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**NJSA:** 38A:15-2

"NJ Distinguished Service Award -- POW/MIA"

**BILL NO:** A2223 (Substituted for S1400)

**SPONSOR(S):**Greenwald and Azzolina

**DATE INTRODUCED:** June 11, 1998

**COMMITTEE:**

***ASSEMBLY:*** Commerce

***SENATE:*** Senior Citizens

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:**Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**

***ASSEMBLY:*** September 28, 1998

***SENATE:*** September 28, 1998

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** November 9, 1998

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## **THE FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reprint Enacted  
(Amendments during Passage denoted by superscript numbers)

**A2223**

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** *Yes* (Begins on page 3 of original bill)

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**

**ASSEMBLY:***Yes*

**SENATE:***Yes*

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** *Yes*

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** *No*

**S1400**

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** *Yes* (Begins on page 3 of original bill)

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**

**ASSEMBLY:** *No*

**SENATE:** *No*

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** *No*

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** *No*

**VETO MESSAGE:** *No*

**GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING:** *Yes*

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[Second Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2223**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**208th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED JUNE 11, 1998

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman LOUIS D. GREENWALD**

**District 6 (Camden)**

**Assemblyman JOSEPH AZZOLINA**

**District 13 (Middlesex and Monmouth)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

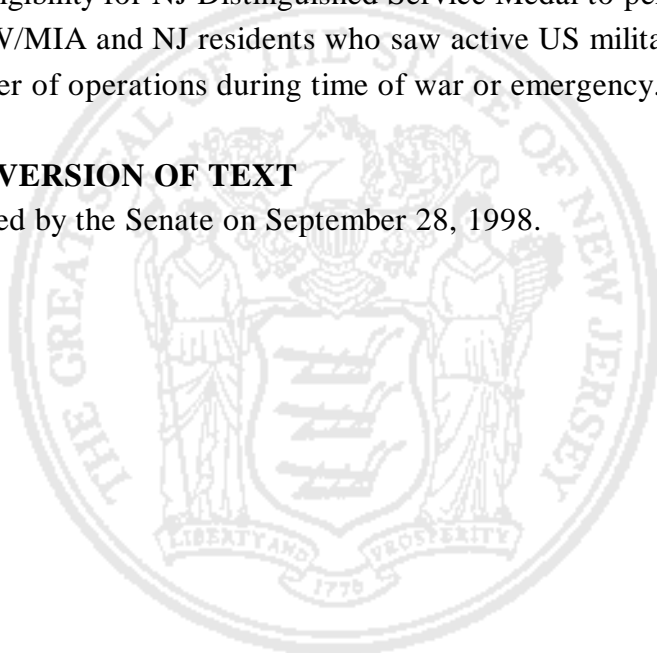
**Assemblymen Geist, Conaway, Conners, Assemblywoman Previte,  
Senators Allen and Matheussen**

**SYNOPSIS**

Expands eligibility for NJ Distinguished Service Medal to persons officially listed as POW/MIA and NJ residents who saw active US military service in a combat theater of operations during time of war or emergency.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended by the Senate on September 28, 1998.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 9/29/1998)**

1 AN ACT <sup>2</sup>[extending to <sup>1</sup>recipients of the Combat Infantryman Badge,  
2 Combat Medical Badge or Combat Action Ribbon<sup>1</sup> and prisoners  
3 of war and persons missing in action] expanding<sup>2</sup> eligibility for the  
4 New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal and amending  
5 N.J.S.38A:15-2.

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7 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
8 of New Jersey:

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10 1. N.J.S.38A:15-2 is amended to read as follows:

11 38A:15-2. Distinguished service medals

12 The Governor may present in the name of the State of New Jersey  
13 a distinguished service medal of appropriate design, and ribbon to be  
14 worn in lieu thereof, to:

15 a. any member of the organized militia who, while serving in any  
16 capacity in the organized militia under orders of the Governor, or  
17 while in federal service, shall have been distinguished by especially  
18 meritorious service and who has been or may be cited in orders for  
19 distinguished service by the Governor or by appropriate federal  
20 authority <sup>2</sup>[<sup>1</sup>or shall have been awarded the Combat Infantryman  
21 Badge, Combat Medical Badge or Combat Action Ribbon<sup>1</sup>]<sup>2</sup>;

