

# 36:2-76

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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**LAWS OF:** 2003                    **CHAPTER:** 35  
**NJSA:** 36:2-76                    (“Liberty Day”)  
**BILL NO:** S1199                    (Substituted for A1842)

**SPONSOR(S):** Suliga and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** February 25, 2002

**COMMITTEE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** State Government

**SENATE:** State Government

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** No

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** February 10, 2003

**SENATE:** March 25, 2002

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** April 4, 2003

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (Original version of bill enacted)

**S1199**

[SPONSORS STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 3 of original bill) [Yes](#)

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

**A1842**

[SPONSORS STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 3 of original bill) [Yes](#)

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to S1199

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

Identical to Assembly Statement for S1199

**SENATE:** No

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

**VETO MESSAGE:** No

**GOVERNOR’S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING:** No

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**HEARINGS:**

No

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No

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& 36:2-77  
§§3,4 - T&E  
§5 - Note to §§3,4

P.L. 2003, CHAPTER 35, *approved April 4, 2003*  
Senate, No. 1199

1 **AN ACT** designating March 16 as “Liberty Day” in the State of New  
2 Jersey, memorializing the Congress of the United States to pass  
3 legislation designating “Liberty Day” annually and supplementing  
4 Title 36 of the Revised Statutes.

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7 cherished documents that gave birth to our nation, those being the  
8 Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution,  
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12 the basis for the United States Constitution that emerged from the  
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15 **WHEREAS**, James Madison kept detailed accounts of the debates and  
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17 records were published only after the death of all delegates to the  
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20 known as the Federalist Papers, outlining why States should  
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30 **WHEREAS**, It is also fitting and proper for this Legislature and the  
31 Governor to memorialize Congress to pass legislation designating  
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34 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
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# SENATE, No. 1199

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 25, 2002

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JOSEPH SULIGA**

**District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)**

**Assemblyman GUY R. GREGG**

**District 24 (Sussex, Hunterdon and Morris)**

**Assemblyman LOUIS D. GREENWALD**

**District 6 (Camden)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Designates March 16 as “Liberty Day” in New Jersey; memorializes Congress to pass legislation designating “Liberty Day” annually.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/11/2003)**

S1199 SULIGA

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11 5. This act shall take effect immediately and sections 3 and 4 shall  
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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1199**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2003

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1199.

This bill designates March 16 as “Liberty Day” in the State of New Jersey to commemorate the birthday of James Madison, one of this nation’s distinguished founding fathers, and to celebrate the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. The bill also memorializes the United States Congress to pass legislation recognizing “Liberty Day” nationally as an appropriate reminder of our shared freedoms and cherished history.

Senate, No. 1199 is the same as Assembly, No. 1842 of 2002.



SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1199**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 18, 2002

The Senate State Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill, No. 1199.

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 1842

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### 210th LEGISLATURE

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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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