

# 52:17B-77.7

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**SPONSOR(S):** Cryan and Johnson

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**SENATE:** Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs

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**A1816**

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P.L. 2005, CHAPTER 72, *approved April 18, 2005*  
Assembly, No. 1816 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the training of <sup>1</sup>[local]<sup>1</sup> law enforcement  
2 personnel and supplementing chapter 17B of Title 52 of the Revised  
3 Statutes.

4  
5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

7  
8 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

9 a. Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder  
10 causing dementia and resulting in such conditions as anxiety, poor  
11 judgement, confusion, mood swings and loss of intellectual  
12 functioning;

13 b. Of the four million Americans currently diagnosed with  
14 Alzheimer's disease, 60% of them will become disoriented and wander  
15 off at some point during the disease;

16 c. If a person with Alzheimer's disease wanders off and is not found  
17 within the first 24 hours, there is a nearly 50% chance the person will  
18 be at risk for serious injury or death;

19 d. Safe Return is a national identification, support and registration  
20 program working in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies  
21 to safely return individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related  
22 disorders, who become lost, to their families and caregivers; and

23 e. It is in the interest of protecting the health and welfare of our  
24 State residents diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related  
25 disorders to establish a <sup>1</sup>[policy for]requirement that all State Police  
26 and<sup>1</sup> local law enforcement personnel <sup>1</sup>[in working with] receive  
27 instruction on the utilization of<sup>1</sup> the Safe Return program to facilitate  
28 the safe recovery of those who wander off and become lost.

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30 2. a. The <sup>1</sup>[New Jersey]<sup>1</sup> Department of Law and Public Safety  
31 shall establish<sup>1</sup>[, by regulation, a policy] training protocols<sup>1</sup> for <sup>1</sup>the  
32 State Police and<sup>1</sup> local law enforcement personnel in <sup>1</sup>[working  
33 with]the utilization of<sup>1</sup> the Safe Return program to facilitate the safe  
34 recovery of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders  
35 who wander off and become lost.

36 b. <sup>1</sup>[The policy]These training protocols<sup>1</sup> shall include, but need  
37 not be limited to, the following:

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Senate SLP committee amendments adopted January 24, 2005.

1 (1) guidelines for identifying persons with Alzheimer's disease and  
2 related disorders;

3 (2) guidelines on communicating with persons with Alzheimer's  
4 disease and related disorders;

5 (3) guidelines for caring for persons with Alzheimer's disease and  
6 related disorders who become lost and disoriented; and

7 (4) guidelines for instruction on the procedures the Safe Return  
8 program uses in locating lost individuals with Alzheimer's disease and  
9 related disorders.

10 <sup>1</sup>[c. The policy shall be made available to local law enforcement  
11 agencies throughout this State.]<sup>1</sup>

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13 3. <sup>1</sup>[A] The State Police or a<sup>1</sup> local law enforcement agency may  
14 provide in-service training of its personnel according to the <sup>1</sup>[policy  
15 adopted by regulation] training protocols established<sup>1</sup> by the <sup>1</sup>[New  
16 Jersey]<sup>1</sup> Department of Law and Public Safety pursuant to section 2  
17 of P.L. , c. (C. )(pending before the Legislature as this bill) on the  
18 specialized needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related  
19 disorders who become lost.

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21 4. The Attorney General <sup>1</sup>[shall] may<sup>1</sup>, pursuant to the  
22 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
23 seq.), adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this  
24 act.

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26 5. This act shall take effect on the 180th day following enactment,  
27 but the Attorney General may take such anticipatory administrative  
28 action in advance as shall be necessary for implementation of this act.

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34 Requires DLPS to establish policy for State Police and local law  
35 enforcement in working with Safe Return Program to recover lost  
individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1816

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2004 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman JOSEPH CRYAN**

