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CHAPTER:151

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"Electrical contractors -- failure to obtain business permit"

BILL NO: S824 (Substituted for A174 -- 1st Reprint)

SPONSOR(S):Kosco

DATE INTRODUCED: March 2, 1998

COMMITTEE:

ASSEMBLY: Consumer Affairs

SENATE: Commerce

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE:

ASSEMBLY: November 23, 1998

SENATE: May 18, 1998

DATE OF APPROVAL: January 12, 1999

THE FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL: 2nd Reprint
(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

S824

SPONSORS STATEMENT: *Yes* (Begins on page 2 of original bill)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

ASSEMBLY:*Yes*

SENATE:*Yes*

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:*Yes*

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: *No*

A174

SPONSORS STATEMENT: *Yes* (Begins on page 2 of original bill)
(Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to S824)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

ASSEMBLY: *Yes*

SENATE: *No*

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: *No*

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: *No*

VETO MESSAGE: *No*

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING: *Yes*

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[Second Reprint]

SENATE, No. 824

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 2, 1998

Sponsored by:

Senator LOUIS F. KOSCO

District 38 (Bergen)

Co-Sponsored by:

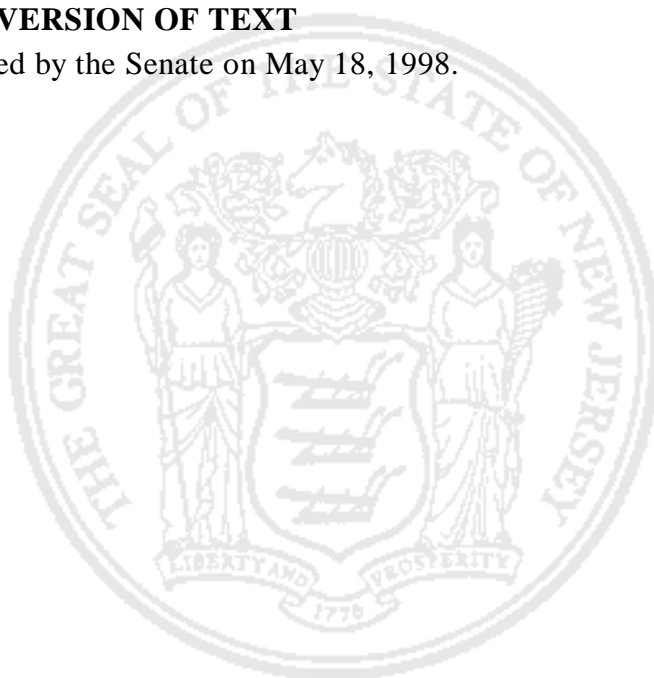
Assemblymen Kelly and Azzolina

SYNOPSIS

Makes engaging in business of electrical contracting without business permit a crime of the fourth degree under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on May 18, 1998.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/24/1998)

S824 [2R] KOSCO

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1 AN ACT concerning electrical contractors and ¹ [amending P.L.1962,
2 c.162 and]¹ supplementing chapter 21 of Title 2C of the New
3 Jersey Statutes.

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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 [1. Section 21 of P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-21) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 21. Any person advertising or engaging in the business of electrical
11 contracting without having a business permit or license from the board
12 is a disorderly person.

13 (cf: P.L.1990, c.108, s.2)]¹

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15 ¹ [2. (New section)] 1.¹ a. A person is guilty of a crime of the
16 fourth degree if that person knowingly engages in the business of
17 electrical contracting without having a business permit ¹ [or license]¹
18 issued by the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors and:

19 (1) Creates or reinforces a false impression that the person is
20 licensed as an electrical contractor or possesses a business permit; or

21 (2) Derives a benefit ² , the value of which is more than incidental²;

22 or

23 (3) In fact causes injury to another.

24 b. For the purposes of this section, the phrase "in fact" indicates
25 strict liability.

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27 ¹ [3.] 2.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SCM committee amendments adopted March 23, 1998.

² Senate floor amendments adopted May 18, 1998.

SENATE, No. 824

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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INTRODUCED MARCH 2, 1998

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District 38 (Bergen)

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As introduced.



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12 is a disorderly person.

13 (cf: P.L.1990, c.108, s.2)

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15 2. (New section) a. A person is guilty of a crime of the fourth
16 degree if that person knowingly engages in the business of electrical
17 contracting without having a business permit or license issued by the
18 Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors and:

19 (1) Creates or reinforces a false impression that the person is
20 licensed as an electrical contractor or possesses a business permit; or

21 (2) Derives a benefit; or

22 (3) In fact causes injury to another.

