



P.L. 1999, CHAPTER 283, *approved December 20, 1999*

Assembly Committee Substitute for  
Assembly, Nos. 1016 and 1502

1 **AN ACT** concerning the use of bicycles in law enforcement and  
2 amending P.L.1951, c.23.

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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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8 as follows:

9 16. a. Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be  
10 granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties  
11 applicable to the driver of a vehicle by chapter four of Title 39 of the  
12 Revised Statutes and all supplements thereto except as to those  
13 provisions thereof which by their nature can have no application.

14 Regulations applicable to bicycles shall apply whenever a bicycle is  
15 operated upon any highway or upon any path set aside for the  
16 exclusive use of bicycles subject to those exceptions stated herein.

17 b. A law enforcement officer operating a bicycle while in the  
18 performance of his duty, and who is engaged in the apprehension of  
19 violators of the law or of persons charged with, or suspected of, a  
20 violation shall not be subject to the provisions of this section.

21 (cf: P.L.1951, c.23, s.16)

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1016

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 208th LEGISLATURE

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1998 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman CHARLES "KEN" ZISA**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Assemblyman FRANCIS J. BLEE**

**District 2 (Atlantic)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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STATEMENT

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26 This bill would exempt a police officer who is operating a bicycle  
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28 bicycle riders. Persons who operate a bicycle on the roadways of this  
29 State must generally obey the motor vehicle traffic laws. However, to  
30 fulfill their law enforcement mission, police officers on bicycles must  
31 at times ride in a manner that violates these laws. This bill is patterned  
32 on existing law which exempts law enforcement officers operating  
33 motor vehicles in the performance of their duties from compliance with  
34 certain traffic laws.

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ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**ASSEMBLY, Nos. 1016 and 1502**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 25, 1999

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill Nos. 1016 and 1502 as an Assembly committee Substitute.

This committee substitute for Assembly Bill Nos. 1016 and 1502 exempts police officers who are operating a bicycle while in the performance of their duties and while engaged in the apprehension of violators of the law, or of persons charged with, or suspected of, a violation, from compliance with the traffic laws governing bicycle riders. Persons who operate a bicycle on the roadways of this State must generally obey the motor vehicle traffic laws. However, to fulfill their law enforcement mission, police officers on bicycles must at times ride in a manner that does not conform with these laws. This bill is patterned on existing law which exempts law enforcement officers operating motor vehicles in the performance of their duties from compliance with certain traffic laws.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**ASSEMBLY, Nos. 1016 and 1502**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 23, 1999

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill Nos. 1016 and 1502 (ACS).

This bill exempts police officers who are operating a bicycle while in the performance of their duties and while engaged in the apprehension of violators of the law, or of persons charged with, or suspected of, a violation, from compliance with the traffic laws governing bicycle riders. Persons who operate a bicycle on the roadways of this State must generally obey the motor vehicle traffic laws. However, to fulfill their law enforcement mission, police officers on bicycles must at times ride in a manner that does not conform with these laws. The bill is patterned on existing law which exempts law enforcement officers operating motor vehicles in the performance of their duties from compliance with certain traffic laws.

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

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RELEASE: December 20, 1999

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

**ACS for A-1016**, sponsored by Assembly Members Charles Zisa (D-Bergen), Francis J. Blee (R-Atlantic), Melvin Cottrell (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Joseph R. Malone, III (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean), exempts law enforcement officers from certain bicycle laws in the performance of their official duties.

**A-1126**, sponsored by E. Scott Garrett (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Guy R. Gregg (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris), clarifies existing law by providing that a recreational vehicle installed in a campsite is not subject to the property tax. The bill defines a recreational vehicle as a camper that is easily disassembled and removed from a campground. The bill specifically excludes a manufactured home or a permanent residence.

**A-1884**, sponsored by Assembly Members Carol J. Murphy (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic) and Nicholas Asselta (R-Atlantic/CapeMay/Cumberland) and Senator James S. Cafiero (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland), expands the eligibility for state grants to Alzheimer day care programs to include for-profit as well as public and non-profit programs. It also appropriates \$803,000 from the General Fund to increase the number of clients who can be served by Alzheimer's adult day care programs. The bill incorporates the recommendations the Governor made in a conditional veto of the bill.

**A-2312**, sponsored by Assembly Members Rose Marie Heck (R-Bergen) and David W. Wolfe (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Senator Robert J. Martin (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic), provides that administrative penalty funds returned to school districts in the 1997-98 school year shall be included in each district's prebudget year total for the purpose of calculating stabilized aid in 1998-99 and thereafter. The bill incorporates the recommendations the Governor made in a conditional veto of the bill.

**A-2785**, sponsored by Assembly Members Rose Marie Heck (R-Bergen) and Nicholas Asselta (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and Senators Diane B. Allen (R-Burlington/Camden) and John O. Bennett (R-Monmouth), requires fingerprinting of domestic violence offenders. The bill was introduced upon the recommendation of the Assembly Task Force on Domestic Violence in order to enhance enforcement of the federal firearms ban with respect to domestic violence offenders. The bill requires fingerprinting upon conviction for the disorderly persons offenses of assault and harassment that constitute domestic violence. It also requires the fingerprinting of any persons against whom a final domestic violence restraining order has been entered.

**A-2789**, sponsored by Assembly Members Kevin J. O'Toole (R-Essex/Union) and Joseph Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Senators Martha W. Bark (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Camden) and Robert W. Singer (R- Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Diane B. Allen (R-Burlington/Camden), requires annual domestic violence training for family court judges. Under previous law, all judges and court personnel were required to receive biannual training on the handling of domestic violence matters. The Assembly Task Force on domestic violence recommended in a report issued in July, 1998 that the statutory requirement for biannual training be increased.

**S-1258**, sponsored by Senators James S. Cafiero (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and John A. Girgenti (D-Passaic) and Assembly Members Francis J. Blee (R-Atlantic) and Kenneth C. Lefevre (R-Atlantic), makes it a third degree crime to knowingly use a laser sighting system or device against a law enforcement officer who is engaged in the performance of his or her official duties and is in uniform or otherwise displaying evidence of his or her authority. Third degree crimes are punishable by a three-to-five-year term of imprisonment or a \$15,000 fine or both. For first offenders, however, a presumption against incarceration applies.

**S-1378**, revises various hunting, trapping and fishing license fees and related provisions, and changes the name of the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife to the Division of Fish and Wildlife. The bill increases the fees for various hunting, fishing and trapping licenses, permits and stamps by an average of about 50 percent. The bill also authorizes the division to collect a new \$2 fee from migratory bird hunters to pay for information collection activities mandated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program. The legislation was sponsored by Senators Robert E. Littell (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Joseph F. Vitale (D-Middlesex) and Assembly Members Michael Patrick Carroll (R-Morris) and Melvin Cottrell (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean).