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BILL NO: A2370 (Substituted for S1138)

SPONSOR(S): Wisniewski and Bodine

DATE INTRODUCED: February 19, 2004

COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY: Transportation

SENATE: ----

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY: March 15, 2004

SENATE: March 22, 2004

DATE OF APPROVAL: March 26, 2004

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (1st reprint enacted)

(Amendments during

passage denoted by asterisks)

A2370

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 6 of original bill)

Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes

SENATE: No

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

S1138

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 6 of original bill)

Yes

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to A2370

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: No

SENATE: Yes

Identical to Assembly Statement to A2370

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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P.L. 2004, CHAPTER 1, approved March 26, 2004 Assembly, No. 2370 (First Reprint)

1 **AN ACT** concerning the New Jersey Transit Corporation and amending P.L.1979, c.150 ¹and P.L.1968, c.234 ¹.

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- 7 1. Section 5 of P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-5) is amended to read as 8 follows:
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- a. Sue and be sued;
 - b. Have an official seal and alter the same at pleasure;
- 15 c. Make and alter bylaws for its organization and internal 16 management and for the conduct of its affairs and business;
- d. Maintain an office at such place or places within the State as it may determine;
- e. Adopt, amend and repeal such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act, which shall have the force and effect of law; it shall publish the same and file them in accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) with the Director of the Office of Administrative Law;
 - f. Call to its assistance and avail itself of the service of such employees of any federal, State, county or municipal department or agency as it may require and as may be available to it for said purpose;
- 28 g. Apply for, accept and expend money from any federal, State, 29 county or municipal agency or instrumentality and from any private 30 source; comply with federal statutes, rules and regulations, and qualify for and receive all forms of financial assistance available under federal 31 law to assure the continuance of, or for the support or improvement 32 33 of public transportation and as may be necessary for that purpose to 34 enter into agreements, including federally required labor protective 35 agreements;
- h. Plan, design, construct, equip, operate, improve and maintain, either directly or by contract with any public or private entity, public transportation services, capital equipment and facilities or any parts or functions thereof, and other transportation projects, or any parts or functions thereof, which may be funded under section 3 of the federal

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted February 19, 2004.

- 1 Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, Pub.L.88-365 (49 U.S.C.
- 2 s.1602), or any successor or additional federal act having substantially
- 3 the same or similar purposes or functions; the operation of the
- 4 facilities of the corporation, by the corporation or any public or private
- 5 entity, may include appropriate and reasonable limitations on
- 6 competition in order that maximum service may be provided most
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- 8 i. Apply for and accept, from appropriate regulatory bodies, 9 authority to operate public transportation services where necessary;
- j. Purchase, lease as lessee, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use and otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, from any public or private entity, wherever situated:
 - k. Lease as lessor, sell or otherwise dispose of on terms which the corporation may prescribe, real and personal property, including tangible or intangible property and consumable goods, or any interest therein, to any public or private entity, in the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties under this act. In order to provide or encourage adequate and efficient public transportation service, the corporation may lease or otherwise permit the use or occupancy of property without cost or at a nominal rental;
 - 1. Restrict the rights of persons to enter upon or construct any works in or upon any property owned or leased by the corporation, except under such terms as the corporation may prescribe; perform or contract for the performance of all acts necessary for the management, maintenance and repair of real or personal property leased or otherwise used or occupied pursuant to this act;
- 28 m. Establish one or more operating divisions as deemed necessary. 29 Upon the establishment of an operating division, there shall be 30 established a geographically coincident advisory committee to be 31 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. 32 The committee shall consist of county and municipal government representatives and concerned citizens, in the number and for such 33 34 terms as may be fixed by the corporation, and shall advise the 35 corporation as to the public transportation service provided in the operating division. At least two members of each advisory committee 36 37 shall be public transportation riders, including but not limited to urban 38 transit users and suburban commuters as appropriate. One public 39 member from the board of the corporation shall serve as a liaison to 40 each advisory committee;
- n. Set and collect fares and determine levels of service for service provided by the corporation either directly or by contract including, but not limited to, such reduced fare programs as deemed appropriate by the corporation; revenues derived from such service may be collected by the corporation and shall be available to the corporation for use in furtherance of any of the purposes of this act;

- o. Set and collect rentals, fees, charges or other payments from the lease, use, occupancy or disposition of properties owned or leased by the corporation; such revenues shall be available to the corporation for use in furtherance of any of the purposes of this act;
 - p. Deposit corporate revenues in interest bearing accounts or in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1977, c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4);