23 b. For the purposes of this section, the phrase "in fact" indicates
24 strict liability.

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26 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill makes it a crime of the fourth degree for any person to
32 knowingly engage in the business of electrical contracting without
33 having a business permit or license issued by the Board of Examiners
34 of Electrical Contractors and to: (1) create or reinforce a false
35 impression that the person is licensed as an electrical contractor or
36 possesses a business permit; or (2) derive a benefit; or (3) in fact cause
37 injury to another. For the purposes of the bill, the phrase "in fact"
38 indicates strict liability. Without this phrase, a prosecution would
39 require proof that the defendant knowingly caused injury to another.
40 Under this provision, a person who knowingly engages in the business
41 of electrical contracting without having a business permit or license is
42 guilty of a crime of the fourth degree regardless of his intent in causing
43 injury to another and is not exonerated because the prosecution is

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S824 KOSCO

1 unable to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the person acted
2 purposely, knowingly, recklessly, or negligently in causing injury to
3 another.

4 The bill also provides that any person advertising or engaging in the
5 business of electrical contracting without having a license from the
6 Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors is a disorderly person.
7 Under current law, any person advertising or engaging in the business
8 of electrical contracting without having a business permit from the
9 board is a disorderly person.

ASSEMBLY CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND REGULATED
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[Second Reprint]
SENATE, No. 824

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: AUGUST 6, 1998

The Assembly Consumer Affairs and Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 824 (2R).

The bill makes it a crime of the fourth degree for any person who knowingly engages in the business of electrical contracting without having a business permit issued by the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors and (1) creates or reinforces a false impression that the person is licensed as an electrical contractor or possesses a business permit; or (2) derives a benefit, the value of which is more than incidental; or (3) in fact causes injury to another. For the purposes of the bill, the phrase "in fact" indicates strict liability.

As reported by the committee, the bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 174 (1R).

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 824

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 23, 1998

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 824.

This bill, as amended by the committee, makes it a crime of the fourth degree for any person who knowingly engages in the business of electrical contracting without having a business permit issued by the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors and (1) creates or reinforces a false impression that the person is licensed as an electrical contractor or possesses a business permit; or (2) derives a benefit; or (3) in fact causes injury to another. For the purposes of the bill, the phrase "in fact" indicates strict liability.

The committee deleted the provision in the bill which provides that any person advertising or engaging in the business of electrical contracting without having a license from the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors is a disorderly person.

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 824

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Senator ADLER)

ADOPTED: MAY 18, 1998

This amendment provides that a person would be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree if he knowingly engaged in the business of electrical contracting without having a business permit issued by the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors and did derive a benefit, the value of which is more than incidental.

ASSEMBLY, No. 174

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 208th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1998 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOHN V. KELLY

District 36 (Bergen, Essex and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Makes engaging in business of electrical contracting without business permit or license a crime of the fourth degree under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As Introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning electrical contractors and amending P.L.1962,
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3 Statutes.

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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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11 contracting without having a business permit or license from the board
12 is a disorderly person.

13 (cf: P.L.1990, c.108, s.2)

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15 2. (New section) a. A person is guilty of a crime of the fourth
16 degree if that person knowingly engages in the business of electrical
17 contracting without having a business permit or license issued by the
18 Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors and:

19 (1) Creates or reinforces a false impression that the person is
20 licensed as an electrical contractor or possesses a business permit; or

21 (2) Derives a benefit; or

22 (3) In fact causes injury to another.

23 b. For the purposes of this section, the phrase "in fact" indicates
24 strict liability.

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26 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill makes it a crime of the fourth degree for any person to
32 knowingly engage in the business of electrical contracting without
33 having a business permit or license issued by the Board of Examiners
34 of Electrical Contractors and to: (1) create or reinforce a false
35 impression that the person is licensed as an electrical contractor or
36 possesses a business permit; or (2) derive a benefit; or (3) in fact cause
37 injury to another. For the purposes of the bill, the phrase "in fact"
38 indicates strict liability. Without this phrase, a prosecution would
39 require proof that the defendant knowingly caused injury to another.
40 Under this provision, a person who knowingly engages in the business
41 of electrical contracting without having a business permit or license is
42 guilty of a crime of the fourth degree regardless of his intent in causing
43 injury to another and is not exonerated because the prosecution is

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A174 KELLY

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2 purposely, knowingly, recklessly, or negligently in causing injury to
3 another.

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5 business of electrical contracting without having a license from the
6 Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors is a disorderly person.
7 Under current law, any person advertising or engaging in the business
8 of electrical contracting without having a business permit from the
9 board is a disorderly person.

