishing, and trapping in all participating states,  
25 at the discretion of each state.

26 New Jersey is one of the few remaining states that have not yet  
27 joined this compact. This bill enters the State into the IWVC and  
28 provides the Division of Fish and Wildlife in the Department of  
29 Environmental Protection with the authority to withdraw from the  
30 compact if the division determines that the provisions of the IWVC  
31 concerning violations and suspensions reported by the State are not  
32 being implemented or enforced by other participating states.

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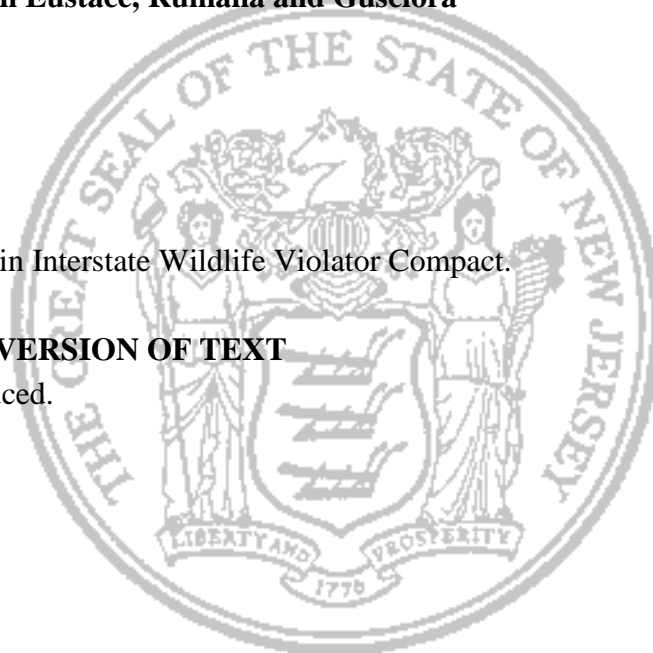
**Assemblymen Eustace, Rumana and Gusciora**

**SYNOPSIS**

Enters NJ in Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/15/2016)**

1 AN ACT concerning the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact and  
2 supplementing Title 23 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. The State of New Jersey enacts and enters into the Interstate  
8 Wildlife Violator Compact with all other jurisdictions that legally  
9 join in the compact in the form substantially as follows:

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11 Article I. Findings and Statement of Purpose.

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13 1. a. The participating states to this compact find that:

14 (1) Wildlife resources are managed in trust by the respective  
15 states for the benefit of all residents and visitors;

16 (2) The protection of wildlife resources is materially affected by  
17 the degree of compliance with the laws, rules, and regulations  
18 relating to the protection and management of such resources;

19 (3) The preservation, protection, management, and restoration of  
20 wildlife contribute immeasurably to the aesthetic, recreational, and  
21 economic aspects of those natural resources;

22 (4) Wildlife resources are valuable without regard to political  
23 boundaries, and therefore, every person should be required to  
24 comply with the wildlife laws of the participating states as a  
25 condition precedent to the continuance or issuance of any license to  
26 hunt, fish, trap, or possess wildlife;

27 (5) The violation of wildlife laws interferes with the management  
28 of wildlife resources and may endanger the safety of persons and  
29 property;

30 (6) The mobility of people who violate wildlife laws necessitates  
31 the maintenance of channels of communication among the various  
32 states;

33 (7) In most instances, a person who is cited for a wildlife  
34 violation in a state other than the person's home state is:

35 (a) required to post collateral or a bond to secure appearance for  
36 a trial at a later date;

37 (b) taken into custody until the collateral or bond is posted; or

38 (c) taken directly to court for an immediate appearance.

39 (8) The purpose of the enforcement practices described in  
40 paragraph (7) of this subsection of this article is to ensure  
41 compliance with the terms of a wildlife citation by the cited person  
42 who, if permitted to continue on their way after receiving the  
43 citation, could return to their home state and disregard their duty  
44 under the terms of the citation;

45 (9) In most instances, a person receiving a wildlife citation in the  
46 person's home state is permitted to accept the citation from the  
47 officer at the scene of the violation and immediately continue on

1 their way after agreeing or being instructed to comply with the  
2 terms of the citation;

3 (10) The practices described in paragraph (7) of this subsection  
4 of this article cause unnecessary inconvenience and, at times, a  
5 hardship for the person who is unable at the time to post collateral,  
6 furnish a bond, stand trial, or pay a fine, and thus is compelled to  
7 remain in custody until an alternative arrangement is made; and

8 (11) The enforcement practices described in paragraph (7) of this  
9 subsection of this article consume an undue amount of time of law  
10 enforcement agencies.

11 b. It is the policy of the participating states to:

12 (1) Promote compliance with wildlife laws in their respective  
13 states;

14 (2) Recognize the suspension of wildlife license privileges of any  
15 person whose license privileges have been suspended by a  
16 participating state and treat that suspension as if it had occurred in  
17 their state;

18 (3) Allow a violator, except as provided in subsection b. of  
19 Article III of the compact, to accept a wildlife citation and, without  
20 delay, proceed on their way, whether or not the violator is a resident  
21 of the state in which the citation was issued, if the violator's home  
22 state is party to this compact;

23 (4) Report to the appropriate participating state, as provided in  
24 the compact manual, any conviction recorded against any person  
25 whose home state was not the issuing state;

26 (5) Allow the home state to recognize and treat convictions  
27 recorded against its residents, which convictions occurred in a  
28 participating state, as though they had occurred in the home state;

29 (6) Extend cooperation to its fullest extent among the  
30 participating states for obtaining compliance with the terms of a  
31 wildlife citation issued in one participating state to a resident of  
32 another participating state;

33 (7) Maximize the effective use of law enforcement personnel and  
34 information; and

35 (8) Assist court systems in the efficient disposition of wildlife  
36 violations.

37 c. The purpose of this compact is to provide:

38 (1) a means by which participating states may join in a reciprocal  
39 program to effectuate the policies enumerated in subsection b. of  
40 this article in a uniform and orderly manner; and

41 (2) for the fair and impartial treatment of wildlife violators  
42 operating within participating states in recognition of the violator's  
43 right to due process and the sovereign status of a participating state.

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Article II. Definitions.

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2. As used in this compact and sections 2 through 6 of this act:



1 "Citation" means any summons, complaint, summons and  
2 complaint, ticket, penalty assessment, or other official document  
3 issued to a person by a wildlife officer or other peace officer for a  
4 wildlife violation which contains an order requiring the person to  
5 respond.

6 "Collateral" means, except as used in section 3 of this act, any  
7 cash or other security deposited to secure an appearance for trial in  
8 connection with the issuance by a wildlife officer or other peace  
9 officer of a citation for a wildlife violation.

10 "Compact" means the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

11 "Compliance" means, except as used in section 3 of this act, the  
12 act of answering a citation through an appearance in a court or  
13 tribunal, or through the payment of fines, costs, and surcharges, if  
14 any.

15 "Conviction" means an admission of guilt of a violation of law  
16 by an accused defendant and the subsequent finding of guilt by a  
17 competent court of appropriate jurisdiction by way of trial, hearing,  
18 summary civil proceeding, or the payment of a fine or penalty to a  
19 court in lieu of a court appearance through a court's violations  
20 bureau, and includes any court conviction for any offense related to  
21 the preservation, protection, management, or restoration of wildlife  
22 which is prohibited by wildlife law including any court conviction  
23 that results in suspension or revocation of a license, and the term  
24 also includes the forfeiture of any bail, bond, or other security  
25 deposited to secure appearance by a person charged with having  
26 committed any such offense, the payment of a penalty assessment, a  
27 plea of nolo contendere, or the imposition of a deferred or  
28 suspended sentence by the court.

