

2B:12-30.1

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LAWS OF: 2004 **CHAPTER:** 62

NJSA: 2B:12-30.1 (Authorizes \$3 assessment on municipal court costs)

BILL NO: A2420 (Substituted for S1461)

SPONSOR(S): Cryan and Johnson

DATE INTRODUCED: February 24, 2004

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Law and Public Safety; Appropriations

SENATE: ----

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** June 24, 2004

SENATE: June 24, 2004

DATE OF APPROVAL: June 29, 2004

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

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

A2420

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 4 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes [5-27-2004 \(L & PS\)](#)
[6-14-2004 \(Approp.\)](#)

SENATE: No

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

[LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE:](#) [Yes](#)

S1461

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 4 of original bill) [Yes](#)

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to A2420

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

SENATE: Yes [6-17-2004 \(L & PS\)](#)
[6-22-2004 \(Budget\)](#)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

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P.L. 2004, CHAPTER 62, *approved June 30, 2004*

Assembly, No. 2420

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2 chapter 12 of Title 2B of the New Jersey Statutes and amending
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6 deposit into the "Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund"
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8 c. For every violation of any statute or ordinance the sum of \$3 to
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ASSEMBLY, No. 2420

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 24, 2004

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Assemblyman JOSEPH CRYAN

District 20 (Union)

Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON

District 37 (Bergen)

Co-Sponsored by:

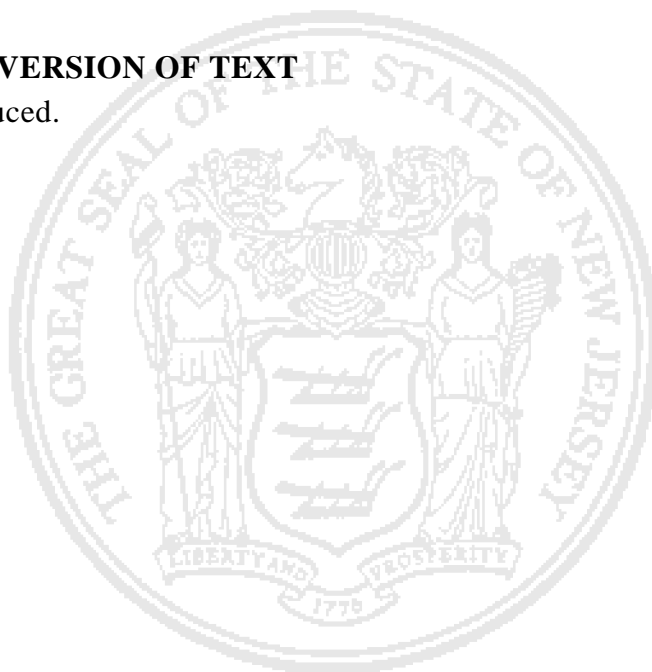
**Assemblyman Diegnan, Assemblywoman Cruz-Perez, Assemblymen
R.Smith, Gusciora and Senator James**

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ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2420

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 27, 2004

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2420.

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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 14, 2004

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FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the AOC, a current \$2 fee brought in approximately \$9 million. Whereby a \$3 fee should approximate \$13.5 million.

FISCAL NOTE
ASSEMBLY, No. 2420
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
211th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 30, 2004

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Authorizes \$3 assessment on municipal court costs to upgrade Automated Traffic System.

Type of Impact: General Fund, Revenue Increase.

Agencies Affected: Judiciary, Statewide Automated Traffic System (ATS).

Executive Estimate

Fiscal Impact	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
State Revenue	\$10,100,000	\$11,800,000	\$12,100,000

- ! The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concurs with the Executive estimate
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OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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Section: *Judiciary*

Analyst: *Anne C. Raughley*
Lead Fiscal Analyst

Approved: *David J. Rosen*
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal note has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.

SENATE, No. 1461

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED APRIL 29, 2004

Sponsored by:
Senator SHARPE JAMES
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SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND VETERANS'
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1461

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 17, 2004

The Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1461.

Senate Bill No. 1461 adds a \$3 assessment to the current municipal court costs fees to modernize the Statewide Automated Traffic System (ATS).

The ATS, along with the Automated Complaint System, is a statewide case record and financial management computer system used by all 536 municipal courts to process more than six million traffic and quasi-criminal actions each year. The system is responsible for the collection and disbursement of \$352 million for State, county and local government. It is a vital information link between the courts, motor vehicle commission and law enforcement. The system is managed by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Until recently, the system was funded by a \$2 assessment on motor vehicle offenses. The amount generated through that assessment is no longer sufficient to pay to maintain or modernize the system. Without new funding to upgrade the ATS infrastructure, the system could fail, leaving the municipal courts without the automated support they need to process offenders and to collect and distribute fines and penalties.

This bill adds a \$3 assessment to the fines and penalties an offender pays when convicted of a violation in municipal court. The money generated from this assessment is to be deposited in a special account, the Automated Traffic System Statewide Modernization Account, and used exclusively to administer, operate and modernize the ATS.

To insure that this new assessment does not reduce the amounts that municipalities realize as their portion of court costs, the bill increases the maximum allowable court costs from \$30 to \$33.

Upgrading the ATS will facilitate the State's law enforcement, homeland security and general public safety efforts, as well as the modernization of New Jersey's motor vehicle records.

By placing responsibility for funding the ATS's upgrade on the offenders who create the need for the system, the bill eliminates the need for State funding. Further, no new costs are imposed on the State or any local governmental unit.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1461

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 22, 2004

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FISCAL IMPACT

According to the AOC, the current \$2 fee brings in approximately \$9 million each year. Accordingly, it is estimated that the new \$3 fee should produce annual revenue of approximately \$13.5 million.

FISCAL NOTE
SENATE, No. 1461
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
211th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JULY 7, 2004

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Authorizes \$3 assessment on municipal court costs to upgrade Automated Traffic System.

Type of Impact: General Fund, Revenue Increase.

Agencies Affected: Judiciary, Statewide Automated Traffic System (ATS).

Executive Estimate

Fiscal Impact	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
State Revenue	\$10,100,000	\$11,800,000	\$12,100,000

- ! The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concurs with the Executive estimate
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- ! Information obtained from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) indicates that a current \$2 fee brought in approximately \$9 million. A \$3 fee increase should approximate an additional \$10 to \$12 million annually to support the administration, operation and modernization of the Statewide Automated Traffic System (ATS).

BILL DESCRIPTION

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

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OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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