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"Peace Officers Memorial Day"

**BILL NO:** A1028

**SPONSOR(S):**Zisa and Asselta

**DATE INTRODUCED:** Pre-filed

**COMMITTEE:**

***ASSEMBLY:*** Law and Public Safety

***SENATE:*** Law and Public Safety

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:**Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**

***ASSEMBLY:*** March 16, 1998

***SENATE:*** December 17, 1998

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** January 5, 1998

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## **THE FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reprint

(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

**A1028**

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** *Yes* (Begins on page 3 of original bill)

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**

**ASSEMBLY:***Yes*

**SENATE:***Yes*

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** *No*

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**GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING:** *Yes*

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[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1028**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**208th LEGISLATURE**

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1998 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman CHARLES "KEN" ZISA**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Assemblyman NICHOLAS ASSELTA**

**District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

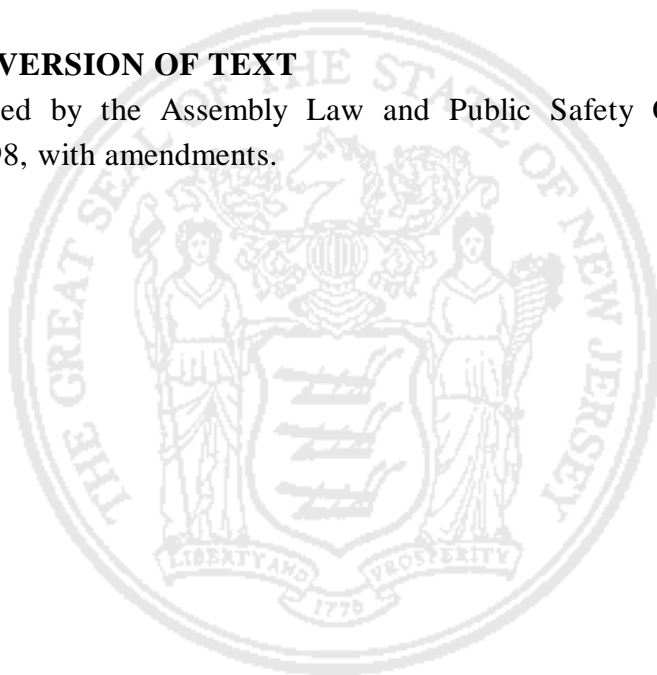
**Assemblywoman Weinberg**

**SYNOPSIS**

Designates May 15th as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in New Jersey.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee on March 2, 1998, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/17/1998)**

1 AN ACT designating May 15th as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in  
2 New Jersey.

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

6  
7 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

8 a. The law enforcement officers of New Jersey have served, and  
9 continue to serve, the citizens of our communities with selfless  
10 devotion, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves;

11 b. Each day these officers preserve and protect the lives and  
12 property of the people of our State;

13 c. By enforcing federal and State law, these officers have secured  
14 the internal freedoms and rights we enjoy, most notably a freedom  
15 from the fear of violence and civil disorder that plagues the citizens of  
16 so many other nations;

17 d. These men and women, by their distinctive service and dedicated  
18 efforts as law enforcement officers, have earned our highest respect  
19 and deepest gratitude;

20 e. Since the enactment of Public Law 87-726 in 1962, the  
21 successive Presidents of this nation have each year proclaimed May  
22 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day, publicly recognizing the  
23 dedicated service given by the men and women who, night and day,  
24 stand guard in our midst to protect us through enforcement of our  
25 laws and respectfully honoring all those officers who have been killed  
26 or disabled in the line of duty; and

27 f. It is altogether fitting and proper, and within the public interest,  
28 to designate May 15th as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in New  
29 Jersey and to encourage the citizens of this State and the residents of  
30 each community to join in the observance of this day of public  
31 recognition and appreciation for the law enforcement officers who  
32 serve and protect the people of this State.