22 b. any resident of the State of New Jersey <sup>2</sup>[<sup>1</sup>,] who was a resident  
23 of this State at the time of entry into active military service and (1)<sup>2</sup>  
24 who while serving in the organized militia or in federal military service  
25 on active duty in time of war or emergency, shall have been  
26 distinguished by especially meritorious service and who has been or  
27 may be cited in orders for distinguished service by the Governor or by  
28 appropriate federal authority <sup>2</sup>[<sup>1</sup>or shall have been awarded the  
29 Combat Infantryman Badge, Combat Medical Badge or Combat  
30 Action Ribbon<sup>1</sup>] or (2) who shall have seen active military service in  
31 the Armed Forces of the United States of America in a combat theater  
32 of operations during time of war or emergency as attested to by the  
33 awarding of an honorable discharge and DD 214 or WD 53 by the  
34 respective Armed Force<sup>2</sup>; [or]

35 c. any deceased person who, on the date of induction into the  
36 organized militia or federal military service, was a resident of this  
37 State and <sup>2</sup>(1)<sup>2</sup> who, while serving in the organized militia or in federal  
38 military service on active duty in time of war or emergency, shall have  
39 been distinguished by especially meritorious service and who has been  
40 or may be cited in orders for distinguished service by the Governor or

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

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Assembly floor amendments adopted June 25, 1998.

<sup>2</sup> Senate floor amendments adopted September 28, 1998.

1 appropriate federal authority <sup>2</sup>**[**<sup>1</sup>or shall have been awarded the  
2 Combat Infantryman Badge, Combat Medical Badge or Combat  
3 Action Ribbon<sup>1</sup> **]** or (2) who shall have seen active military service in  
4 the Armed Forces of the United States of America in a combat theater  
5 of operations during time of war or emergency as attested to by the  
6 awarding of an honorable discharge and DD 214 or WD 53 by the  
7 respective Armed Force<sup>2</sup>; or

8 d. any person who, on the date of induction into the organized  
9 militia or federal military service, was a resident of this State and who,  
10 while serving in the organized militia or in federal military service on  
11 active duty in time of war or emergency, shall have been officially  
12 listed as a prisoner of war or missing in action by the United States  
13 Department of Defense.

14 The service medal for a deceased person or a person absent as a  
15 prisoner of war or missing in action shall be issued to the **[surviving]**  
16 parent, spouse, sibling or other relative who submits all of the required  
17 forms and documentation on behalf of that person.

18 (cf: P.L.1994, c.36, s.1)

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2223

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 208th LEGISLATURE

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INTRODUCED JUNE 11, 1998

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman LOUIS D. GREENWALD**

**District 6 (Camden)**

**Assemblyman JOSEPH AZZOLINA**

**District 13 (Middlesex and Monmouth)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman Geist**

**SYNOPSIS**

Expands eligibility for N.J. Distinguished Service Medal to persons officially listed as POW/MIA.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT extending to prisoners of war and persons missing in action  
2 eligibility for the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal and  
3 amending N.J.S.38A:15-2.

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

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14 capacity in the organized militia under orders of the Governor, or  
15 while in federal service, shall have been distinguished by especially  
16 meritorious service and who has been or may be cited in orders for  
17 distinguished service by the Governor or by appropriate federal  
18 authority;

19 b. any resident of the State of New Jersey, who while serving in the  
20 organized militia or in federal military service on active duty in time of  
21 war or emergency, shall have been distinguished by especially  
22 meritorious service and who has been or may be cited in orders for  
23 distinguished service by the Governor or by appropriate federal  
24 authority; **[or]**

25 c. any deceased person who, on the date of induction into the  
26 organized militia or federal military service, was a resident of this  
27 State and who, while serving in the organized militia or in federal  
28 military service on active duty in time of war or emergency, shall have  
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STATEMENT

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6       This bill expands the eligibility for the New Jersey Distinguished  
7 Service Medal to include prisoners of war and persons missing in  
8 action in recognition of the sacrifices made by those residents of this  
9 State who have become prisoners of war or who have been found to  
10 be missing in action. The service medal for a person absent as a  
11 prisoner of war or missing in action will be issued to the parent,  
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15 Medal to (1) any member of the organized militia, who while serving  
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17 or while in federal service; (2) any resident of the State of New Jersey,  
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19 service on active duty in time of war or emergency; or (3) any  
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25 orders for distinguished service by the Governor or appropriate federal  
26 authority.