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- q. Delegate to subordinate officers of the corporation such powers and duties as the corporation shall deem necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of this act;
- 11 r. Procure and enter into contracts for any type of insurance and indemnify against loss or damage to property from any cause, 12 13 including loss of use and occupancy, against death or injury of any 14 person, against employees' liability, against any act of any member, 15 officer, employee or servant of the corporation, whether part-time, 16 full-time, compensated or noncompensated, in the performance of the 17 duties of his office or employment or any other insurable risk. In 18 addition, the corporation may carry its own liability insurance and may also establish and utilize a ¹[wholly owned] wholly-owned insurance 19 ¹[entity] ¹ subsidiary or captive ¹ provided the subsidiary or captive is 20 domiciled in the United States in a state which is accredited by the 21 National Association of Insurance Commissioners and which licenses 22 23 and regulates wholly-owned insurance subsidiaries or captives 1;
 - s. Promote the use of public transportation services, coordinate ticket sales and passenger information and sell, lease or otherwise contract for advertising in or on the equipment or facilities of the corporation;
 - t. Adopt and maintain employee benefit programs for employees of the corporation including, but not limited to, pension, deferred compensation, medical disability, and death benefits, and which programs may utilize insurance contracts, trust funds, and any other appropriate means of providing the stipulated benefits, and may involve new plans or the continuation of plans previously established by entities acquired by the corporation;
 - u. Own, vote, and exercise all other rights incidental to the ownership of shares of the capital stock of any incorporated entity acquired by the corporation pursuant to the powers granted by this act;
 - v. Enter into any and all agreements or contracts, execute any and all instruments, and do and perform any and all acts or things necessary, convenient or desirable for the purposes of the corporation, or to carry out any power expressly or implicitly given in this act;
- w. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 17 of P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-17) or any other law to the contrary, (1) issue operating grant anticipation notes which shall be secured and retired from operating assistance grants authorized under section 9 of the federal

1 Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, Pub.L.88-365 (49 U.S.C. 2 s.1602), or any successor or additional federal act having substantially 3 the same or similar purposes or functions and (2) issue capital grant 4 anticipation notes which shall be secured and retired from capital assistance grants authorized under section 3 or section 9 of the federal 5 6 Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, Pub.L.88-365 (49 U.S.C. 7 s.1602), or any successor or additional federal act having substantially 8 the same or similar purposes or functions. As used in this subsection, 9 "operating grant anticipation notes" or "capital grant anticipation 10 notes" (hereinafter referred to as "notes") means credit obligations 11 issued in anticipation of these grants. The notes shall be authorized by 12 a resolution or resolutions of the corporation, and may be issued in 13 one or more series and shall bear the date, or dates, bear interest at the 14 rate or rates of interest per annum, be in the denomination or 15 denominations, be in the form, carry the conversion or registration privileges, have the rank or priority, be executed in such manner as the 16 17 resolution or resolutions require. The notes may be sold at public or 18 private sale at the price or prices and in the manner that the 19 corporation determines. The notes of the corporation, the sale or 20 transfer thereof, and the income derived therefrom by the purchasers 21 of the notes, shall, at all times, be free from taxation for State or local 22 purposes, under any law of the State or any political subdivision 23 thereof. Notes may be issued under the provisions of P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-1 et seq.) without obtaining the consent of any department, 24 25 division, commission, board, bureau or agency of the State, and 26 without any other proceedings, conditions, or things which are 27 specifically required by P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-1 et seq.). The 28 notes issued pursuant to P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-1 et seq.) shall not 29 in any way create or constitute any indebtedness, liability or obligation 30 of the State or of any political subdivision thereof or of the 31 corporation, except as provided herein.

32 The notes shall be payable solely from (1) note proceeds, to the extent not disbursed to the corporation, (2) grant payments if, as, and 33 34 when received from the federal government, and (3) investment 35 earnings on note proceeds, to the extent not disbursed to the 36 corporation. Each note shall contain on its face a statement to the 37 effect that the corporation is obligated to pay the principal thereof or 38 the interest thereon only from these grants to the corporation and from 39 the proceeds of the notes and investment earnings on the proceeds of 40 the notes, to the extent not disbursed to the corporation, and that 41 neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the State or of any political subdivision thereof or of the corporation is pledged to the 42 43 payment of the principal and interest on these notes. Neither the 44 members of the corporation's board nor any person executing the 45 transactions are personally liable on those notes nor are they otherwise 46 liable for their actions; and

x. Enter into agreements with a public or private entity or consortia thereof to provide for the development of demonstration projects through the use of public-private partnerships pursuant to sections 1 through 9 of P.L.1997, c.136 (C.27:1D-1 through C.27:1D-9). (cf: P.L.1997, c.136, s.12)