29 "Court" means a court of law, including but not limited to  
30 magistrate's court, justice of the peace court, municipal court, and  
31 the State Superior Court.

32 "Division" or "Division of Fish and Wildlife" means the Division  
33 of Fish and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental  
34 Protection.

35 "Home state" means the state of primary residence of a person.

36 "Issuing state" means the participating state that issues a wildlife  
37 citation to a violator.

38 "License" means any license, permit, or other public document  
39 that conveys to the person to whom it was issued the privilege of  
40 pursuing, possessing, or taking any wildlife regulated by law, rule,  
41 or regulation; including any privilege to obtain such license, permit,  
42 or other public document, or any statutory exemption from the  
43 requirement to obtain such license, permit, or other public  
44 document.

45 "Licensing authority" means the department or division within  
46 each participating state which is authorized by law to issue or  
47 approve licenses or permits to hunt, fish, trap, or possess wildlife.

1 "Participating state" means any state that enacts legislation to  
2 become a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

3 "Personal recognizance" means an agreement by a person made  
4 at the time of issuance of the wildlife citation that the person will  
5 comply with the terms of the citation.

6 "State" means any state, territory, or possession of the United  
7 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,  
8 the Provinces of Canada, or other countries.

9 "Suspension" means any suspension, revocation, denial, or  
10 withdrawal of any or all license privileges, including the privilege  
11 to apply for, purchase, or exercise the benefits conferred by any  
12 license.

13 "Terms of a citation" or "terms of the citation" means the  
14 conditions and options expressly stated in the citation.

15 "Wildlife" means all species of wild, non-domesticated animals,  
16 including, but not limited to, mammals, birds, fish, reptiles,  
17 amphibians, mollusks, and crustaceans, which are defined as  
18 wildlife and are protected or otherwise regulated by wildlife law in  
19 a participating state. Species included in the definition of "wildlife"  
20 may vary among the states and the determination of whether a  
21 species is "wildlife" for the purposes of this compact shall be based  
22 on the laws, rules, and regulations of the issuing state.

23 "Wildlife law" means any law, rule, or regulation enacted for the  
24 management of wildlife resources and the uses thereof.

25 "Wildlife officer" means any person authorized by a participating  
26 state to issue a citation for a wildlife violation.

27 "Wildlife violation" means any cited violation of a wildlife law.

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29 Article III. Procedures for Issuing State.

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31 3. a. When issuing a citation for a wildlife violation, a wildlife  
32 officer shall issue a citation to any person whose primary residence  
33 is in a participating state in the same manner as though the person  
34 were a resident of the issuing state. The wildlife officer shall not  
35 require the person to post collateral to secure the person's  
36 appearance, subject to the exceptions set forth in subsection b. of  
37 this article, if the wildlife officer receives the person's personal  
38 recognizance that the person will comply with the terms of the  
39 citation.

40 b. Personal recognizance is acceptable if not prohibited by local  
41 law, by policy, procedure, rule, or regulation of the issuing agency,  
42 or by the compact manual, and if the person provides adequate  
43 proof of identification to the wildlife officer.

44 c. Upon conviction or failure of a person to comply with the  
45 terms of a wildlife citation, the appropriate official shall report the  
46 conviction or failure to comply to the licensing authority of the  
47 participating state in which the wildlife citation was issued. The  
48 report shall be made in accordance with the procedures specified by

1 the issuing state and shall contain information as specified in the  
2 compact manual as minimum requirements for effective processing  
3 by the home state.

4 d. Upon receipt of the report of conviction or noncompliance  
5 pursuant to subsection c. of this article, the licensing authority of  
6 the issuing state shall transmit to the licensing authority of the home  
7 state of the violator the information in the form and content  
8 prescribed in the compact manual.

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10 Article IV. Procedures for Home State.

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12 4. a. Upon receipt of a report from the licensing authority of the  
13 issuing state reporting the failure of a violator to comply with the  
14 terms of a citation, the licensing authority of the home state shall  
15 notify the violator and may initiate a suspension action in  
16 accordance with the applicable suspension procedure of the home  
17 state. The licensing authority of the home state shall suspend the  
18 licensing privileges of the violator until satisfactory evidence of  
19 compliance with the terms of the wildlife citation has been  
20 furnished by the issuing state to the licensing authority of the home  
21 state. Due process safeguards shall be accorded to the violator.

22 b. Upon receipt of a report of conviction from the licensing  
23 authority of the issuing state, the licensing authority of the home  
24 state shall enter the conviction in its records and shall treat the  
25 conviction as though it occurred in the home state for purposes of  
26 the possible suspension of license privileges.

27 c. The licensing authority of the home state shall maintain a  
28 record of actions taken and make reports to issuing states as  
29 provided in the compact manual.

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31 Article V. Reciprocal Recognition of Suspension.

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33 5. a. Each participating state may recognize the suspension of  
34 license privileges of any person by any other participating state as  
35 though the violation on which the suspension is based had occurred  
36 in that state and would have been the basis for suspension of license  
37 privileges in that state.

38 b. Each participating state shall communicate information  
39 concerning the suspension of license privileges to other  
40 participating states in the form and content prescribed in the  
41 compact manual.

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43 Article VI. Applicability of Other Laws.

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45 6. Except as expressly required by provisions of this compact,  
46 this compact shall not affect the right of any participating state to  
47 apply any of its laws relating to license privileges to any person or  
48 circumstance or to invalidate or prevent any agreement or other

1 cooperative arrangement between a participating state and a  
2 nonparticipating state concerning the enforcement of wildlife laws.

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4 Article VII. Compact Administrator Procedures.

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6 7. a. For the purpose of administering the provisions of this  
7 compact and to serve as a governing body for the resolution of all  
8 matters relating to the operation of this compact, a board of  
9 compact administrators is established. The board shall be  
10 composed of one representative from each of the participating states  
11 to be known as the compact administrator. The Commissioner of  
12 Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Director of the  
13 Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Chief of the Bureau of Law  
14 Enforcement within the division, shall recommend to the Governor  
15 a nominee to serve as compact administrator for the State of New  
16 Jersey. No later than 90 days after receipt of the recommendation  
17 from the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Governor  
18 shall appoint the recommended nominee as the compact  
19 administrator for the State of New Jersey. The compact  
20 administrator shall serve and be subject to removal in accordance  
21 with the laws of the State of New Jersey. The compact  
22 administrator may provide for the discharge of duties and the  
23 performance of functions as a board member by an alternate. An  
24 alternate shall not serve unless written notification of the identity of  
25 the alternate has been given to the board.

26 b. Each member of the board of compact administrators shall be  
27 entitled to one vote. No action of the board shall be binding unless  
28 taken at a meeting at which a majority of the total number of the  
29 votes of the board is cast in favor thereof. Action by the board shall  
30 be only at a meeting at which a majority of the participating states  
31 are represented.

32 c. The board shall elect annually from its membership a  
33 chairperson and vice chairperson.

34 d. The board shall adopt bylaws not inconsistent with the  
35 provisions of this compact or the laws of a participating state for the  
36 conduct of its business and may amend and rescind its bylaws.

37 e. The board may accept for any of its purposes and functions  
38 under this compact any and all donations and grants of moneys,  
39 equipment, supplies, materials, and services, conditional or  
40 otherwise, from any state, the federal government, or any  
41 governmental agency, and may receive, use, and dispose of the  
42 same.

43 f. The board may contract with, or accept services or personnel  
44 from, any governmental or intergovernmental agency, person, firm,  
45 corporation, or private nonprofit organization or institution.