ASSEMBLY COMMERCE, TOURISM, GAMING AND  
MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2223**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 15, 1998

The Assembly Commerce, Tourism, Gaming and Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 2223.

This bill expands the eligibility for the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal to include prisoners of war and persons missing in action in recognition of the sacrifices made by those residents of this State who have become prisoners of war or who have been found to be missing in action. The service medal for a person absent as a prisoner of war or missing in action will be issued to the parent, spouse, sibling or other relative who submits all of the required forms and documentation on behalf of that person.

Currently, the Governor may present the Distinguished Service Medal to (1) any member of the organized militia, who while serving in any capacity in the organized militia under orders of the Governor, or while in federal service; (2) any resident of the State of New Jersey, who, while serving in the organized militia or in federal military service on active duty in time of war or emergency; or (3) any deceased person, who, on the date of induction into the organized militia or federal military service, was a resident of this State and who, while serving in the organized militia or in federal military service on active duty in time of war or emergency, shall have been distinguished by especially meritorious service and who has been or may be cited in orders for distinguished service by the Governor or appropriate federal authority.

SENATE SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2223**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 24, 1998

The Senate Senior Citizens, Veterans' Affairs and Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2223 (1R).

This bill expands the eligibility for the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal to include recipients of the Combat Infantryman Badge, Combat Medical Badge or Combat Action Ribbon, and prisoners of war and persons missing in action in recognition of the sacrifices made by those residents of this State who have become prisoners of war or who have been found to be missing in action. The service medal for a person absent as a prisoner of war or missing in action will be issued to the parent, spouse, sibling or other relative who submits all of the required forms and documentation on behalf of that person.

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STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 2223**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed By Assemblyman GREENWALD)

ADOPTED: JUNE 25, 1998

The purpose of this floor amendment is to add recipients of the Combat Infantryman Badge, Combat Medical Badge and Combat Action Ribbon, in addition to prisoners of wars and persons missing in action, to the group of persons eligible to receive the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal.

**SENATE, No. 1400**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**208th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator DIANE ALLEN**

**District 7 (Burlington and Camden)**

**Senator JOHN J. MATHEUSSEN**

**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Expands eligibility for NJ Distinguished Service Medal to persons officially listed as POW/MIA and NJ residents who saw active US military service in a combat theater of operations during time of war or emergency.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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18 b. any resident of the State of New Jersey **[,]** who was a resident  
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39 WD 53 by the respective Armed Force; or

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41 militia or federal military service, was a resident of this State and who,  
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1 listed as a prisoner of war or missing in action by the United States  
2 Department of Defense.

3 The service medal for a deceased person or a person absent as a  
4 prisoner of war or missing in action shall be issued to the [surviving]  
5 parent, spouse, sibling or other relative who submits all of the required  
6 forms and documentation on behalf of that person.

7 (cf: P.L.1994, c.36, s.1)

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### STATEMENT

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15 Service Medal to (1) prisoners of war and persons missing in action in  
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39 orders for distinguished service by the Governor or appropriate federal  
40 authority.

*Office of the Governor*  
**NEWS RELEASE**

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RELEASE: November 10, 1998

Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following legislation:

**A-63** allows beneficiaries of the Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program to receive the longer of 100 pills or a 34-day supply of medication for both the initial prescription and refills. Changes in the Fiscal Year 1999 Appropriations bill had limited to a 34-day maximum supply.

The bill was sponsored by Assembly Members Francis J. Blee (R-Atlantic), John C. Gibson (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and Kenneth C. LeFevre (R-Atlantic) and Guy F. Talarico (R-Bergen) and Senators Norman M. Robertson (R-Essex/Passaic) and Robert W. Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean).