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- ¹2. Section 6 of P.L. 1968, c.234 (C.17:32-21) is amended to read as follows:
 - 6. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to apply to:
- (a) The investigation, settlement or litigation of claims under an policy of insurance of any kind lawful when written in this State, or liquidation of the assets and liabilities of an insurer (other than the collection of new premiums) resulting from the operations of an insurer within this State which were lawful when conducted;
- (b) Transactions involving any policy of insurance of any kind, subsequent to the issuance thereof, covering only subjects of insurance not resident, located or expressly to be performed in this State at the time of issuance, and lawfully solicited, written and delivered outside this State;
- (c) The continuation and servicing of life insurance or accident or health insurance policies or annuity contracts remaining in force as to residents of this State when the insurer has withdrawn from this State and is not collecting new premiums within or from this State;
 - (d) The lawful transaction of contracts of reinsurance by insurers
- (e) Transactions involving group life insurance, group or blanket accident and health insurance, and group annuities where the master policy for such groups was lawfully issued and delivered in a State in which the insurer is duly admitted, and such policy conforms to the laws of the State in which it is delivered;
- (f) Any life insurance company organized and operated without profit to any private shareholder or individual and exclusively for the purpose of aiding educational or scientific institutions organized and operated without profit to any private shareholder or individual, which issues residents of this State directly from its home office without agents, representatives or other field operations in this State, contracts of insurance and annuity contracts only to or for the benefit of such institutions and to individuals engaged in the service of such institutions; nor shall this subsection apply to any life, accident and health or annuity contracts issued by such life insurance company, provided that any such life insurance company shall: (1) furnish to the commissioner a copy of any policy or contract form issued to residents of this State; (2) furnish to the commissioner a copy of its annual statement prepared pursuant to the laws of the State of domicile of such life insurance company, as well as such other reports, documents and financial material as may be requested by the commissioner; and (3) designate the commissioner as its true and lawful attorney upon

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1 whom may be served all lawful process in any action or proceeding 2 against such life insurance company arising under any contract of 3 insurance or annuity contract it has issued to, or which is held by, a 4 resident of this State and process so served against such life insurance company shall have the same force and validity as if served upon said 5 life insurance company; and provided further that the commissioner 6 7 may, if in his judgment the interest of the public so requires, 8 promulgate regulations affecting the contracts, investments, or other 9 aspects of the operations of companies covered by this subparagraph 10 (f), which shall be not more restrictive than the laws and regulations 11 applicable to admitted life insurance companies; 12 (g) Insurance of vessels, crafts or hulls, cargoes, marine builder 13 risks, marine protection and indemnity or other risks including strike 14 and war risks commonly insured under ocean or wet marine forms of 15 (h) Any wholly-owned insurance subsidiary or captive established 16 17 by New Jersey Transit Corporation pursuant to subsection r. of section 5 of P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-5).1 18 (cf: P.L.1968,c.234,s.6) 19 20 21 ¹[2.] <u>3.</u> This act shall take effect immediately. 22 23 24 25 Permits NJ Transit to establish wholly-owned insurance subsidiary or 26

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2370

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 19, 2004

Sponsored by: Assemblyman JOHN S. WISNIEWSKI District 19 (Middlesex) Assemblyman FRANCIS L. BODINE District 8 (Burlington)

SYNOPSIS

Permits NJ Transit to establish wholly owned insurance entity, subsidiary or "captive."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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 - 1. Restrict the rights of persons to enter upon or construct any works in or upon any property owned or leased by the corporation, except under such terms as the corporation may prescribe; perform or contract for the performance of all acts necessary for the management, maintenance and repair of real or personal property leased or otherwise used or occupied pursuant to this act;
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- q. Delegate to subordinate officers of the corporation such powers 5 6 and duties as the corporation shall deem necessary and proper to carry 7 out the purposes of this act;
- 8 r. Procure and enter into contracts for any type of insurance and 9 indemnify against loss or damage to property from any cause, 10 including loss of use and occupancy, against death or injury of any 11 person, against employees' liability, against any act of any member, officer, employee or servant of the corporation, whether part-time, 12 13 full-time, compensated or noncompensated, in the performance of the 14 duties of his office or employment or any other insurable risk. In 15 addition, the corporation may carry its own liability insurance and may also establish and utilize a wholly owned insurance entity, subsidiary 16 17 or captive;
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45 (cf: P.L.1997, c.136, s.12)

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1	2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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4	STATEMENT
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5	This bill permits the New Jersey Transit Corporation to establish
7	and utilize a wholly owned insurance entity, subsidiary or captive. It
3	may also continue to carry its own liability insurance.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2370

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 19, 2004

The Assembly Transportation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2370.

