





P.L. 2008, CHAPTER 105, *approved December 4, 2008*  
Assembly Committee Substitute for  
Assembly, No. 562

1 **AN ACT** establishing the Public Assistance Cost Reduction and  
2 Transportation Independence Pilot Program and supplementing  
3 P.L.1997, c.38 (C.44:10-55 et seq.).  
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:  
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8 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Public  
9 Assistance Cost Reduction and Transportation Independence Pilot  
10 Program Act.”  
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12 2. The Legislature finds and declares that:

13 a. The Work First New Jersey program provides transportation  
14 assistance to eligible persons to further employment opportunities,  
15 to promote personal responsibility and economic self-sufficiency,  
16 and to help end the cycle of dependence on public assistance;

17 b. The cost of providing such transportation assistance, in the  
18 form of cash payments as well as free New Jersey Transit bus and  
19 rail passes, is a worthwhile investment for the taxpayers of New  
20 Jersey and for the benefit of recipients and their families;

21 c. Nonprofit charitable organizations have assisted in reducing  
22 such costs, while also providing a greater degree of transportation  
23 independence to such recipients and families, by accepting donated  
24 motor vehicles and making those vehicles available for use by, or  
25 for transfer to, recipients of public assistance in order to provide  
26 independent transportation to places of employment, day care  
27 facilities, and other locations as necessary to promote employment;  
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29 d. It is in the public interest for the State Treasurer to have the  
30 discretion to establish a pilot program to determine whether  
31 providing surplus State motor vehicles to nonprofit charitable  
32 organizations engaged in such activity may result in net cost  
33 savings to the State as well as support for transportation assistance  
34 to recipients of public assistance.  
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36 3. a. The State Treasurer is authorized to establish a pilot  
37 program for the transfer of ownership and title of surplus State  
38 motor vehicles to any qualified nonprofit charitable organization for  
39 the purpose of providing transportation to persons eligible for  
40 transportation assistance under the Work First New Jersey program,

1 established under the “Work First New Jersey Act,” pursuant to  
2 P.L.1997, c.38 (C.44:10-55 et seq.).

3 b. As used in this section, “surplus State motor vehicle” shall  
4 mean any motor vehicle that is in the custody and control of any  
5 State department, commission, board, body, or other agency of the  
6 State and is deemed by the Director of the Division of Purchase and  
7 Property in the Department of the Treasury as surplus, obsolete or  
8 no longer suitable for the purpose for which it was intended.

9 c. In determining whether to establish such a pilot program, the  
10 State Treasurer shall consult with the Commissioner of the  
11 Department of Human Services and shall solicit and consider  
12 information provided by county agencies responsible for  
13 administering the Work First New Jersey program. The State  
14 Treasurer shall also consider whether it may be possible to realize  
15 net cost savings to the State through such a program.

16 d. A pilot program established pursuant to this section, shall be  
17 designed to maximize, to the greatest extent possible, potential net  
18 cost savings to the State and shall include such terms and conditions  
19 as the State Treasurer shall provide by regulations adopted pursuant  
20 to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-  
21 1 et seq.).

22 e. In determining the eligibility of a nonprofit charitable  
23 organization to participate in a pilot program established pursuant  
24 to this section, the State Treasurer shall examine the organization’s  
25 experience in providing donated motor vehicles to recipients of  
26 public assistance and the availability of mass transportation  
27 facilities, including but not limited to New Jersey Transit bus or rail  
28 routes, in the geographic area in which the nonprofit organization  
29 operates.

30 f. The State shall not be liable for any damages that may result  
31 from the use or operation of any motor vehicle transferred pursuant  
32 to this section.

33 g. The State Treasurer shall report findings and  
34 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature within two  
35 years of the establishment of a pilot program pursuant to this  
36 section.

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38 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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44 Establishes Public Assistance Cost Reduction and Transportation  
45 Independence Pilot Program to transfer surplus State motor vehicles  
to certain nonprofit organizations.