46 g. The board shall formulate all necessary procedures and  
47 develop uniform forms and documents for administering the

1 provisions of this compact. All procedures and forms adopted  
2 pursuant to board action shall be contained in the compact manual.

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4 Article VIII. Entry into and Withdrawal from Compact.

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6 8. a. This compact shall become effective upon adoption in  
7 substantially similar form by two or more states.

8 b. (1) Entry into the compact shall be made by resolution of  
9 ratification executed by the authorized officials of the applying state  
10 and submitted to the chairperson of the board.

11 (2) The resolution shall substantially be in the form and content  
12 as provided in the compact manual and include the following:

13 (a) A citation of the authority by which the state is authorized to  
14 become a party to this compact;

15 (b) An agreement of compliance with the terms and provisions of  
16 the compact; and

17 (c) An agreement that entry into the compact is with all states  
18 participating in the compact and with any additional states that  
19 legally become party to the compact.

20 (3) The effective date of entry shall be specified by the applying  
21 state, but shall not be less than 60 days after notice has been given  
22 by the chairperson of the board of the compact administrators or by  
23 the secretary of the board to each participating state that the  
24 resolution from the applying state has been received.

25 c. A participating state may withdraw from the compact by  
26 official written notice to each participating state, but withdrawal  
27 shall not become effective until 90 days after the notice of  
28 withdrawal is given. The notice shall be directed to the compact  
29 administrator of each participating state. The withdrawal of any  
30 state does not affect the validity of this compact as to the remaining  
31 participating states.

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33 Article IX. Amendments to the Compact.

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35 9. a. This compact may be amended from time to time.  
36 Amendments shall be presented in resolution form to the  
37 chairperson of the board of compact administrators and may be  
38 initiated by one or more participating states.

39 b. Adoption of an amendment shall require endorsement by all  
40 participating states and shall become effective 30 days after the date  
41 of the last endorsement.

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43 Article X. Construction and Severability.

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45 10. This compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate  
46 the purposes stated herein. The provisions of the compact are  
47 severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of the  
48 compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any

1 participating state or of the federal government, or if the  
2 applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or  
3 circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the  
4 compact shall not be affected thereby. If the compact is held  
5 contrary to the constitution of any participating state, the compact  
6 shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining states and in  
7 full force and effect as to the participating state affected as to all  
8 severable matters.

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10 2. a. The Division of Fish and Wildlife shall comply with the  
11 Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact set forth in this act and shall  
12 effectuate the purpose and intent of the compact in so far as its  
13 ability within the jurisdiction outlined in Title 23, Title 50, and  
14 chapter 24 of Title 58 of the Revised Statutes, and any rules and  
15 regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

16 b. The division is authorized, on behalf of the State, to:

17 (1) enter or withdraw from the Interstate Wildlife Violator  
18 Compact pursuant to the terms of article VIII of the compact  
19 pursuant to this act and subsection c. of this section; and

20 (2) adopt amendments to the compact pursuant to the terms of  
21 article IX of the compact pursuant to this act.

22 c. At least 45 business days prior to withdrawing from the  
23 Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, the division shall send written  
24 notice of the decision to withdraw from the compact and an  
25 explanation of the reasoning therefor to the Governor, the President  
26 of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, and the  
27 respective chairpersons of the Senate Environment and Energy  
28 Committee and the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources  
29 Committee, or their designated successors.

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31 3. a. When the Division of Fish and Wildlife receives notice of  
32 the suspension of the hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges of a  
33 person by a participating state, the division shall determine whether  
34 the violation leading to the suspension could lead to the suspension  
35 of privileges under State law, rule, or regulation. If the division  
36 determines that the suspension of privileges in the issuing state  
37 would initiate the suspension of a person's privileges according to  
38 State law, rule, or regulation, the division may suspend the license  
39 privileges of that person to hunt, fish, or trap in New Jersey for the  
40 same period imposed by the issuing state not to exceed the time  
41 period prescribed by corresponding State law, rule, or regulation.  
42 The division shall provide written notification to the person of the  
43 suspension of their privileges to take or possess wildlife in New  
44 Jersey and the reason for the suspension.

45 b. When the Division of Fish and Wildlife receives notification  
46 of the conviction of a New Jersey resident from a licensing  
47 authority of a participating state, the division may suspend the  
48 resident's hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges, or other

1 privileges to take or possess wildlife, if the conviction can be  
2 treated as if the violation had occurred in this State. The division  
3 shall determine if the conviction from a participating state would  
4 satisfy the suspension requirements of the resident's hunting,  
5 fishing, or trapping privileges, or other privileges to take or possess  
6 wildlife in New Jersey pursuant to Title 23, Title 50, and chapter 24  
7 of Title 58 of the Revised Statutes and any rules and regulations  
8 adopted pursuant thereto.

9 When the division determines the violation is a violation which  
10 can be considered for a suspension in New Jersey by (1) pre-  
11 requisite of an accumulation of violations, or (2) cause of collateral  
12 consequence, a suspension due to the nature of the violation  
13 corresponding with prescribed penalties of Title 23, Title 50, and  
14 chapter 24 of Title 58 of the Revised Statutes and any rules and  
15 regulations adopted pursuant thereto, the division may suspend the  
16 resident's privileges to hunt, fish, or trap in this State for the same  
17 period imposed by the issuing state, not to exceed the time period  
18 prescribed by corresponding State law, rule, or regulation. The  
19 division shall provide written notification to the person of their  
20 suspension of privileges to take or possess wildlife in New Jersey in  
21 compliance with this act.

22 c. When notice of suspension is sent to a person, the person  
23 shall immediately surrender any current New Jersey wildlife  
24 licenses to the division.

25 d. A person whose privileges have been suspended and who  
26 hunts, fishes, or traps in this State, who applies for or purchases any  
27 license or permit to hunt, fish, or trap in this State, or who refuses  
28 to surrender any current hunting, fishing, or trapping license as  
29 required, shall be subject to penalties and sanctions prescribed in  
30 Title 23, Title 50, and chapter 24 of Title 58 of the Revised  
31 Statutes, and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

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33 4. a. When the Division of Fish and Wildlife receives notice  
34 that a resident of the State has failed to comply with the terms of a  
35 citation issued for a wildlife violation in a participating state, the  
36 division shall send written notice to that person of their non-  
37 compliance. The written notification from the division shall  
38 provide a 30-day period to allow the person to comply with the  
39 issuing state's order to comply. If a resident's citation from the  
40 participating state remains outstanding or out of compliance 30  
41 calendar days after the date of the division's notification, the person  
42 shall be in violation of the compact and subject to a penalty of \$50,  
43 and an additional \$10 for each month thereafter that the citation  
44 remains outstanding or out of compliance. In addition to the  
45 penalties prescribed, all licenses and privileges to take or possess  
46 wildlife shall be suspended until such time that the division receives  
47 notice from the issuing state that the citation has been satisfied and  
48 a disposition for the matter has been recorded.

1       b. In addition to the suspension provision set forth in subsection  
2 a. of this section, a violation of the compact as described in that  
3 subsection shall be considered in evaluating suspensions for  
4 accumulation of violations in R.S.23:3-22.

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6       5. a. A written suspension notification letter issued by the  
7 Division of Fish and Wildlife pursuant to section 3 or 4 of this act  
8 shall include, but need not be limited to, the following information:  
9 the period of suspension; the reason for suspension; identification  
10 of the violations leading to the suspension; and the procedure by  
11 which the person may appeal their suspension.