This amended bill permits the New Jersey Transit Corporation to establish and utilize a wholly-owned insurance subsidiary or captive provided the subsidiary or captive is domiciled in the United States in a state which is accredited by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and which licenses and regulates wholly-owned insurance subsidiaries or captives.

The bill adds any wholly-owned insurance subsidiary or captive established by New Jersey Transit pursuant to this bill to the list of insurance matters which are exempted from the provisions of P.L.1968, c.234 (C.17:32-16 et seq.).

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The amendments by the Committee add the provisions that any subsidiary or captive created pursuant to the bill must be domiciled in the United States in a state which is accredited by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and which licenses and regulates wholly-owned insurance subsidiaries or captives.

The amendments also add any wholly-owned insurance subsidiary or captive established by New Jersey Transit pursuant to this bill to the list of insurance matters which are exempted from the provisions of P.L.1968, c.234.

SENATE, No. 1138

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 23, 2004

Sponsored by: Senator NICHOLAS J. SACCO District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

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- j. Purchase, lease as lessee, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, 8 improve, use and otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, from any public or private entity, wherever 10 situated;
 - k. Lease as lessor, sell or otherwise dispose of on terms which the corporation may prescribe, real and personal property, including tangible or intangible property and consumable goods, or any interest therein, to any public or private entity, in the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties under this act. In order to provide or encourage adequate and efficient public transportation service, the corporation may lease or otherwise permit the use or occupancy of property without cost or at a nominal rental;
 - 1. Restrict the rights of persons to enter upon or construct any works in or upon any property owned or leased by the corporation, except under such terms as the corporation may prescribe; perform or contract for the performance of all acts necessary for the management, maintenance and repair of real or personal property leased or otherwise used or occupied pursuant to this act;
- m. Establish one or more operating divisions as deemed necessary. 26 Upon the establishment of an operating division, there shall be established a geographically coincident advisory committee to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. 29 The committee shall consist of county and municipal government representatives and concerned citizens, in the number and for such terms as may be fixed by the corporation, and shall advise the corporation as to the public transportation service provided in the operating division. At least two members of each advisory committee shall be public transportation riders, including but not limited to urban transit users and suburban commuters as appropriate. One public member from the board of the corporation shall serve as a liaison to each advisory committee;
 - n. Set and collect fares and determine levels of service for service provided by the corporation either directly or by contract including, but not limited to, such reduced fare programs as deemed appropriate by the corporation; revenues derived from such service may be collected by the corporation and shall be available to the corporation for use in furtherance of any of the purposes of this act;
- 44 o. Set and collect rentals, fees, charges or other payments from the 45 lease, use, occupancy or disposition of properties owned or leased by the corporation; such revenues shall be available to the corporation for 46

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- p. Deposit corporate revenues in interest bearing accounts or in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1977, c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4);
 - q. Delegate to subordinate officers of the corporation such powers and duties as the corporation shall deem necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of this act;
- 8 r. Procure and enter into contracts for any type of insurance and 9 indemnify against loss or damage to property from any cause, 10 including loss of use and occupancy, against death or injury of any 11 person, against employees' liability, against any act of any member, 12 officer, employee or servant of the corporation, whether part-time, 13 full-time, compensated or noncompensated, in the performance of the 14 duties of his office or employment or any other insurable risk. In 15 addition, the corporation may carry its own liability insurance and may also establish and utilize a wholly owned insurance entity, subsidiary 16 17 or captive;
 - s. Promote the use of public transportation services, coordinate ticket sales and passenger information and sell, lease or otherwise contract for advertising in or on the equipment or facilities of the corporation;
 - t. Adopt and maintain employee benefit programs for employees of the corporation including, but not limited to, pension, deferred compensation, medical disability, and death benefits, and which programs may utilize insurance contracts, trust funds, and any other appropriate means of providing the stipulated benefits, and may involve new plans or the continuation of plans previously established by entities acquired by the corporation;
 - u. Own, vote, and exercise all other rights incidental to the ownership of shares of the capital stock of any incorporated entity acquired by the corporation pursuant to the powers granted by this act:
 - v. Enter into any and all agreements or contracts, execute any and all instruments, and do and perform any and all acts or things necessary, convenient or desirable for the purposes of the corporation, or to carry out any power expressly or implicitly given in this act;
- 37 w. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 17 of P.L.1979, c.150 38 (C.27:25-17) or any other law to the contrary, (1) issue operating 39 grant anticipation notes which shall be secured and retired from 40 operating assistance grants authorized under section 9 of the federal 41 Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, Pub.L.88-365 (49 U.S.C. 42 s.1602), or any successor or additional federal act having substantially 43 the same or similar purposes or functions and (2) issue capital grant 44 anticipation notes which shall be secured and retired from capital 45 assistance grants authorized under section 3 or section 9 of the federal Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, Pub.L.88-365 (49 U.S.C. 46