Office of the Governor
NEWS RELEASE

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RELEASE: January 12, 1999

Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following pieces of legislation:

S-1418, sponsored by Senators Robert E. Littell (R- Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and John O. Bennett (R-Monmouth) and Assembly Members Joseph Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Rose Marie Heck (R-Bergen), changes the recommended contributions to the various charitable check off boxes on the New Jersey gross income tax return. The legislation changes the check off boxes from \$5 and \$10 to \$10 and \$20.

S-824, sponsored by Senator Louis F. Kosco (R-Bergen) and Assembly Member John V. Kelly (R-Bergen/Essex/Passaic), makes knowingly engaging in the business of electrical contracting without a business permit issued by the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors a crime of the fourth degree under certain circumstances. Current law classifies the practice of electrical contracting as a disorderly persons offense. A disorderly persons offense is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 or a prison sentence of up to six months. A crime of the fourth degree is punishable by a fine up to \$10,000 or a prison sentence of up to 18 months.

S-859, sponsored by Senator C. Louis Bassano (R-Essex/Union) and Robert J. Martin (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic), designates the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital as the Ann Klein Forensic Center in honor of the late Ann Klein's distinguished record of public service to New Jersey and her effort to improve the lives of others. The Forensic Psychiatric Hospital, located on the grounds of the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital, is the only forensic facility of its kind in the state, providing psychiatric, nursing and medical care to persons incarcerated because of mental illness. Ann Klein, who was a Commissioner of Human Services during Governor Brendan Byrne's administration, worked to improve conditions for incarcerated persons with mental illness and proposed initiatives that led to the development of a forensic facility at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital. Ann Klein died in 1986.

ASSEMBLY CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND REGULATED
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 174

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: AUGUST 6, 1998

The Assembly Consumer Affairs and Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 174.

As amended, the bill makes it a crime of the fourth degree for any person who knowingly engages in the business of electrical contracting without having a business permit or license issued by the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors and (1) creates or reinforces a false impression that the person is licensed as an electrical contractor or possesses a business permit; or (2) derives a benefit; or (3) in fact causes injury to another. For the purposes of the bill, the phrase "in fact" indicates strict liability.

The committee amended the bill to delete the provision that any person advertising or engaging in the business of electrical contracting without having a license from the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors is a disorderly person.

The committee also amended the bill to provide that a person would be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree if he knowingly engages in the business of electrical contracting without having a business permit issued by the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors and the value of any benefit derived is more than incidental.

As reported by the committee, the bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 824 (2R).

[First Reprint]

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE, No. 859

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
208th LEGISLATURE

ADOPTED MARCH 23, 1998

Sponsored by:

Senator C. LOUIS BASSANO

District 21 (Essex and Union)

Senator ROBERT J. MARTIN

District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

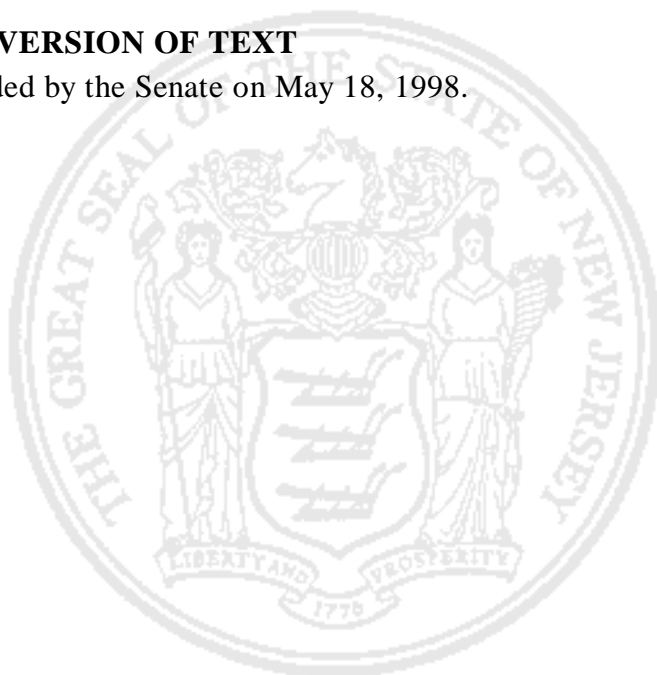
Senator Codey and Assemblyman Cohen

SYNOPSIS

Designates The Forensic Psychiatric Hospital as the Ann Klein Forensic Center.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on May 18, 1998.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/24/1998)

1 AN ACT renaming The Forensic Psychiatric Hospital as the Ann Klein
2 Forensic ¹**【Psychiatric Hospital】 Center¹** and amending and
3 supplementing R.S.30:1-7.

