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SENATE: Natural Resources

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SENATE: Yes

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P.L. 1996, CHAPTER 37, *approved June 18, 1996*
Assembly No. 464 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT establishing an entrepreneurial assistance network in the
2 Division of Development for Small Businesses and Women's and
3 Minority Businesses and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised
4 Statutes.

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

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9 1. a. The Division of Development for Small Businesses and
10 Women's and Minority Businesses in the Department of Commerce
11 and Economic Development ¹, in consultation with the New Jersey
12 small business development centers.¹ shall establish a toll-free
13 telephone information line which shall be readily accessible to the
14 public and shall provide information regarding entrepreneurial or
15 business assistance programs available to small businesses, including
16 sources of financing for training, micro-loans and venture capital, from
17 the following entities:

- 18 (1) The Department of Commerce and Economic Development;
19 (2) The New Jersey Economic Development Authority;
20 (3) The Department of Labor;
21 (4) The New Jersey small business development centers; and
22 (5) Private organizations, individuals or corporations that provide
23 technical assistance and services to small businesses in this State.

24 b. The telephone information line shall provide information
25 regarding the nature of the assistance and benefits available from the
26 programs provided by the entities set forth in subsection a. of this
27 section, and shall provide information on how to access and apply for
28 these programs.

29 c. To pay for the assistance provided to small businesses pursuant
30 to this act the division shall make use of any available State or federal
31 funding and shall solicit contributions from any private business
32 organizations, individuals or corporations that provide technical
33 assistance or services to small businesses.

34 d. The division may assess a fee, to be determined by the division,
35 upon any private business organization, individual or corporation that
36 wishes to have information regarding its small business assistance
37 programs available through the telephone information line. The fee
38 shall not exceed the cost of providing the information regarding the
39 business organization, individual or corporation to the public through
40 the telephone information line. The fees collected pursuant to this

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:

¹ Assembly ACV committee amendments adopted January 29, 1996.

1 subsection shall be used to pay for the services provided pursuant to
2 this act.

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4 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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9 Establishes an entrepreneurial assistance network to assist small
10 businesses.

[First Reprint]
ASSEMBLY, No. 464

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblyman ROMA

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26 programs provided by the entities set forth in subsection a. of this
27 section, and shall provide information on how to access and apply for
28 these programs.

29 c. To pay for the assistance provided to small businesses pursuant
30 to this act the division shall make use of any available State or federal
31 funding and shall solicit contributions from any private business

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13 This bill establishes a toll-free telephone information line within the
14 Division of Development for Small Businesses and Women's and
15 Minority Businesses in the Department of Commerce and Economic
16 Development to provide the public with information regarding
17 entrepreneurial or business assistance programs available to small
18 businesses from the following entities:

- 19 (1) The Department of Commerce and Economic Development;
20 (2) The New Jersey Economic Development Authority;
21 (3) The Department of Labor;
22 (4) The New Jersey small business development centers; and
23 (5) Private organizations, individuals or corporations that provide
24 technical assistance to small businesses in this State.

25 The bill requires the telephone information line to provide
26 information regarding the nature of the assistance and benefits
27 available to small businesses and information regarding how to access
28 and apply therefor.

29 To pay for the assistance provided to small businesses through the
30 bill, the division shall make use of any available State or federal
31 funding and shall solicit contributions from any private business
32 organizations, corporations and individuals that provide technical
33 assistance or services to small businesses.

34 The bill provides that the division may assess a fee to be determined
35 by the division upon any private business organization, corporation or
36 individual that wishes to have information regarding its small business
37 assistance programs available through the telephone information line.
38 These fees shall be used to pay for the services provided pursuant to
39 the bill.

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ASSEMBLY COMMERCE AND MILITARY AND VETERANS'
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 464

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 29, 1996

The Assembly Commerce and Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 464, with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill establishes a toll-free telephone information line within the Division of Development for Small Businesses and Women's and Minority Businesses in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development to provide the public with information regarding entrepreneurial or business assistance programs available to small businesses from various public agencies and private businesses.

To fund the services provided under the bill, the bill directs the division to use available State or federal resources and solicit private contributions. The bill also permits the division to assess a fee on any private business that wishes to have information regarding the division's small business assistance programs available through the toll-free information line.

The committee amended the bill to provide that the division shall establish the toll-free telephone information line in consultation with the State small business development centers.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1996 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

【First Reprint】
ASSEMBLY, No. 464

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 14, 1996

The Senate Natural Resources and Economic Development Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 464 (1R).

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To fund the services provided under the bill, the bill directs the division to use available State or federal resources and solicit private contributions. The bill also permits the division to assess a fee on any private business that wishes to have information regarding the division's small business assistance programs available through the toll-free information line.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE TO

[First Reprint]
ASSEMBLY, No. 464

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: June 5, 1996

Assembly Bill No. 464 (1R) of 1996 establishes a toll-free telephone information line within the Division of Development for Small Businesses and Women's and Minority Businesses in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development to provide the public with information regarding entrepreneurial or business assistance programs available to small businesses from various public agencies and private businesses.

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that enactment of the bill will have no fiscal impact on the State budget, since the bill directs the department to utilize available State or federal resources or to solicit private contributions in order to establish the telephone information line; however, the OLS notes that the Governor's Budget Recommendation does not anticipate any federal funds for economic development in FY 1997, and it is not clear whether any State or federal funds would be available for this project in the current fiscal year, FY 1996.

The OLS further notes that the bill also permits the division to assess a fee on any private business that wishes to have information regarding the division's small business assistance programs available through the toll-free information line, but the OLS is unable to estimate the amount of revenue which might be generated from such fees.

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

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