

34:15-92

February 10, 1970

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF R.S. 34:15-92
(Farm laborers - workmen's compensation required)

Previous bills (1965-1969):

1968 - S553 (Farley & others).

1969 - A500 (Curcio & Smith)
Had 2nd reading in Assembly.
No statement.

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Workmen's Compensation coverage was recommended by:

974.90 N.J. Governor's Task Force on Migrant Farm Labor
M636 Poverty in a land of plenty: the seasonal
1968 farm worker in New Jersey. (see p. 44-45).

Governor Hughes, in his 7th Annual Message to the Legislature
(Jan. 14, 1969) recommended passage of this legislation (see p. 2).

Bill which became law:

A. 1969, Chapter 212 - A464
Introduced by Woodson [and others].
No statement.
Amended in Assembly (copy enclosed).
Governor Hughes made statement on signing A464 (copy enclosed).

We located the following clippings (N.J.--Migrant Labor): (copies enc)

"300 migrants lobby for bills on work rights." Phila. Inq. 3-18-69.

"Assembly allowing vote on migrant worker bills." TET 5-13-69.

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2 34:15-88 and 34:15-89 of the Revised Statutes, including, without
3 limitation, the establishment of any uniform system of experience
4 or other form of merit rating, the term "employer" or "em-
5 ployers" as used in said sections shall include any group of
6 employers comprising the membership of a nonprofit agricultural
7 organization or association incorporated under the laws of this
8 State.]*

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ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS TO
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ADOPTED APRIL 2, 1969

Amend page 1, section 2, line 1, delete section 2 in its entirety.

Amend page 1, section 3, line 1, delete "3" and insert "2".

From: Office of the Governor

Dec 3, 1967

Senate Bill No. 847 -- which appropriates \$25,000 for the purchase of land by the State Police and \$40,000 to the State Emergency Fund.

Assembly Bill No. 464 -- which requires employers of farm laborers to have workmen's compensation insurance coverage. Governor Hughes stated "This bill removes one more of many discriminations remaining against seasonal farm laborers in our laws. I sincerely hope that the Legislature will continue its efforts in this area and enact the companion measures I have requested in my Annual Message. Assembly Bill No. 465, which grants the fundamental right of collective bargaining to seasonal laborers, still languishes in committee. Assembly Bill No. 466, which allows seasonal laborers to have the basic dignity of being allowed visitors in migrant labor camps, also has not been approved. It seems sad to be compelled to ask so little for those who are denied so much."