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

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8 1. (New section) The Legislature finds and declares that:
9 a. Ann Rosenweig Klein, who passed away on February 23, 1986,
10 led a long and distinguished life of dedicated public service in the
11 State;
12 b. This career began when she was elected in 1971 to the New
13 Jersey General Assembly followed by a bid for the governorship of the
14 State of New Jersey as a candidate in the democratic primary in 1973;
15 c. Ann Klein was the first woman to be appointed Commissioner
16 of the Department of Institutions and Agencies, which later, at her
17 request, became the Department of Human Services;
18 d. Ann Klein served as Commissioner of Human Services in
19 Governor Byrne's administration from 1974 to 1981, providing
20 passionate advocacy for the rights of those living in poverty, people
21 with mental illness and developmental disabilities and abused or
22 neglected children;
23 e. Ann Klein's professional career ended in 1982 due to illness,
24 after serving two years as an Administrative Law Judge during
25 Governor Kean's administration;
26 f. As Commissioner of Human Services, Ann Klein devoted herself
27 to enhancing the quality of life for persons under the care of the State
28 with emphasis on creating normative living conditions and expanding
29 community care for people with disabilities;
30 g. Ann Klein worked tirelessly to improve conditions for
31 incarcerated persons with mental illness that resulted in the creation of
32 a task force and series of initiatives that led to the development of a
33 forensic facility on the grounds of Trenton Psychiatric Hospital;
34 h. The Forensic Psychiatric Hospital is the only facility of its kind
35 in the State, providing state-of-the-art psychiatric, nursing and medical
36 care to persons incarcerated due to mental illness;
37 i. Ann Klein has been deeply missed by all who knew her and
38 deserves to be honored and remembered for her work to improve New
39 Jersey's human services system; and
40 j. It is altogether fitting and proper that the memory of Ann Klein
41 be commemorated by redesignating The Forensic Psychiatric Hospital

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate floor amendments adopted May 18, 1998.

1 as the Ann Klein Forensic ¹ **【Psychiatric Hospital】Center**¹.

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3 2. R.S.30:1-7 is amended to read as follows:

4 30:1-7. The long-term care facilities, institutions, and psychiatric
5 facilities of this State, within the meaning of this Title, shall include the
6 following, and, as well, any facilities established hereafter for any
7 similar purpose:

8 Trenton Psychiatric Hospital,

9 Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital,

10 Marlboro Psychiatric Hospital,

11 Ancora Psychiatric Hospital,

12 Senator Garrett W. Hagedorn Gero-Psychiatric Hospital,

13 **【The】 Ann Klein Forensic ¹ 【Psychiatric Hospital】 Center**¹,

14 North Princeton Developmental Center,

15 North Jersey Developmental Center,

16 New Lisbon Developmental Center,

17 Woodbine Developmental Center,

18 Vineland Developmental Center,

19 Woodbridge Developmental Center,

20 Hunterdon Developmental Center,

21 Arthur Brisbane Child Center at Allaire.

22 (cf: P.L.1994, c.24, s.1)

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24 3. (New section) Whenever any reference is made in any law,
25 contract or document to The Forensic Psychiatric Hospital, the same
26 shall mean and refer to the Ann Klein Forensic ¹ **【Psychiatric
27 Hospital】 Center**¹.

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29 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

SENATE, No. 859

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 5, 1998

Sponsored by:

Senator C. LOUIS BASSANO

District 21 (Essex and Union)