12       b. Upon receipt of a written request by a person suspended  
13 pursuant to the provisions of this act, a review of the suspension  
14 shall be conducted and a determination made concerning whether  
15 the suspension is eligible for early restoration pursuant to section 2  
16 of P.L.1955, c.96 (C.23:3-22.1). If, following review, the person is  
17 aggrieved by disposition of the request, the person may, by written  
18 request to the division, within 20 days after notification of the  
19 completion of the initial review, request a hearing. Upon receipt of  
20 notification within the 20-day period, the division shall request a  
21 hearing be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the  
22 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
23 seq.), and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. All  
24 appeal considerations shall also conform to section 2 of P.L.1955,  
25 c.96 (C.23:3-22.1).

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27       6. If it is determined by the Bureau of Law Enforcement of the  
28 Division of Fish and Wildlife that the provisions of this compact, in  
29 full or in part, are not being implemented with respect to violations  
30 and suspensions reported from the State of New Jersey by any other  
31 participating state, the Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife,  
32 with the approval of the Commissioner of Environmental  
33 Protection, may suspend enforcement of the provisions of this  
34 compact as against such participating state until such time as the  
35 Chief of the Bureau of Law Enforcement determines that the  
36 participating state is fully implementing the provisions of the  
37 compact.

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39       7. This act shall take effect immediately.

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42                                   STATEMENT

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44       This bill would enter New Jersey in the Interstate Wildlife  
45 Violator Compact.

46       The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC) is an  
47 agreement among participating states to provide reciprocal sharing  
48 of information regarding hunting, fishing, and trapping violations.



1 The IWVC allows for recognition of suspension of hunting, fishing,  
2 and trapping licenses and permits in other member states resulting  
3 from violations concerning hunting, fishing, and trapping laws.  
4 Illegal activities in one participating state can thus affect a person's  
5 hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in all member states. The  
6 IWVC requires participating states to report wildlife violation  
7 convictions to compact members, gives the member states the  
8 capability to honor each other's suspensions, and provides the  
9 method to exchange violator data between member states. A  
10 conviction in one compact member state may cause a person to be  
11 barred from hunting, fishing, and trapping in all participating states,  
12 at the discretion of each state.

13 New Jersey is one of the few remaining states that have not yet  
14 joined this compact. This bill enters the State into the IWVC and  
15 provides the Division of Fish and Wildlife in the Department of  
16 Environmental Protection with the authority to withdraw from the  
17 compact if the division determines that the provisions of the IWVC  
18 concerning violations and suspensions reported by the State are not  
19 being implemented or enforced by other participating states.

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2763**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 3, 2016

The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2763.

This bill would enter New Jersey into the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC) is an agreement among participating states to provide reciprocal sharing of information regarding hunting, fishing, and trapping violations. The IWVC allows for recognition of suspension of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and permits in other member states resulting from violations concerning hunting, fishing, and trapping laws. Illegal activities in one participating state can thus affect a person's hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in all member states. The IWVC requires participating states to report wildlife violation convictions to compact members, gives the member states the capability to honor each other's suspensions, and provides the method to exchange violator data between member states. A conviction in one compact member state may cause a person to be barred from hunting, fishing, and trapping in all participating states, at the discretion of each state.

New Jersey is one of the few remaining states that have not yet joined this compact. This bill would enter the State into the IWVC and provides the Division of Fish and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection with the authority to withdraw from the compact if the division determines that the provisions of the IWVC concerning violations and suspensions reported by the State are not being implemented or enforced by other participating states.

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 2763

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2763.

This bill would enter New Jersey into the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

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New Jersey is one of the few remaining states that have not yet joined this compact. This bill enters the State into the IWVC and provides the Division of Fish and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection with the authority to withdraw from the compact if the division determines that the provisions of the IWVC concerning violations and suspensions reported by the State are not being implemented or enforced by other participating states.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1933, as also reported by the committee.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The Fiscal Estimate for this bill prepared by the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that there will be a minimal decrease in costs to municipal courts and law enforcement through a reduced number of nonresident wildlife citations requiring immediate processing. Currently, a nonresident who is cited for a wildlife violation in New Jersey is (a) required to post collateral or a bond to secure appearance for a trial at a later date; (b) taken into custody until the collateral or bond is posted; or (c) taken directly to court for an immediate appearance. This bill allows New Jersey to instead treat a

nonresident violator in the same manner as a resident violator by allowing the nonresident violator to accept the wildlife citation and proceed on their way.

This bill may increase DEP administrative costs. This bill requires the division to comply with the IWVC, and applicable State laws, rules, and regulations, for processing of wildlife citations, information sharing, and enforcement.

The bill may result in a minimal revenue increase for the DEP from penalties associated with noncompliance. The bill requires the division to impose a penalty of \$50 if a State resident's citation from the participating compact state remains outstanding or out of compliance 30 calendar days after the date of the division's notification and an additional \$10 for each month thereafter that the citation remains outstanding or out of compliance.

# SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 2763

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JULY 11, 2016

The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2763.

This bill would enter New Jersey into the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

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New Jersey is one of the few remaining states that have not yet joined this compact. This bill would enter the State into the IWVC and provides the Division of Fish and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection with the authority to withdraw from the compact if the division determines that the provisions of the IWVC concerning violations and suspensions reported by the State are not being implemented or enforced by other participating states.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1933, which was also reported by the committee.

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 2763**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**217th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: JUNE 27, 2016

**SUMMARY**

- Synopsis:** Enters NJ in Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.
- Type of Impact:** Indeterminate impact on State for administration and enforcement. Expenditure reduction on municipal courts.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Environmental Protection. Municipalities.

**Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
<b>State Cost</b>	Indeterminate – See comments below		
<b>Local Cost</b>	Minimal decrease – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) determines that there will be a minimal decrease in costs to municipal courts and law enforcement through a reduced number of nonresident wildlife citations requiring immediate processing.
- The OLS determines that the bill may increase Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) administrative costs to comply with the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact for processing of wildlife citations, information sharing, and enforcement.
- The OLS determines that there may be a minimal revenue increase to the DEP for penalties associated with noncompliance.

**BILL DESCRIPTION**

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to honor each other's suspensions, and provides the method to exchange violator data between member states. A conviction in one compact member state may cause a person to be barred from hunting, fishing, and trapping in all participating states, at the discretion of each state.

Under the compact, if a resident of New Jersey fails to comply with the terms of a citation issued for a wildlife violation in a participating compact state, the Division of Fish and Wildlife (division) in the DEP would send written notice to that person of their non-compliance. The written notice from the division would provide a 30-day period to allow the person to comply with the issuing state's order to comply. If a State resident's citation from the participating compact state remains outstanding or out of compliance 30 calendar days after the date of the division's notification, the person would be in violation of the compact and subject to a penalty of \$50, and an additional \$10 for each month thereafter that the citation remains outstanding or out of compliance. In addition to the penalties prescribed, all licenses and privileges to take or possess wildlife would be suspended until such time that the division receives notice from the issuing state that the citation has been satisfied and a disposition for the matter has been recorded.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The OLS determines that there will be a minimal decrease in costs to municipal courts and law enforcement. Currently, a nonresident who is cited for a wildlife violation in New Jersey is (a) required to post collateral or a bond to secure appearance for a trial at a later date; (b) taken into custody until the collateral or bond is posted; or (c) taken directly to court for an immediate appearance. This bill would allow New Jersey to instead treat a nonresident violator in the same manner as a resident violator by allowing the nonresident violator to accept the wildlife citation and proceed on their way. The OLS believes that this bill will assist municipal courts and law enforcement personnel through a reduced number of such wildlife citations otherwise requiring immediate processing.

The OLS determines that this bill may increase DEP administrative costs. This bill would require the division to comply with the IWVC, and applicable State laws, rules, and regulations, for processing of wildlife citations, information sharing, and enforcement.