**A-809**, sponsored by Assembly Member Charlotte Vandervalk (R-Bergen) and Senator Jack Sinagra (R-Middlesex), permits physician assistant to order or prescribe drugs, excluding controlled dangerous substances, both outpatient and inpatient settings. The bill requires that a supervising physician countersign and order or prescription for drugs within 48 hours of its entry by a physician assistant in an outpatient setting. The bill changes current law, which permits physician assistants to order or prescribe drugs only in an inpatient setting.

**A-1332**, sponsored by Assembly Members Rose Marie Heck (R-Bergen) and Guy F. Talarico (R-Bergen) and Senators Anthony R. Bucco (R-Morris) and Joseph M. Kyrillos, Jr. (R-Middlesex/Morris), clarifies that the depiction and dissemination of child pornography on the Internet is a crime under the endangering the welfare of a child statute. Endangering the welfare of a child is a second-degree crime when, among other things, a person causes or permits a child under 16 to engage in a sexual act knowing the act will be photographed or otherwise reproduced; photographs or reproduces a child engaged in a sexual act; or receives for the purpose of selling, sells or transfers a photograph of a child engaged in a sexual act.

The bill also upgrades to a crime of the first degree the offense of causing or permitting a child to engage in a sexual act knowing the act will be photographed, filmed or otherwise reproduced when the defendant is the child's parent or guardian. A first-degree crime is punishable by a prison term of between 10 and 20 years, a fine of \$200,000 or both, while a second-degree crime is punishable by a prison term of between five and 10 years and a fine of up to \$150,000 or both.

**A-1511** amends current law to require that certain parents undergo substance abuse assessment when a court makes a finding of abuse or neglect and orders out-of-home

placement for a child. If the law reveals positive evidence of substance abuse, the parent must demonstrate that he or she is receiving treatment and complying with the treatment program before the child is returned to the parental home. Under previous law, a parent was required to demonstrate progress in reaching the goals that Division of Youth and Family Services established as part of a treatment program in order for a child to be returned to the home. The bill also appropriates \$50,000 for substance abuse treatment.

The bill was sponsored by Assembly Members Joseph R. Malone, 3d (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean and Melvin Cottrell (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Senator Robert W. Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean).

**A-1632**, sponsored by Assembly Members Gerald J. Luongo (R-Camden/Gloucester) and Peter J. Biondi (R-Morris/Somerset) and Senators Diane B. Allen (R-Burlington/Camden) and Norman M. Robertson (R-Essex/Passaic), establishes the Senior and Disabled Cooperative Housing Finance Incentive Program. The bill assists non-profit corporations in providing cooperative living opportunities for low and moderate-income senior citizens and citizens with disabilities.

The bill authorizes the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency to set aside some portion of its bonding capacity in order to provide mortgage loans to eligible purchasers and to assist qualified non-profit corporations in creating eligible projects.

**A-1976**, sponsored by Assembly Members Joseph V. Doria, Jr. (D-Hudson) and Alex DeCroce (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic), provides that surcharges levied by the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) are extinguished upon an individual's death once the DMV obtains a copy of the driver's death certificate. The bill also requires that the DMV obtain a death certificate when the decedent's family or estate representative does not provide the DMV with a copy of the document. Under previous practice, the DMV extinguished a decedent's surcharges when a death certificate was provided by the family of the deceased. If the certificate was not received from the family, the DMV continued to mail surcharge notices to the decedent's family

**A-2077** rectifies a problem created by a previous law, A-2323, which inadvertently changed the definitions regarding modifications of open-ended and close-ended loans.

The bill clarifies that an advance of principal made with respect to any mortgage (open-ended or close-ended) other than a line of credit does not have the lien priority of the original mortgage and is not a mortgage modification.

The bill was sponsored by Assembly Members Christopher "Kip" Bateman (R-Morris/Somerset) and Peter J. Biondi (R-Morris/Somerset) and Senators Walter J. Kavanaugh (R-Morris/Somerset) and Peter A. Inverso (R-Mercer/Middlesex).

A-2223, expands the number of persons eligible to receive the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) from the Governor to include any state resident who was a resident of the state at the time of entry into active military service and saw active military service in a combat theater and received an honorable discharge. The expansion would also apply to deceased persons. The bill also gives the Governor the



authority to issue the DSM to residents who saw active combat service and were officially listed as a POW/MIA by the United States Department of Defense. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs will establish regulatory standards requiring a finding of distinguished service prior to its recommendation to the Governor to award the medal.