Senator ROBERT J. MARTIN

District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

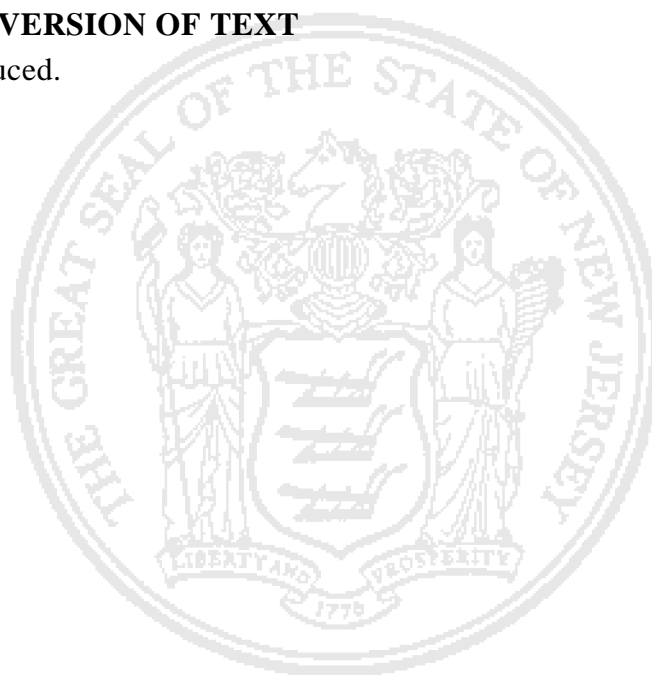
Senator Codey

SYNOPSIS

Designates the Forensic Unit at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital as the "Ann Klein Forensic Unit."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT designating the Forensic Unit at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital
2 as the "Ann Klein Forensic Unit."

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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. Ann Rosenweig Klein, who died February 23, 1986, led an
9 extensive life of public service in the State of New Jersey, beginning
10 in 1967 when she was elected president of the New Jersey League of
11 Women Voters for a period of three years;

12 b. In 1971, Ann Klein was elected to the New Jersey General
13 Assembly, then resigned in 1973 to become a candidate for Governor
14 of New Jersey;

15 c. Following this campaign, Ann Klein was appointed as the first
16 woman commissioner of the Department of Institutions and Agencies
17 and, when the department was reorganized and renamed the
18 Department of Human Services in 1976, she served as that
19 department's first commissioner;

20 d. During her years of service in Governor Brendan Byrne's
21 cabinet from 1974 to 1981, Ann Klein, because of her great concern
22 for all people, remained a passionate advocate for the rights of the
23 poor, the disabled, the mentally ill, and the elderly and while devoting
24 herself to improving the quality of life for institutionalized persons, she
25 worked constantly for the normalization of life for disabled persons;

26 e. In 1982, following another campaign for governor, Ann Klein
27 was appointed an administrative law judge until her resignation due to
28 illness in 1984; and

29 f. It is altogether fitting and proper that the Forensic Unit at
30 Trenton Psychiatric Hospital bears the name of Ann Klein, whose
31 distinguished career in public service in New Jersey was marked by a
32 compassionate commitment to and advocacy for mentally ill,
33 institutionalized persons.

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35 2. The Forensic Unit at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital is designated
36 as the "Ann Klein Forensic Unit."

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38 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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43 This bill designates the Forensic Unit at Trenton Psychiatric
44 Hospital as the "Ann Klein Forensic Unit" in honor of her
45 distinguished record of public service to New Jersey and her tireless
46 effort to improve the lives of others.

ASSEMBLY SENIOR ISSUES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE, No. 859

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 5, 1998

The Assembly Senior Issues and Community Services Committee favorably reports the Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No.859 (1R).

This substitute designates The Forensic Psychiatric Hospital as the "Ann Klein Forensic Center" in honor of her distinguished record of public service to New Jersey and her tireless effort to improve the lives of others.

This substitute is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2407 (Cohen), which the committee also reported favorably on this date.

SENATE SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE, No. 859

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 23, 1998

The Senate Senior Citizens, Veterans' Affairs and Human Services Committee reports favorably a Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 859.

This substitute designates The Forensic Psychiatric Hospital as the "Ann Klein Forensic Hospital" in honor of her distinguished record of public service to New Jersey and her tireless effort to improve the lives of others.

STATEMENT TO
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE, No. 859

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Senator BASSANO)

ADOPTED: MAY 18, 1998

These amendments change the redesignation of The Forensic Psychiatric Hospital from the Ann Klein Forensic Psychiatric Hospital to the Ann Klein Forensic Center.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2407

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 14, 1998

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman NEIL M. COHEN

District 20 (Union)

SYNOPSIS

Designates The Forensic Psychiatric Hospital as the Ann Klein Forensic Center.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT renaming The Forensic Psychiatric Hospital as the Ann Klein
2 Forensic Center and amending and supplementing R.S.30:1-7.