The OLS determines that there may be a minimal revenue increase to the DEP from penalties associated with noncompliance. The bill requires the division to impose a penalty of \$50 if a State resident's citation from the participating compact state remains outstanding or out of compliance 30 calendar days after the date of the division's notification and an additional \$10 for each month thereafter that the citation remains outstanding or out of compliance.

*Section: Environment, Agriculture, Energy and Natural Resources*

*Analyst: Neha Mehta  
Assistant Fiscal Analyst*

*Approved: Frank W. Haines III  
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

# SENATE, No. 1933

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 10, 2016

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator STEPHEN M. SWEENEY**

**District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)**

**Senator BRIAN P. STACK**

**District 33 (Hudson)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Enters NJ in Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/14/2016)**



1 AN ACT concerning the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact and  
2 supplementing Title 23 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. The State of New Jersey enacts and enters into the Interstate  
8 Wildlife Violator Compact with all other jurisdictions that legally  
9 join in the compact in the form substantially as follows:

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11 Article I. Findings and Statement of Purpose.

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13 1. a. The participating states to this compact find that:

14 (1) Wildlife resources are managed in trust by the respective  
15 states for the benefit of all residents and visitors;

16 (2) The protection of wildlife resources is materially affected by  
17 the degree of compliance with the laws, rules, and regulations  
18 relating to the protection and management of such resources;

19 (3) The preservation, protection, management, and restoration of  
20 wildlife contribute immeasurably to the aesthetic, recreational, and  
21 economic aspects of those natural resources;

22 (4) Wildlife resources are valuable without regard to political  
23 boundaries, and therefore, every person should be required to  
24 comply with the wildlife laws of the participating states as a  
25 condition precedent to the continuance or issuance of any license to  
26 hunt, fish, trap, or possess wildlife;

27 (5) The violation of wildlife laws interferes with the management  
28 of wildlife resources and may endanger the safety of persons and  
29 property;

30 (6) The mobility of people who violate wildlife laws necessitates  
31 the maintenance of channels of communication among the various  
32 states;

33 (7) In most instances, a person who is cited for a wildlife  
34 violation in a state other than the person's home state is:

35 (a) required to post collateral or a bond to secure appearance for  
36 a trial at a later date;

37 (b) taken into custody until the collateral or bond is posted; or

38 (c) taken directly to court for an immediate appearance.

39 (8) The purpose of the enforcement practices described in  
40 paragraph (7) of this subsection of this article is to ensure  
41 compliance with the terms of a wildlife citation by the cited person  
42 who, if permitted to continue on their way after receiving the  
43 citation, could return to their home state and disregard their duty  
44 under the terms of the citation;

45 (9) In most instances, a person receiving a wildlife citation in the  
46 person's home state is permitted to accept the citation from the  
47 officer at the scene of the violation and immediately continue on

1 their way after agreeing or being instructed to comply with the  
2 terms of the citation;

3 (10) The practices described in paragraph (7) of this subsection  
4 of this article cause unnecessary inconvenience and, at times, a  
5 hardship for the person who is unable at the time to post collateral,  
6 furnish a bond, stand trial, or pay a fine, and thus is compelled to  
7 remain in custody until an alternative arrangement is made; and

8 (11) The enforcement practices described in paragraph (7) of this  
9 subsection of this article consume an undue amount of time of law  
10 enforcement agencies.

11 b. It is the policy of the participating states to:

12 (1) Promote compliance with wildlife laws in their respective  
13 states;

14 (2) Recognize the suspension of wildlife license privileges of any  
15 person whose license privileges have been suspended by a  
16 participating state and treat that suspension as if it had occurred in  
17 their state;

18 (3) Allow a violator, except as provided in subsection b. of  
19 Article III of the compact, to accept a wildlife citation and, without  
20 delay, proceed on their way, whether or not the violator is a resident  
21 of the state in which the citation was issued, if the violator's home  
22 state is party to this compact;

23 (4) Report to the appropriate participating state, as provided in  
24 the compact manual, any conviction recorded against any person  
25 whose home state was not the issuing state;

26 (5) Allow the home state to recognize and treat convictions  
27 recorded against its residents, which convictions occurred in a  
28 participating state, as though they had occurred in the home state;

29 (6) Extend cooperation to its fullest extent among the  
30 participating states for obtaining compliance with the terms of a  
31 wildlife citation issued in one participating state to a resident of  
32 another participating state;

33 (7) Maximize the effective use of law enforcement personnel and  
34 information; and

35 (8) Assist court systems in the efficient disposition of wildlife  
36 violations.

37 c. The purpose of this compact is to provide:

38 (1) a means by which participating states may join in a reciprocal  
39 program to effectuate the policies enumerated in subsection b. of  
40 this article in a uniform and orderly manner; and

41 (2) for the fair and impartial treatment of wildlife violators  
42 operating within participating states in recognition of the violator's  
43 right to due process and the sovereign status of a participating state.

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Article II. Definitions.

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2. As used in this compact and sections 2 through 6 of this act:

**S1933 SWEENEY, STACK**

1 "Citation" means any summons, complaint, summons and  
2 complaint, ticket, penalty assessment, or other official document  
3 issued to a person by a wildlife officer or other peace officer for a  
4 wildlife violation which contains an order requiring the person to  
5 respond.

6 "Collateral" means, except as used in section 3 of this act, any  
7 cash or other security deposited to secure an appearance for trial in  
8 connection with the issuance by a wildlife officer or other peace  
9 officer of a citation for a wildlife violation.

10 "Compact" means the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

11 "Compliance" means, except as used in section 3 of this act, the  
12 act of answering a citation through an appearance in a court or  
13 tribunal, or through the payment of fines, costs, and surcharges, if  
14 any.

15 "Conviction" means an admission of guilt of a violation of law  
16 by an accused defendant and the subsequent finding of guilt by a  
17 competent court of appropriate jurisdiction by way of trial, hearing,  
18 summary civil proceeding, or the payment of a fine or penalty to a  
19 court in lieu of a court appearance through a court's violations  
20 bureau, and includes any court conviction for any offense related to  
21 the preservation, protection, management, or restoration of wildlife  
22 which is prohibited by wildlife law including any court conviction  
23 that results in suspension or revocation of a license, and the term  
24 also includes the forfeiture of any bail, bond, or other security  
25 deposited to secure appearance by a person charged with having  
26 committed any such offense, the payment of a penalty assessment, a  
27 plea of nolo contendere, or the imposition of a deferred or  
28 suspended sentence by the court.

29 "Court" means a court of law, including but not limited to  
30 magistrate's court, justice of the peace court, municipal court, and  
31 the State Superior Court.

32 "Division" or "Division of Fish and Wildlife" means the Division  
33 of Fish and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental  
34 Protection.

35 "Home state" means the state of primary residence of a person.

36 "Issuing state" means the participating state that issues a wildlife  
37 citation to a violator.

38 "License" means any license, permit, or other public document  
39 that conveys to the person to whom it was issued the privilege of  
40 pursuing, possessing, or taking any wildlife regulated by law, rule,  
41 or regulation; including any privilege to obtain such license, permit,  
42 or other public document, or any statutory exemption from the  
43 requirement to obtain such license, permit, or other public  
44 document.

45 "Licensing authority" means the department or division within  
46 each participating state which is authorized by law to issue or  
47 approve licenses or permits to hunt, fish, trap, or possess wildlife.

1 "Participating state" means any state that enacts legislation to  
2 become a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

3 "Personal recognizance" means an agreement by a person made  
4 at the time of issuance of the wildlife citation that the person will  
5 comply with the terms of the citation.

6 "State" means any state, territory, or possession of the United  
7 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,  
8 the Provinces of Canada, or other countries.