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34 2. May 15th is permanently designated "Peace Officers Memorial  
35 Day" in New Jersey and <sup>1</sup>the local governmental units and<sup>1</sup> the citizens  
36 of this State <sup>1</sup>[and], along with<sup>1</sup> the residents of each community, are  
37 encouraged:

38 a. To join in the observance of Peace Officers Memorial Day on  
39 May 15th of each year in order to recognize, applaud and sincerely  
40 thank those men and women who, serving night and day as law  
41 enforcement officers, protect and safeguard our lives and property;

**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> Assembly ALP committee amendments adopted March 2, 1998.

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1       b. To honor all those law enforcement officers--federal, State and  
2 local--who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty by  
3 displaying at half-staff the flag of the United States on that day; and

4       c. To organize and sponsor appropriate ceremonies and activities  
5 reflective of the sincere and deep appreciation the citizens of our State  
6 and communities extend to the men and women of the law  
7 enforcement community.

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9       3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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**Assemblyman NICHOLAS ASSELTA**

**District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Designates May 15th as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in New Jersey.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As Introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/20/1998)**

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27 f. It is altogether fitting and proper, and within the public interest,  
28 to designate May 15th as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in New  
29 Jersey and to encourage the citizens of this State and the residents of  
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31 recognition and appreciation for the law enforcement officers who  
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34 2. May 15th is permanently designated "Peace Officers Memorial  
35 Day" in New Jersey and the citizens of this State and the residents of  
36 each community are encouraged:

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38 May 15th of each year in order to recognize, applaud and sincerely  
39 thank those men and women who, serving night and day as law  
40 enforcement officers, protect and safeguard our lives and property;

41 b. To honor all those law enforcement officers--federal, State and  
42 local--who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty by  
43 displaying at half-staff the flag of the United States on that day; and

44 c. To organize and sponsor appropriate ceremonies and activities  
45 reflective of the sincere and deep appreciation the citizens of our State  
46 and communities extend to the men and women of the law

1 enforcement community.

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STATEMENT

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8 This bill permanently designates May 15th as "Peace Officers  
9 Memorial Day" in New Jersey and encourages the citizens of this State  
10 to join in observing this day of public recognition and appreciation for  
11 the law enforcement officers who serve and protect the people of our  
12 communities.

13 Since the enactment of Public Law 87-726 in 1962, the successive  
14 Presidents of the United States have each year proclaimed May 15th  
15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day. On that day, citizens are urged to  
16 publicly recognize the dedicated service given by the men and women  
17 law enforcement officers who protect and safeguard our lives and  
18 property. In recognition of, and to respectfully honor, those officers  
19 who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty, citizens are asked  
20 to fly the American flag at half-staff.



# ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 1028**

with Assembly committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 2, 1998

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1028.

Assembly Bill No. 1028 permanently designates May 15th as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in New Jersey and encourages the various local governmental units and the citizens of this State to join in observing the day as one of public recognition and appreciation for the law enforcement officers who serve and protect the people of our communities.

Since the enactment of Public Law 87-726 in 1962, the successive Presidents of the United States have each year proclaimed May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day. On that day, citizens are urged to recognize publicly the dedicated service given by the men and women law enforcement officers who protect and safeguard our lives and property. In recognition of, and to respectfully honor, those officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty, citizens are asked to fly the American flag at half-staff.

The committee, at the sponsors' request, amended the bill to include language which would specifically encourage all local governmental entities to join in the observation of "Peace Officers Memorial Day."

# SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 1028**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 17, 1998

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1028 (1R).

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Since the enactment of Public Law 87-726 in 1962, the successive Presidents of the United States have each year proclaimed May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day. On that day, citizens are urged to recognize publicly the dedicated service given by the men and women law enforcement officers who protect and safeguard our lives and property. In recognition of, and to respectfully honor, those officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty, citizens are asked to fly the American flag at half-staff.

*Office of the Governor*  
**NEWS RELEASE**

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RELEASE: January 6, 1999

Gov. Christie Whitman has signed the following legislation:

**A-1028**, sponsored by Assemblymen Charles "Ken" Zisa (D-Bergen) and Nicholas Asselta (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland), permanently designates May 15 as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in New Jersey. The bill encourages New Jerseyans to join the annual observance, to fly the American flag at half-staff and organize ceremonies recognizing the dedication of the officers protecting our communities.