3
4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

6
7 1. (New section) The Legislature finds and declares that:

8 a. Ann Rosenweig Klein, who passed away on February 23, 1986,
9 led a long and distinguished life of dedicated public service in the
10 State;

11 b. This career began when she was elected in 1971 to the New
12 Jersey General Assembly followed by a bid for the governorship of the
13 State of New Jersey as a candidate in the democratic primary in 1973;

14 c. Ann Klein was the first woman to be appointed Commissioner
15 of the Department of Institutions and Agencies, which later, at her
16 request, became the Department of Human Services;

17 d. Ann Klein served as Commissioner of Human Services in
18 Governor Byrne's administration from 1974 to 1981, providing
19 passionate advocacy for the rights of those living in poverty, people
20 with mental illness and developmental disabilities and abused or
21 neglected children;

22 e. Ann Klein's professional career ended in 1982 due to illness,
23 after serving two years as an Administrative Law Judge during
24 Governor Kean's administration;

25 f. As Commissioner of Human Services, Ann Klein devoted herself
26 to enhancing the quality of life for persons under the care of the State
27 with emphasis on creating normative living conditions and expanding
28 community care for people with disabilities;

29 g. Ann Klein worked tirelessly to improve conditions for
30 incarcerated persons with mental illness that resulted in the creation of
31 a task force and series of initiatives that led to the development of a
32 forensic facility on the grounds of Trenton Psychiatric Hospital;

33 h. The Forensic Psychiatric Hospital is the only facility of its kind
34 in the State, providing state-of-the-art psychiatric, nursing and medical
35 care to persons incarcerated due to mental illness;

36 i. Ann Klein has been deeply missed by all who knew her and
37 deserves to be honored and remembered for her work to improve New
38 Jersey's human services system; and

39 j. It is altogether fitting and proper that the memory of Ann Klein
40 be commemorated by redesignating The Forensic Psychiatric Hospital
41 as the Ann Klein Forensic Center.

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1 2. R.S.30:1-7 is amended to read as follows:

2 30:1-7. The long-term care facilities, institutions, and psychiatric
3 facilities of this State, within the meaning of this Title, shall include the
4 following, and, as well, any facilities established hereafter for any
5 similar purpose:

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7 Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital,
8 Marlboro Psychiatric Hospital,
9 Ancora Psychiatric Hospital,
10 Senator Garrett W. Hagedorn Gero-Psychiatric Hospital,
11 **【The】 Ann Klein Forensic 【Psychiatric Hospital】 Center,**
12 North Princeton Developmental Center,
13 North Jersey Developmental Center,
14 New Lisbon Developmental Center,
15 Woodbine Developmental Center,
16 Vineland Developmental Center,
17 Woodbridge Developmental Center,
18 Hunterdon Developmental Center,
19 Arthur Brisbane Child Center at Allaire.

20 (cf: P.L.1994, c.24, s.1)

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22 3. (New section) Whenever any reference is made in any law,
23 contract or document to The Forensic Psychiatric Hospital, the same
24 shall mean and refer to the Ann Klein Forensic Center.

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26 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill designates The Forensic Psychiatric Hospital as the "Ann
32 Klein Forensic Center" in honor of her distinguished record of public
33 service to New Jersey and her tireless effort to improve the lives of
34 others.

Office of the Governor
NEWS RELEASE

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RELEASE: January 12, 1999

Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following pieces of legislation:

S-1418, sponsored by Senators Robert E. Littell (R- Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and John O. Bennett (R-Monmouth) and Assembly Members Joseph Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Rose Marie Heck (R-Bergen), changes the recommended contributions to the various charitable check off boxes on the New Jersey gross income tax return. The legislation changes the check off boxes from \$5 and \$10 to \$10 and \$20.

S-824, sponsored by Senator Louis F. Kosco (R-Bergen) and Assembly Member John V. Kelly (R-Bergen/Essex/Passaic), makes knowingly engaging in the business of electrical contracting without a business permit issued by the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors a crime of the fourth degree under certain circumstances. Current law classifies the practice of electrical contracting as a disorderly persons offense. A disorderly persons offense is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 or a prison sentence of up to six months. A crime of the fourth degree is punishable by a fine up to \$10,000 or a prison sentence of up to 18 months.

S-859, sponsored by Senator C. Louis Bassano (R-Essex/Union) and Robert J. Martin (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic), designates the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital as the Ann Klein Forensic Center in honor of the late Ann Klein's distinguished record of public service to New Jersey and her effort to improve the lives of others. The Forensic Psychiatric Hospital, located on the grounds of the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital, is the only forensic facility of its kind in the state, providing psychiatric, nursing and medical care to persons incarcerated because of mental illness. Ann Klein, who was a Commissioner of Human Services during Governor Brendan Byrne's administration, worked to improve conditions for incarcerated persons with mental illness and proposed initiatives that led to the development of a forensic facility at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital. Ann Klein died in 1986.

ASSEMBLY SENIOR ISSUES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2407

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 5, 1998

The Assembly Senior Issues and Community Services Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2407.

This bill designates The Forensic Psychiatric Hospital as the "Ann Klein Forensic Center" in honor of her distinguished record of public service to New Jersey and her tireless effort to improve the lives of others.