9 "Suspension" means any suspension, revocation, denial, or  
10 withdrawal of any or all license privileges, including the privilege  
11 to apply for, purchase, or exercise the benefits conferred by any  
12 license.

13 "Terms of a citation" or "terms of the citation" means the  
14 conditions and options expressly stated in the citation.

15 "Wildlife" means all species of wild, non-domesticated animals,  
16 including, but not limited to, mammals, birds, fish, reptiles,  
17 amphibians, mollusks, and crustaceans, which are defined as  
18 wildlife and are protected or otherwise regulated by wildlife law in  
19 a participating state. Species included in the definition of "wildlife"  
20 may vary among the states and the determination of whether a  
21 species is "wildlife" for the purposes of this compact shall be based  
22 on the laws, rules, and regulations of the issuing state.

23 "Wildlife law" means any law, rule, or regulation enacted for the  
24 management of wildlife resources and the uses thereof.

25 "Wildlife officer" means any person authorized by a participating  
26 state to issue a citation for a wildlife violation.

27 "Wildlife violation" means any cited violation of a wildlife law.

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29 Article III. Procedures for Issuing State.

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31 3. a. When issuing a citation for a wildlife violation, a wildlife  
32 officer shall issue a citation to any person whose primary residence  
33 is in a participating state in the same manner as though the person  
34 were a resident of the issuing state. The wildlife officer shall not  
35 require the person to post collateral to secure the person's  
36 appearance, subject to the exceptions set forth in subsection b. of  
37 this article, if the wildlife officer receives the person's personal  
38 recognizance that the person will comply with the terms of the  
39 citation.

40 b. Personal recognizance is acceptable if not prohibited by local  
41 law, by policy, procedure, rule, or regulation of the issuing agency,  
42 or by the compact manual, and if the person provides adequate  
43 proof of identification to the wildlife officer.

44 c. Upon conviction or failure of a person to comply with the  
45 terms of a wildlife citation, the appropriate official shall report the  
46 conviction or failure to comply to the licensing authority of the  
47 participating state in which the wildlife citation was issued. The  
48 report shall be made in accordance with the procedures specified by

1 the issuing state and shall contain information as specified in the  
2 compact manual as minimum requirements for effective processing  
3 by the home state.

4 d. Upon receipt of the report of conviction or noncompliance  
5 pursuant to subsection c. of this article, the licensing authority of  
6 the issuing state shall transmit to the licensing authority of the home  
7 state of the violator the information in the form and content  
8 prescribed in the compact manual.

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10 Article IV. Procedures for Home State.

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12 4. a. Upon receipt of a report from the licensing authority of the  
13 issuing state reporting the failure of a violator to comply with the  
14 terms of a citation, the licensing authority of the home state shall  
15 notify the violator and may initiate a suspension action in  
16 accordance with the applicable suspension procedure of the home  
17 state. The licensing authority of the home state shall suspend the  
18 licensing privileges of the violator until satisfactory evidence of  
19 compliance with the terms of the wildlife citation has been  
20 furnished by the issuing state to the licensing authority of the home  
21 state. Due process safeguards shall be accorded to the violator.

22 b. Upon receipt of a report of conviction from the licensing  
23 authority of the issuing state, the licensing authority of the home  
24 state shall enter the conviction in its records and shall treat the  
25 conviction as though it occurred in the home state for purposes of  
26 the possible suspension of license privileges.

27 c. The licensing authority of the home state shall maintain a  
28 record of actions taken and make reports to issuing states as  
29 provided in the compact manual.

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31 Article V. Reciprocal Recognition of Suspension.

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33 5. a. Each participating state may recognize the suspension of  
34 license privileges of any person by any other participating state as  
35 though the violation on which the suspension is based had occurred  
36 in that state and would have been the basis for suspension of license  
37 privileges in that state.

38 b. Each participating state shall communicate information  
39 concerning the suspension of license privileges to other  
40 participating states in the form and content prescribed in the  
41 compact manual.

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43 Article VI. Applicability of Other Laws.

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45 6. Except as expressly required by provisions of this compact,  
46 this compact shall not affect the right of any participating state to  
47 apply any of its laws relating to license privileges to any person or  
48 circumstance or to invalidate or prevent any agreement or other

1 cooperative arrangement between a participating state and a  
2 nonparticipating state concerning the enforcement of wildlife laws.

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4 Article VII. Compact Administrator Procedures.

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6 7. a. For the purpose of administering the provisions of this  
7 compact and to serve as a governing body for the resolution of all  
8 matters relating to the operation of this compact, a board of  
9 compact administrators is established. The board shall be  
10 composed of one representative from each of the participating states  
11 to be known as the compact administrator. The Commissioner of  
12 Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Director of the  
13 Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Chief of the Bureau of Law  
14 Enforcement within the division, shall recommend to the Governor  
15 a nominee to serve as compact administrator for the State of New  
16 Jersey. No later than 90 days after receipt of the recommendation  
17 from the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Governor  
18 shall appoint the recommended nominee as the compact  
19 administrator for the State of New Jersey. The compact  
20 administrator shall serve and be subject to removal in accordance  
21 with the laws of the State of New Jersey. The compact  
22 administrator may provide for the discharge of duties and the  
23 performance of functions as a board member by an alternate. An  
24 alternate shall not serve unless written notification of the identity of  
25 the alternate has been given to the board.

26 b. Each member of the board of compact administrators shall be  
27 entitled to one vote. No action of the board shall be binding unless  
28 taken at a meeting at which a majority of the total number of the  
29 votes of the board is cast in favor thereof. Action by the board shall  
30 be only at a meeting at which a majority of the participating states  
31 are represented.

32 c. The board shall elect annually from its membership a  
33 chairperson and vice chairperson.

34 d. The board shall adopt bylaws not inconsistent with the  
35 provisions of this compact or the laws of a participating state for the  
36 conduct of its business and may amend and rescind its bylaws.

37 e. The board may accept for any of its purposes and functions  
38 under this compact any and all donations and grants of moneys,  
39 equipment, supplies, materials, and services, conditional or  
40 otherwise, from any state, the federal government, or any  
41 governmental agency, and may receive, use, and dispose of the  
42 same.

43 f. The board may contract with, or accept services or personnel  
44 from, any governmental or intergovernmental agency, person, firm,  
45 corporation, or private nonprofit organization or institution.

46 g. The board shall formulate all necessary procedures and  
47 develop uniform forms and documents for administering the

1 provisions of this compact. All procedures and forms adopted  
2 pursuant to board action shall be contained in the compact manual.

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4 Article VIII. Entry into and Withdrawal from Compact.

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6 8. a. This compact shall become effective upon adoption in  
7 substantially similar form by two or more states.

8 b. (1) Entry into the compact shall be made by resolution of  
9 ratification executed by the authorized officials of the applying state  
10 and submitted to the chairperson of the board.

11 (2) The resolution shall substantially be in the form and content  
12 as provided in the compact manual and include the following:

13 (a) A citation of the authority by which the state is authorized to  
14 become a party to this compact;

15 (b) An agreement of compliance with the terms and provisions of  
16 the compact; and

17 (c) An agreement that entry into the compact is with all states  
18 participating in the compact and with any additional states that  
19 legally become party to the compact.

20 (3) The effective date of entry shall be specified by the applying  
21 state, but shall not be less than 60 days after notice has been given  
22 by the chairperson of the board of the compact administrators or by  
23 the secretary of the board to each participating state that the  
24 resolution from the applying state has been received.

25 c. A participating state may withdraw from the compact by  
26 official written notice to each participating state, but withdrawal  
27 shall not become effective until 90 days after the notice of  
28 withdrawal is given. The notice shall be directed to the compact  
29 administrator of each participating state. The withdrawal of any  
30 state does not affect the validity of this compact as to the remaining  
31 participating states.

