



P.L. 1999, CHAPTER 276, *approved November 24, 1999*  
Assembly, No. 2884

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9 the State's business assistance programs, it is important to provide for  
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11 such resources.

12 b. It is the purpose of this act to provide for the establishment of  
13 informational sessions for veterans in this State to inform them of the  
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15 application for such programs.

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28 authority and to provide assistance to veterans with the application  
29 process required for the programs. The sessions shall also include  
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31 consider necessary or expedient to render the sessions effective.

32 c. The number of sessions and the content of the sessions shall be  
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34 as to most properly effectuate the purposes of this act.

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36 3. The authority shall prepare a report within two years following  
37 the effective date of this act, and not less than every third year  
38 thereafter, which shall include, but not be limited to: a description of  
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1 made by the authority to promote the sessions; an assessment of the  
2 effectiveness of the informational sessions in meeting the goals of this  
3 act; and any recommendations for legislation to improve the  
4 effectiveness of the sessions. The authority shall submit its reports to  
5 the Governor and the Legislature.

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8 enactment.

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35 Directs the EDA to establish informational sessions for veterans.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2884

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 18, 1999

**Sponsored by:**

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**Assemblyman GEORGE F. GEIST**

**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman Farragher, Assemblymen Arnone, Chatzidakis, LeFevre,  
Conaway, Conners, Corodemus, Assemblywoman Heck and Assemblyman  
Thompson**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/25/1999)**

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

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2884**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 4, 1999

The Assembly Commerce, Tourism, Gaming and Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2884.

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SENATE SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2884**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 3, 1999

The Senate Senior Citizens, Veterans' Affairs and Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2884.

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## LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 2884**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 3, 1999

Assembly Bill No. 2884 of 1999 requires the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) to establish informational sessions, in consultation with the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, to advise veterans of the type of business assistance programs available from the authority and to facilitate applications by veterans for such assistance.

Pursuant to an informal discussion between the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) and EDA, the EDA estimated that it should not incur any additional costs under this bill. The EDA noted that it has a speaker's bureau that provides the type of information required by this bill. A program tailored for veterans can be readily designed and presented through this existing speaker's bureau at no added cost.

Pending written confirmation from the EDA, OLS would concur that this bill should not require any funding to offer the informational sessions for veterans.

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.

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

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RELEASE: November 24, 1999

Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following pieces of legislation:

**S-1063**, sponsored by Senators Robert Martin (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic) and Raymond J. Zane (D-Salem/Cumberland/Gloucester), and Assembly Member Michael Patrick Carroll (R-Morris), establishes a new civil penalty enforcement act. The bill incorporates recommendations the Governor made in a conditional veto.

**S-1112**, sponsored by Senator Gerald Cardinale (R-Bergen), permits insurers to file and use life insurance policy contract forms in New Jersey if the forms were approved in at least 42 other states. The bill incorporates recommendations the Governor made in a conditional veto.

**S-235**, sponsored by Senator James S. Cafiero (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and Assembly Members Nicholas Asselta (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and John C. Gibson (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland), makes certain changes in the requirements for and enforcement of cancellation of mortgages of record. The bill incorporates recommendations the Governor made in a conditional veto.

**S-761**, sponsored by Senators Joseph M. Kyrillos, Jr. (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Bernard F. Kenny, Jr. (D-Hudson) and Assembly Members Steve Corodemus (R-Monmouth) and Louis A. Romano (D-Hudson), exempts the purchase, repair and maintenance of commuter ferries from the sales and use tax. The bill incorporates recommendations the Governor made in a conditional veto.

**A-2884**, sponsored by Assembly Members Joseph Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and George F. Geist (R-Camden/Gloucester), requires the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA), in consultation with the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, to establish informational sessions to advise veterans of business assistance programs available from the EDA and assist them in applying to these programs.