This bill is identical to the Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 859 (1R) (Bassano/Martin), which the committee also reported favorably on this date.

SENATE, No. 1418

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

Sponsored by:

Senator ROBERT E. LITTELL

District 24 (Sussex, Hunterdon and Morris)

Senator JOHN O. BENNETT

District 12 (Monmouth)

Co-Sponsored by:

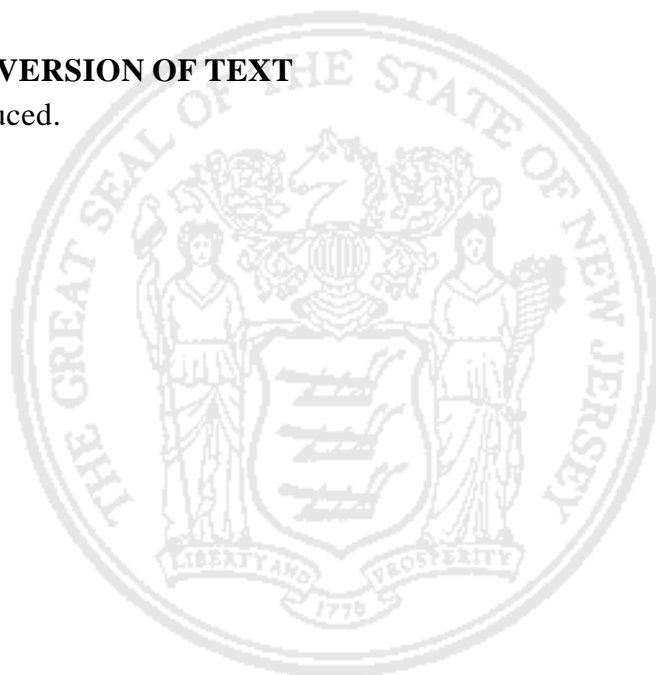
**Senator DiFrancesco, Assemblyman Azzolina, Assemblywoman Heck,
Assemblymen Bagger and Gregg**

SYNOPSIS

Increases specified amounts for contributions to special funds made through the gross income tax return.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/24/1998)

S1418 LITTELL, BENNETT

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3 P.L.1994, c.139, P.L.1995, c.26 and P.L.1995, c.299 and
4 supplementing Title 54A of the New Jersey 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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15 income tax return that a portion of **[his]** the taxpayer's tax refund or
16 an enclosed contribution be deposited in such fund. The Director of
17 the Division of Taxation shall provide the taxpayer with the
18 opportunity to indicate his preference on the tax return in substantially
19 the following way:

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21 I wish to contribute **[\$5]** \$10 , **[\$10]** \$20 , other amount \$.....,
22 to this fund. The State Treasurer shall deposit into the fund all
23 moneys designated for the fund pursuant to this supplementary act.
24 (cf: P.L.1991, c.287, s.1)

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26 2. Section 2 of P.L.1985, c.197 (C.54A:9-25.4) is amended to read
27 as follows:

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29 special fund to be known as the "Children's Trust Fund."

30 b. Each taxpayer shall have the opportunity to indicate on **[his]** the
31 taxpayer's New Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of **[his]**
32 the taxpayer's tax refund or an enclosed contribution be deposited in
33 the special fund. The Director of the Division of Taxation in the
34 Department of the Treasury shall provide each taxpayer with the
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38 \$....., to this fund.

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4 3. Section 1 of P.L.1994, c.139 (C.54A:9-25.6) is amended to read
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8 beginning on or after January 1, 1994 and before December 31,
9 **[1998]** 1999 that a portion of the taxpayer's tax refund or an enclosed
10 contribution shall be deposited in the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial
11 Fund established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.494
12 (C.52:18A-208). The Director of the Division of Taxation in the
13 Department of the Treasury shall provide each taxpayer with the
14 opportunity to indicate the taxpayer's preference on the tax return to
15 contribute to the fund in substantially the following way:

16 "Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund: I wish to contribute **[\$5]** \$10
17 , **[\$10]** \$20 , other amount \$..... to this fund."

18 Any costs incurred by the Division of Taxation for collection or
19 administration attributable to this act may be deducted from receipts
20 collected pursuant to this act, as determined by the Director of the
21 Division of Budget and Accounting.

22 The State Treasurer shall deposit net contributions collected
23 pursuant to this act into the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund.

24 (cf: P.L.1994, c.139, s.1)

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26 4. Section 1 of P.L.1995, c.26 (C.54A:9-25.7) is amended to read
27 as follows:

28 1. a. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a
29 special fund to be known as the "New Jersey Breast Cancer Research
30 Fund."