**ASSEMBLY, No. 562**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**213th LEGISLATURE**

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2008 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman RONALD S. DANCER**

**District 30 (Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes State to make surplus motor vehicles available to nonprofit charitable organizations performing State contracts.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1 AN ACT concerning surplus State motor vehicles and supplementing  
2 Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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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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7 1. a. Whenever, in the opinion of the Director of the Division  
8 of Purchase and Property, any motor vehicle in the custody and  
9 control of any State department, institution, commission, board,  
10 body, or other agency of the State is deemed surplus, obsolete or no  
11 longer suitable for the purpose for which it was intended, the  
12 director may make a transfer of the custody and control of that  
13 motor vehicle to any State-contracted agency in this State. An  
14 agency receiving a surplus motor vehicle shall be a nonprofit  
15 charitable organization performing a State contract. The county of  
16 the agency to receive any vehicle shall identify and advise the  
17 Director regarding the need and appropriateness of such donation  
18 through its Department of Human Services.

19 b. Whenever a motor vehicle that has been deemed to be surplus  
20 cannot be used by a county, the director may, with the State  
21 Treasurer's approval and after notification in writing to the State  
22 Auditor, dispose thereof and pay the proceeds of that disposition  
23 into the general fund of the State.

24 c. The director shall develop a plan for the notification and  
25 distribution to counties of motor vehicles designated as surplus by  
26 any State department, institution, commission, board, body or other  
27 agency of the State.

28 d. The State shall not be liable for any damages that may result  
29 from the use or operation of any transferred motor vehicle.

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill provides that whenever, in the opinion of the Director  
37 of the Division of Purchase and Property, any motor vehicle in the  
38 custody and control of any State agency is deemed surplus, the  
39 director may transfer custody and control of that motor vehicle to  
40 any State-contracted agency in this State. An agency receiving a  
41 surplus motor vehicle must be a nonprofit charitable organization  
42 performing a State contract. The county of the agency to receive  
43 any vehicle will identify and advise the Director regarding the need  
44 and appropriateness of such donation through its Department of  
45 Human Services.

46 The bill requires the director to develop a plan for the  
47 notification and distribution to counties of surplus vehicles. If a

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1 surplus vehicle cannot be used by a county, the director may, with  
2 the State Treasurer's approval and after notification in writing to  
3 the State Auditor, dispose of the vehicle and pay the proceeds into  
4 the general fund of the State. The bill also provides that the State  
5 will not be liable for any damages that may result from the use or  
6 operation of any transferred vehicle.

# ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **ASSEMBLY, No. 562**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 28, 2008

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably an Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 562.

This committee substitute establishes the Public Assistance Cost Reduction and Transportation Independence Pilot Program. It authorizes the State Treasurer to establish a pilot program to transfer surplus State motor vehicles to nonprofit charitable organizations that provide vehicles to persons eligible for transportation assistance under the Work First New Jersey program because transportation is a barrier to employment.

The committee substitute provides that in determining whether to establish a pilot program, the Treasurer will consult with the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services, solicit and consider information provided by county agencies responsible for administering the Work First New Jersey program, and consider whether it may be possible to realize net cost savings to the State through a pilot program. In determining the eligibility of a nonprofit charitable organization to participate, the Treasurer will examine the organization's experience in providing donated motor vehicles to recipients of public assistance and the availability of mass transportation facilities, including but not limited to New Jersey Transit bus or rail routes, in the geographic area in which the nonprofit organization operates.

In addition, the committee substitute provides that the State will not be liable for any damages that may result from the use or operation of any motor vehicle transferred and that the Treasurer will report findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature within two years of the establishment of a pilot program.



SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 562**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 562 (ACS).

This bill establishes the Public Assistance Cost Reduction and Transportation Independence Pilot Program. It authorizes the State Treasurer to establish a pilot program to transfer surplus State motor vehicles to nonprofit charitable organizations that provide vehicles to persons eligible for transportation assistance under the Work First New Jersey program because transportation is a barrier to employment.

The bill provides that in determining whether to establish a pilot program, the Treasurer will consult with the Commissioner of Human Services, solicit and consider information provided by county agencies responsible for administering the Work First New Jersey program, and consider whether it may be possible to realize net cost savings to the State through a pilot program. In determining the eligibility of a nonprofit charitable organization to participate, the Treasurer will examine the organization's experience in providing donated motor vehicles to recipients of public assistance and the availability of mass transportation facilities, including but not limited to New Jersey Transit bus or rail routes, in the geographic area in which the nonprofit organization operates.

In addition, the bill provides that the State will not be liable for any damages that may result from the use or operation of any motor vehicle transferred and that the Treasurer will report findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature within two years of the establishment of a pilot program.