**District 20 (Union)**

**Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

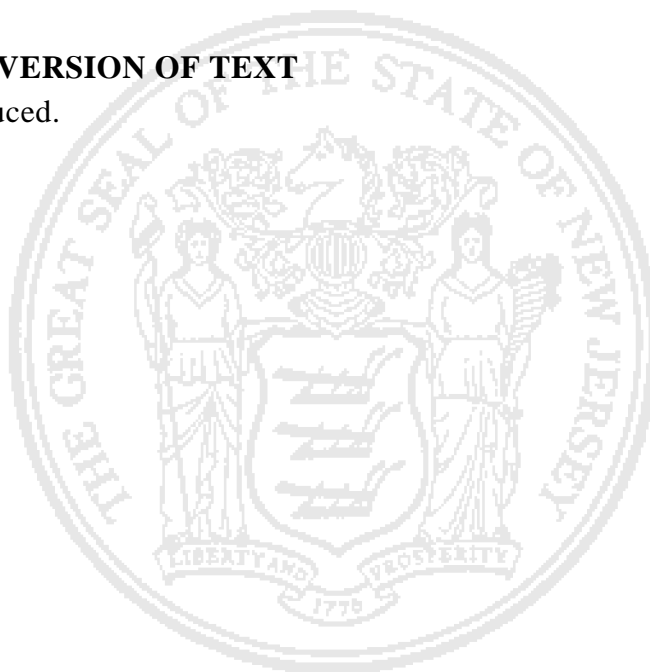
**Assemblymen Gusciora and Chivukula**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DLPS to establish policy for local law enforcement in working with Safe Return program to recover lost individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/25/2004)**

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2 and supplementing chapter 17B of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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7 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

8 a. Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder  
9 causing dementia and resulting in such conditions as anxiety, poor  
10 judgement, confusion, mood swings and loss of intellectual  
11 functioning;

12 b. Of the four million Americans currently diagnosed with  
13 Alzheimer's disease, 60% of them will become disoriented and wander  
14 off at some point during the disease;

15 c. If a person with Alzheimer's disease wanders off and is not found  
16 within the first 24 hours, there is a nearly 50% chance the person will  
17 be at risk for serious injury or death;

18 d. Safe Return is a national identification, support and registration  
19 program working in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies  
20 to safely return individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related  
21 disorders, who become lost, to their families and caregivers; and

22 e. It is in the interest of protecting the health and welfare of our  
23 State residents diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related  
24 disorders to establish a policy for local law enforcement personnel in  
25 working with the Safe Return program to facilitate the safe recovery  
26 of those who wander off and become lost.

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28 2. a. The New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety shall  
29 establish, by regulation, a policy for local law enforcement personnel  
30 in working with the Safe Return program to facilitate the safe recovery  
31 of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders who  
32 wander off and become lost.

33 b. The policy shall include, but need not be limited to, the  
34 following:

35 (1) guidelines for identifying persons with Alzheimer's disease and  
36 related disorders;

37 (2) guidelines on communicating with persons with Alzheimer's  
38 disease and related disorders;

39 (3) guidelines for caring for persons with Alzheimer's disease and  
40 related disorders who become lost and disoriented; and

41 (4) guidelines for instruction on the procedures the Safe Return  
42 program uses in locating lost individuals with Alzheimer's disease and  
43 related disorders.

44 c. The policy shall be made available to local law enforcement  
45 agencies throughout this State.



# ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 1816

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 13, 2004

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1816.

Assembly Bill No. 1816 requires the Department of Law and Public Safety to establish, by regulation, a policy for local law enforcement personnel in working with the Safe Return program to facilitate the recovery of lost individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

Safe Return is a national identification, support and registration program operating in conjunction with local law enforcement officials to safely recover lost individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

The bill provides that, at a minimum, the policy established by the Department of Law and Public Safety include:

- \* guidelines for identifying persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders;
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- \* guidelines for caring for persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders who wander off and become lost; and
- \* guidelines for instruction on the procedures the Safe Return program uses in locating lost individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

Accordingly, the bill also authorizes local law enforcement agencies to provide in-service training of officers according to the policy and guidelines established by the Department of Law and Public Safety.



SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND VETERANS'  
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1816**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 24, 2005

The Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1816.

Assembly Bill No. 1816, as amended and reported by the committee, requires the Department of Law and Public Safety to establish training protocols for the State Police and local law enforcement personnel in the utilization of the Safe Return program to facilitate the recovery of lost individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

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Accordingly, the bill also authorizes the State Police and local law enforcement agencies to provide in-service training of officers according to the training protocols established by the Department of Law and Public Safety.

The committee amended the bill to include the State Police in the training protocols and clarify that the Department of Law and Public Safety may establish training protocols instead of creating, by regulation, a policy. In addition, the committee removed the requirement that the Attorney General adopt rules and regulations for

the program.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2185, which also was amended and reported by the committee on this same date.

**SENATE, No. 2185**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**211th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED JANUARY 11, 2005

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator FRED MADDEN**

**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Senator STEPHEN M. SWEENEY**

**District 3 (Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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19 program working in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies  
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22 e. It is in the interest of protecting the health and welfare of our  
23 State residents diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related  
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25 working with the Safe Return program to facilitate the safe recovery  
26 of those who wander off and become lost.

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28 2. a. The Department of Law and Public Safety shall establish, by  
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