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SENATE, No. 435

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators BEADLESTON and CRABIEL

Referred to Committee on Law, Public Safety and Defense

AN ACT transferring the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission from the Department of State to the Department of Law and Public Safety and amending and supplementing P. L. 1954, c. 7.

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

1 1. Section 1 of P. L. 1954, c. 7 (C. 5:8-1) is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 1. There is hereby constituted the "Legalized Games of Chance  
4 Control Commission," in the Department of **[State]** *Law and*  
5 *Public Safety*, which shall consist of five citizens of the State, who  
6 are not holders of any public office, and who shall be appointed by  
7 the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, not more  
8 than three of whom shall be members of any one political party.

1 2. The transfer of the commission to the Department of Law  
2 and Public Safety as provided by this act shall be effected pursuant  
3 to the "State Agency Transfer Act," P. L. 1971, c. 375 (C. 52:14D-1  
4 et seq.).

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would transfer the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission from the Department of State to the Department of Law and Public Safety. It would implement Department of State, Recommendation 1 (1) of the Report of the Governor's Management Commission.

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

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
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DATED: FEBRUARY 7, 1972

Eighteen years ago the Legislature created the semiautonomous Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission in the Department of State (Chapter 7 of the Laws of 1954). The Commission consists of five nonsalaried citizens who are appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to serve 5 year terms.

It is the duty of the Commission to supervise the administration of the Bingo Licensing Law (C. 5:8-24 to 5:8-49) and the Raffles Licensing Law (C. 5:8-50 to 5:8-76). To fulfill its mandate, the Commission is empowered, among other things, to adopt, amend, and repeal rules and regulations governing the issuance of licenses and the operations of games of chance under such licenses, to investigate municipal administration of its rules and regulations and complaints as to violations thereof, and to suspend or revoke licenses for violations of the law under which they are issued or violations of the Commission's rules and regulations. During fiscal year 1971 the Commission's license revenues were more than twice that of its total budgeted appropriations (\$309,205.00 to \$152,804.00).

The Governor's Management Commission recommended in 1970 that the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission be transferred from the Department of State to the Department of Law and Public Safety because its responsibilities are essentially regulatory and law enforcement in nature.

This bill would implement the Governor's Management Commission's recommendation.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

JULY 18, 1972

FOR RELEASE:  
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Two bills that provide for bus and rail subsidy were among nine bills signed into law today by Governor William T. Cahill.

Assembly bill 1370, sponsored by Assemblyman Peter McDonough (R., Union), extends the present bus subsidy law for another year and allows the Department of Transportation to spend \$1.5 million dollars previously appropriated by the Legislature to continue passenger bus service by companies in financial difficulty.

The other transportation bill, A-1371, also sponsored by Assemblyman McDonough, amends the present railroad subsidy law to allow the Department of Transportation to pay up to the full cost of service for rail passenger service. Until today, the law allowed subsidy only for unavoidable losses incurred by railroads in providing rail passenger service.

This change brings New Jersey into compliance with recent decisions of Federal judges charged with overseeing the reorganizations of the Penn Central Railroad and the Jersey Central Railroad.

As part of a continuing effort to provide efficiency and economy in State Government, Governor Cahill signed four bills into law which implement recommendations of the Governor's Management Commission. The four bills were sponsored by Senator Alfred Beadleston (R., Monmouth). Two of the bills, Senate 432 and Senate 435, provide for the transfer of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and the State Athletic Commission from the Department of State to the Department of Law and Public Safety.

Another bill, Senate 431, allows the Real Estate Commission to stagger the issuance and renewal of licenses of real estate brokers and salesmen in order to balance the workload of the Commission and avoid the necessity of processing all applications in one month.

Senate bill 440 permits the Department of Transportation to plan and install new traffic signals or alter existing ones on local roads at the request of county or municipal officials. While all expenses will be paid by the local government, it is estimated that this program will save counties and municipalities in excess of \$900,000 dollars per year through the Department of Transportation's expertise in this field and its ability to purchase equipment in bulk.

Also, Senate bill 360, sponsored by Senator Frank X. McDermott (R., Union), permits 1st class and 2nd class counties to issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$5,000,000 over and above the total authorized by law for the County Park Commission.

Senate bill 986, sponsored by Senator Alfred N. Beadleston (R., Monmouth), transfers the State Bureau of Surplus Property from the Division of Field Services, Department of Education to the Division of Purchase and Property, Department of the Treasury.

Assembly bill 652, sponsored by Assemblyman Philip D. Kaltenbacher (R., Essex) permits charging more than 6% interest on a loan in excess of \$50,000 or where the security is a mortgage or real property consisting of a lot and dwelling house of four family units or more ~~(at least one of which is occupied by the borrower)~~ and prohibits charging more than 6% interest for a loan where the mortgage is on real property consisting of three family units or less, at least one of which is occupied by the borrower.