1 s.1602), or any successor or additional federal act having substantially 2 the same or similar purposes or functions. As used in this subsection, 3 "operating grant anticipation notes" or "capital grant anticipation 4 notes" (hereinafter referred to as "notes") means credit obligations issued in anticipation of these grants. The notes shall be authorized by 5 6 a resolution or resolutions of the corporation, and may be issued in 7 one or more series and shall bear the date, or dates, bear interest at the 8 rate or rates of interest per annum, be in the denomination or 9 denominations, be in the form, carry the conversion or registration 10 privileges, have the rank or priority, be executed in such manner as the 11 resolution or resolutions require. The notes may be sold at public or private sale at the price or prices and in the manner that the 12 13 corporation determines. The notes of the corporation, the sale or 14 transfer thereof, and the income derived therefrom by the purchasers 15 of the notes, shall, at all times, be free from taxation for State or local purposes, under any law of the State or any political subdivision 16 17 thereof. Notes may be issued under the provisions of P.L.1979, c.150 18 (C.27:25-1 et seq.) without obtaining the consent of any department, 19 division, commission, board, bureau or agency of the State, and 20 without any other proceedings, conditions, or things which are 21 specifically required by P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-1 et seq.). The 22 notes issued pursuant to P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-1 et seq.) shall not 23 in any way create or constitute any indebtedness, liability or obligation 24 of the State or of any political subdivision thereof or of the 25 corporation, except as provided herein. 26

The notes shall be payable solely from (1) note proceeds, to the 27 extent not disbursed to the corporation, (2) grant payments if, as, and 28 when received from the federal government, and (3) investment 29 earnings on note proceeds, to the extent not disbursed to the 30 corporation. Each note shall contain on its face a statement to the 31 effect that the corporation is obligated to pay the principal thereof or 32 the interest thereon only from these grants to the corporation and from 33 the proceeds of the notes and investment earnings on the proceeds of 34 the notes, to the extent not disbursed to the corporation, and that 35 neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the State or of any 36 political subdivision thereof or of the corporation is pledged to the 37 payment of the principal and interest on these notes. Neither the 38 members of the corporation's board nor any person executing the 39 transactions are personally liable on those notes nor are they otherwise 40 liable for their actions; and

x. Enter into agreements with a public or private entity or consortia thereof to provide for the development of demonstration projects through the use of public-private partnerships pursuant to sections 1 through 9 of P.L.1997,c.136 (C.27:1D-1 through C.27:1D-9).

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1	2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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4	STATEMENT
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6	This bill permits the New Jersey Transit Corporation to establish
7	and utilize a wholly owned insurance entity, subsidiary or captive. It
8	may also continue to carry its own liability insurance.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1138

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 24, 2004

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably and with amendments Senate Bill No. 1138.

This amended bill permits the New Jersey Transit Corporation to establish and utilize a wholly-owned insurance subsidiary or captive provided the subsidiary or captive is domiciled in the United States in a state which is accredited by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and which licenses and regulates wholly-owned insurance subsidiaries or captives.

The bill adds any wholly-owned insurance subsidiary or captive established by New Jersey Transit pursuant to this bill to the list of insurance matters which are exempted from the provisions of P.L. 1968, c.234 (C.17:32-16 et seq.).

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The amendments by the Committee add the provisions that any subsidiary or captive created pursuant to the bill must be domiciled in the United States in a state which is accredited by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and which licenses and regulates wholly-owned insurance subsidiaries or captives.

The amendments also add any wholly-owned insurance subsidiary or captive established by New Jersey Transit pursuant to this bill to the list of insurance matters which are exempted from the provisions of P.L.1968, c.234.

With these amendments, the bill is identical to A-2370(1R).