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33 Article IX. Amendments to the Compact.

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35 9. a. This compact may be amended from time to time.  
36 Amendments shall be presented in resolution form to the  
37 chairperson of the board of compact administrators and may be  
38 initiated by one or more participating states.

39 b. Adoption of an amendment shall require endorsement by all  
40 participating states and shall become effective 30 days after the date  
41 of the last endorsement.

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43 Article X. Construction and Severability.

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45 10. This compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate  
46 the purposes stated herein. The provisions of the compact are  
47 severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of the  
48 compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any

1 participating state or of the federal government, or if the  
2 applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or  
3 circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the  
4 compact shall not be affected thereby. If the compact is held  
5 contrary to the constitution of any participating state, the compact  
6 shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining states and in  
7 full force and effect as to the participating state affected as to all  
8 severable matters.

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10 2. a. The Division of Fish and Wildlife shall comply with the  
11 Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact set forth in this act and shall  
12 effectuate the purpose and intent of the compact in so far as its  
13 ability within the jurisdiction outlined in Title 23, Title 50, and  
14 chapter 24 of Title 58 of the Revised Statutes, and any rules and  
15 regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

16 b. The division is authorized, on behalf of the State, to:

17 (1) enter or withdraw from the Interstate Wildlife Violator  
18 Compact pursuant to the terms of article VIII of the compact  
19 pursuant to this act and subsection c. of this section; and

20 (2) adopt amendments to the compact pursuant to the terms of  
21 article IX of the compact pursuant to this act.

22 c. At least 45 business days prior to withdrawing from the  
23 Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, the division shall send written  
24 notice of the decision to withdraw from the compact and an  
25 explanation of the reasoning therefor to the Governor, the President  
26 of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, and the  
27 respective chairpersons of the Senate Environment and Energy  
28 Committee and the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources  
29 Committee, or their designated successors.

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31 3. a. When the Division of Fish and Wildlife receives notice of  
32 the suspension of the hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges of a  
33 person by a participating state, the division shall determine whether  
34 the violation leading to the suspension could lead to the suspension  
35 of privileges under State law, rule, or regulation. If the division  
36 determines that the suspension of privileges in the issuing state  
37 would initiate the suspension of a person's privileges according to  
38 State law, rule, or regulation, the division may suspend the license  
39 privileges of that person to hunt, fish, or trap in New Jersey for the  
40 same period imposed by the issuing state not to exceed the time  
41 period prescribed by corresponding State law, rule, or regulation.  
42 The division shall provide written notification to the person of the  
43 suspension of their privileges to take or possess wildlife in New  
44 Jersey and the reason for the suspension.

45 b. When the Division of Fish and Wildlife receives notification  
46 of the conviction of a New Jersey resident from a licensing  
47 authority of a participating state, the division may suspend the  
48 resident's hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges, or other



1 privileges to take or possess wildlife, if the conviction can be  
2 treated as if the violation had occurred in this State. The division  
3 shall determine if the conviction from a participating state would  
4 satisfy the suspension requirements of the resident's hunting,  
5 fishing, or trapping privileges, or other privileges to take or possess  
6 wildlife in New Jersey pursuant to Title 23, Title 50, and chapter 24  
7 of Title 58 of the Revised Statutes and any rules and regulations  
8 adopted pursuant thereto.

9 When the division determines the violation is a violation which  
10 can be considered for a suspension in New Jersey by (1) pre-  
11 requisite of an accumulation of violations, or (2) cause of collateral  
12 consequence, a suspension due to the nature of the violation  
13 corresponding with prescribed penalties of Title 23, Title 50, and  
14 chapter 24 of Title 58 of the Revised Statutes and any rules and  
15 regulations adopted pursuant thereto, the division may suspend the  
16 resident's privileges to hunt, fish, or trap in this State for the same  
17 period imposed by the issuing state, not to exceed the time period  
18 prescribed by corresponding State law, rule, or regulation. The  
19 division shall provide written notification to the person of their  
20 suspension of privileges to take or possess wildlife in New Jersey in  
21 compliance with this act.

22 c. When notice of suspension is sent to a person, the person  
23 shall immediately surrender any current New Jersey wildlife  
24 licenses to the division.

25 d. A person whose privileges have been suspended and who  
26 hunts, fishes, or traps in this State, who applies for or purchases any  
27 license or permit to hunt, fish, or trap in this State, or who refuses  
28 to surrender any current hunting, fishing, or trapping license as  
29 required, shall be subject to penalties and sanctions prescribed in  
30 Title 23, Title 50, and chapter 24 of Title 58 of the Revised  
31 Statutes, and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

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33 4. a. When the Division of Fish and Wildlife receives notice  
34 that a resident of the State has failed to comply with the terms of a  
35 citation issued for a wildlife violation in a participating state, the  
36 division shall send written notice to that person of their non-  
37 compliance. The written notification from the division shall  
38 provide a 30-day period to allow the person to comply with the  
39 issuing state's order to comply. If a resident's citation from the  
40 participating state remains outstanding or out of compliance 30  
41 calendar days after the date of the division's notification, the person  
42 shall be in violation of the compact and subject to a penalty of \$50,  
43 and an additional \$10 for each month thereafter that the citation  
44 remains outstanding or out of compliance. In addition to the  
45 penalties prescribed, all licenses and privileges to take or possess  
46 wildlife shall be suspended until such time that the division receives  
47 notice from the issuing state that the citation has been satisfied and  
48 a disposition for the matter has been recorded.

1 b. In addition to the suspension provision set forth in subsection  
2 a. of this section, a violation of the compact as described in that  
3 subsection shall be considered in evaluating suspensions for  
4 accumulation of violations in R.S.23:3-22.

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6 5. a. A written suspension notification letter issued by the  
7 Division of Fish and Wildlife pursuant to section 3 or 4 of this act  
8 shall include, but need not be limited to, the following information:  
9 the period of suspension; the reason for suspension; identification  
10 of the violations leading to the suspension; and the procedure by  
11 which the person may appeal their suspension.

12 b. Upon receipt of a written request by a person suspended  
13 pursuant to the provisions of this act, a review of the suspension  
14 shall be conducted and a determination made concerning whether  
15 the suspension is eligible for early restoration pursuant to section 2  
16 of P.L.1955, c.96 (C.23:3-22.1). If, following review, the person is  
17 aggrieved by disposition of the request, the person may, by written  
18 request to the division, within 20 days after notification of the  
19 completion of the initial review, request a hearing. Upon receipt of  
20 notification within the 20-day period, the division shall request a  
21 hearing be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the  
22 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
23 seq.), and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. All  
24 appeal considerations shall also conform to section 2 of P.L.1955,  
25 c.96 (C.23:3-22.1).

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27 6. If it is determined by the Bureau of Law Enforcement of the  
28 Division of Fish and Wildlife that the provisions of this compact, in  
29 full or in part, are not being implemented with respect to violations  
30 and suspensions reported from the State of New Jersey by any other  
31 participating state, the Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife,  
32 with the approval of the Commissioner of Environmental  
33 Protection, may suspend enforcement of the provisions of this  
34 compact as against such participating state until such time as the  
35 Chief of the Bureau of Law Enforcement determines that the  
36 participating state is fully implementing the provisions of the  
37 compact.

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39 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

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42 STATEMENT

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# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 1933

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

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#### FISCAL IMPACT:

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This bill may increase DEP administrative costs. This bill requires the division to comply with the IWVC, and applicable State laws, rules, and regulations, for processing of wildlife citations, information sharing, and enforcement.