Under previous law, the Governor, on behalf of the state, could issue a DSM to persons who distinguished themselves by especially meritorious service and who had been cited or were expected to be cited in orders for distinguished service by the Governor or appropriate federal authority.

The legislation was sponsored by Assembly Members Louis D. Greenwald (D-Camden) and Joseph Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Morris) and Senators Diane B. Allen (R-Burlington/Camden) and John J. Mattheusen (R-Camden/Gloucester).

**S-158**, sponsored by Senators Joseph M. Kyrillos, Jr. (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Andrew R. Ciesla (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Assembly Members Joseph Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Michael J. Arnone (R-Monmouth), exempts certain shops operated to raise money for charity from state sales and use tax. The bill applies to shops run in support of organizations that are already exempt from paying the sales tax. The exemption includes any organization operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposes. It also exempts any organizations operated for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals; any voluntary fire, rescue, ambulance, first aid or emergency company or squad, and any parent-teachers association.

**S-700**, sponsored by Senator Diane B. Allen (R-Burlington/Camden), allows Burlington Island to enter into a long-term lease to promote development designed only for recreational, conservational, educational and cultural purposes. The island's charter, established in 1852, limited to five the number of years island property could be leased for any purpose.

**S-877**, sponsored by Senator Shirley K. Turner (D-Mercer), requires the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) to promulgate rules and regulations for the certification of persons employed by boards of education to teach swimming in public schools. The bill requires that the regulations include appropriate swimming and first aid skills necessary to protect the health and safety of students. Currently, safety standards specified in DHSS regulations require the presence of at least one person currently certified in standard first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). That person must be available and readily accessible when the pool is in use. Additionally, the regulations require that at least one lifeguard be on duty for 60 or less swimmers or 2,000 square feet of surface space at all times when the pool is in use. Additional lifeguards are required based on a variety of specified factors.

**S-888**, sponsored by Senator Norman M. Robertson (R-Essex/Passaic) and Assembly Members Kenneth C. LeFevre (R-Atlantic) and Francis J. Blee (R-Atlantic), permits the release of certain account information by a financial institution under certain

circumstances. The bill allows the release of account information to a law enforcement agency or a county protective adult services provider if the customer account is held by a senior citizen or "vulnerable" person -- defined in the bill as a person over 18 that appears to have a physical or mental illness, disability or deficiency, etc. The bill parallels federal law allowing financial institutions to release account information to certain federal law enforcement officials.

**S-955**, revises the Garage Keepers Lien Act by eliminating the requirement that a motor vehicle owner post the full amount of a disputed bill or a double bond before a pre-sale hearing. The bill provides that if possession of a vehicle is refused because of a dispute over the amount owned or nonpayment, the owner may immediately bring an action in court for possession of the vehicle. The bill was sponsored by Senator John Q. Bennett (R-Monmouth) and Assembly Members Richard A. Merkt (R-Morris) and Michael Patrick Carroll (R-Morris).

**S-1055**, sponsored by Senator Leonard T. Connors, Jr. (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Ocean) and Gerald Cardinale (R-Bergen), prohibits charitable organizations from misleading contributors to believe their donations are to be used for charitable purposes when, in fact, the donations are used to fund legal costs and other administrative costs of the charitable organization. The bill also prohibits organizations from presenting truthful information, statements and communications in such a way that the contributor is misled into making a contribution.

**AJR-21**, sponsored by Assembly Member Alex DeCroce (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic), establishes an 18-member Regional Intergovernmental Transportation Coordinating Study Commission to increase regional transportation decision-making among various levels of government and to identify incentives to promote cooperation. The commission will consist of 12 public members to be appointed by the Governor; two members of both the Senate and the General Assembly; Commissioner of the Department of Transportation and the Director of the Office of State Planning.

**AJR-30**, sponsored by Assembly Members Marion Crecco (R-Essex/Passaic) and Gerald J. Luongo (R-Camden/Gloucester), designates November 20 of each year as "Bill of Rights Day" in New Jersey. The first ten amendments of the U. S. Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights, were ratified by the State of New Jersey on November 20, 1789.