The bill may result in a minimal revenue increase for the DEP from penalties associated with noncompliance. The bill requires the division to impose a penalty of \$50 if a State resident's citation from the participating compact state remains outstanding or out of compliance 30 calendar days after the date of the division's notification and an additional \$10 for each month thereafter that the citation remains outstanding or out of compliance.

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**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
**SENATE, No. 1933**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**217th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

**SUMMARY**

**Synopsis:** Enters NJ in Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

**Type of Impact:** Indeterminate impact on State for administration and enforcement. Expenditure reduction on municipal courts.

**Agencies Affected:** Department of Environmental Protection. Municipalities.

**Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<u><b>Year 1</b></u>	<u><b>Year 2</b></u>	<u><b>Year 3</b></u>
<b>State Cost</b>	Indeterminate – See comments below.		
<b>Local Cost</b>	Minimal decrease – See comments below.		

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) determines that there will be a minimal decrease in costs to municipal courts and law enforcement through a reduced number of nonresident wildlife citations requiring immediate processing.
- The OLS determines that the bill may increase Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) administrative costs to comply with the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact for processing of wildlife citations, information sharing, and enforcement.
- The OLS determines that there may be a minimal revenue increase to the DEP for penalties associated with noncompliance.

**BILL DESCRIPTION**

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Under the compact, if a resident of New Jersey fails to comply with the terms of a citation issued for a wildlife violation in a participating compact state, the Division of Fish and Wildlife (division) in the DEP would send written notice to that person of their non-compliance. The written notice from the division would provide a 30-day period to allow the person to comply with the issuing state's order to comply. If a New Jersey resident's citation from the participating compact state remains outstanding or out of compliance 30 calendar days after the date of the division's notification, the person would be in violation of the compact and subject to a penalty of \$50, and an additional \$10 for each month thereafter that the citation remains outstanding or out of compliance. In addition to the penalties prescribed, all licenses and privileges to take or possess wildlife would be suspended until such time that the division receives notice from the issuing state that the citation has been satisfied and a disposition for the matter has been recorded.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

## Governor Chris Christie Signs Legislation Enhancing Protections For Domestic Violence Survivors

Monday, January 9, 2017 Tags: [Bill Action](#)



**Trenton, NJ** - Governor Chris Christie today signed legislation to enhance protections for survivors of domestic violence.

This new law will deter domestic violence, partly by increasing criminal penalties for offences including maximums for repeat offenders, as urged in Governor Christie's conditional vetoes of earlier versions of this legislation.

"This new law will help prevent domestic violence in New Jersey by enhancing criminal penalties and ensuring immediate compliance with stronger protective orders," Governor Christie said. "Survivors of domestic violence will be safer than ever before. I am proud we came together to enact this model legislation that is much more than just symbolic and is real reform that fulfills our primary responsibility of improving public safety in New Jersey."

This new law reinforces existing laws by creating a more in-depth process to ensure domestic violence offenders' firearms, identification cards and permits are confiscated as required while they are subject to restraining orders. It forces offenders to immediately upon sentencing – rather than after several days – arrange for the surrender of their firearms, identification cards and permits to a law enforcement officer. It also requires an order for a temporary or final restraining order to include notice to the defendant of the penalties for a violation of any provision of the order, including but not limited to the penalties for contempt of court and unlawful possession of a firearm or other weapon.

In addition to signing S-2483/A-4126 (Weinberg, Beck/Mosquera, Greenwald, Downey, Houghtaling, Munoz, Sumter, Benson, Lampitt, Wimberly) into law, the Governor also took action today on the following legislation:

**BILL SIGNINGS:**

**S-909/A-2688 (Rice/Spencer, Pintor Marin)** - Exempts person who remediates property in environmental opportunity zone from remediation funding source requirement

**S-976/A-2332 (Gordon, Beck/Benson, Downey, Eustace)** - Requires Public Health Council to promulgate rules and regulations for use of quality control programs in bio-analytical and clinical laboratories

**S-981/A-2375 (Smith, Bateman, Greenstein/McKeon, Gusciora, Spencer)** - Revises "Electronic Waste Management Act"

**S-1489/A-1465 (Cruz-Perez, Cunningham/Lampitt, Mosquera, Wimberly, Downey, McKnight)** - Ensures equal rights and opportunities for pregnant students in institutions of higher education

**S-2098/A-3549 (Sacco, Pennacchio/Johnson, Zwicker, Wisniewski, Benson)** - Exempts hydrogen fuel cell-powered vehicles from certain labeling requirements

**S-2463/A-3892 (Vitale, Rice, Allen/Vainieri Huttie, Lampitt, Mukherji)** - Changes the time when child placement review hearings are initiated from 45 days to 60 days

**S-2526/A-4105 (Diegnan, Thompson/Dancer, DeCroce, Clifton, Pinkin, Mukherji)** - Designates portion of Interstate Highway Route 195 in Upper Freehold Township as "State Trooper Anthony A. Raspa Memorial Highway"

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**S-2601/A-4207 (Pou, Beck/Vainieri Huttie, Holley, Downey, Mukherji, Muoio, Jasey)** - Modifies scope of "Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act of 2015" and enforcement of protective orders under that act

**S-2708/A-4064 (Codey/Jasey, McKeon, Mukherji)** - Authorizes State Treasurer to convey surplus real property known as Millburn Regional Day School in Millburn Township, Essex County, to Millburn Township Board of Education or to Millburn Township for \$3,550,000

**SJR-29/AJR-58 (Weinberg/Vainieri Huttie, Jasey, Jones, McKnight, Phoebus, Wimberly)** - Designates one night in November of each year as a "Night of Conversation" about drug and alcohol addiction

**A-793/S-316 (Andrzejczak, Land, Taliaferro/Van Drew, Connors)** - Requires Dept. of Agriculture and DEP to work with US Army Corps of Engineers to establish joint permit application process for aquaculture projects

**A-794/S-317 (Andrzejczak, Land, Taliaferro, Van Drew, Connors)** - Requires Dept. of Agriculture and DEP to adopt coordinated permit application and review program for aquaculture projects

**A-1424/S-1050 (Johnson, Wimberly, Sumter/Weinberg, Stack)** - Authorizes Victims of Crime Compensation Office to make payment for relocation expenses of certain witnesses of crimes

**A-2106/S-2351 (Mukherji, Chaparro, Holley, Jimenez, Pintor Marin, Sumter, Wimberly/Ruiz, Madden)** - Permits homeless to receive certified copy of birth certificate without fee

**A-2107/S-2350 (Mukherji, Holley, Gusciora, Pintor Marin, Wimberly/Ruiz, Madden)** - Exempts homeless from fee for non-driver identification cards

**A-2158/S-2241 (Coughlin, Wolfe, Holley, McKnight/Diegnan)** - Authorizes use of emergency reserve fund or proceeds from bonds issued by EDA to finance school security improvements

**A-2763/S-1933 (Mazzeo, Mosquera, Mukherji, Andrzejczak, Land, Houghtaling/Sweeney, Stack)** - Enters NJ in Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

**A-3534/S-2086 (A.M. Bucco, Singleton, Webber, Benson, Moriarty/A.R. Bucco, Van Drew)** - Permits authorities and local units operating water supply or sewerage facilities to waive, reduce, or defer sewerage and water service fees for deployed military personnel

#### **BILLS VETOED:**

**S-790/A-3256 (Sarlo, O'Toole/Lagana, Benson, Sumter) – CONDITIONAL** - Requires Police Training Commission to develop accelerated training course for certain county corrections officers

**A-312/S-2557 (Singleton, Lampitt, Quijano, Pintor Marin, Wimberly, Downey/Cruz-Perez, Stack) – CONDITIONAL** - Requires Division of Local Government Services to include certain property tax information on division's web page

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