31 b. Each taxpayer shall have the opportunity to indicate on the
32 taxpayer's New Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of the
33 taxpayer's tax refund or an enclosed contribution be deposited in the
34 special fund. The Director of the Division of Taxation in the
35 Department of the Treasury shall provide each taxpayer with the
36 opportunity to indicate the taxpayer's preference on the tax return in
37 substantially the following way:

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39 **[\$5]** \$10 , **[\$10]** \$20 , other amount \$..... to this fund.

40 Any costs incurred by the Division of Taxation for collection or
41 administration attributable to this act may be deducted from receipts
42 collected pursuant to this act, as determined by the Director of the
43 Division of Budget and Accounting.

44 The State Treasurer shall deposit net contributions collected

1 pursuant to this act into the New Jersey Breast Cancer Research Fund.
2 (cf: P.L.1995, c.26, s.1)

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4 5. Section 1 of P.L.1995, c.299 (C.54A:9-25.9) is amended to
5 read as follows:

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7 taxpayer's New Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of the
8 taxpayer's tax refund or an enclosed contribution be deposited in the
9 **【Battleship New Jersey Memorial】** U.S.S. New Jersey Educational
10 Museum Fund established pursuant to this act. The Director of the
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17 (cf: P.L.1995, c.299, s.1)

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20 read as follows:

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23 New Jersey Educational Museum Fund. The State Treasurer shall
24 deposit into the fund net contributions collected pursuant to this act.
25 All moneys deposited in the **【Battleship New Jersey Memorial】** U.S.S.
26 New Jersey Educational Museum Fund shall be annually appropriated:

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28 acquisition and relocation of the U.S.S. New Jersey Battleship to New
29 Jersey and;

30 b. after the relocation of the battleship to a permanent berth in
31 New Jersey, to the Battleship New Jersey Foundation to support the
32 maintenance and operation of the U.S.S. New Jersey as a memorial
33 and museum. The Chair of the U.S.S. New Jersey Battleship
34 Commission shall provide written notification to the State Treasurer
35 when the U.S.S. New Jersey has been relocated and dedicated in New
36 Jersey as a permanent memorial and museum.

37 (cf: P.L.1995, c.299, s.2.)

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39 7. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to taxable years
40 beginning on or after January 1 next following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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45 This legislation increases the value of the amounts specified for
46 contribution to special funds made through the contribution checkoffs

S1418 LITTELL, BENNETT

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4 Fund, Children's Trust Fund, Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund, New
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6 Educational Museum Fund. This bill will also extend for one year until
7 December 31, 1999 the contribution provision for the Vietnam
8 Veterans' Memorial Fund and change the designated fund name for the
9 Battleship New Jersey contribution deposits.

SENATE, No. 1418

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

Sponsored by:

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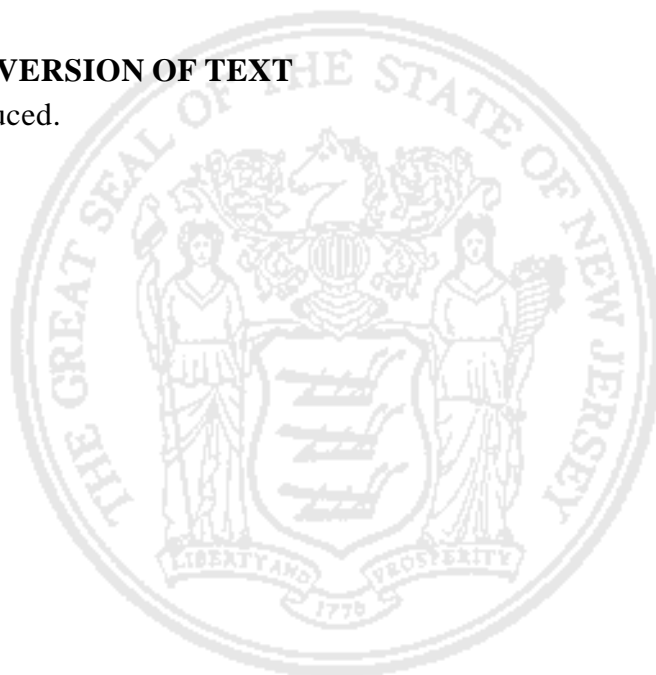
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SYNOPSIS

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22 The State Treasurer shall deposit net contributions collected
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43 Division of Budget and Accounting.

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SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1418

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 15, 1998

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1418.

This legislation revises the dollar amount options provided on the New Jersey gross income tax return for designating voluntary contributions to the special funds authorized to receive such contributions through taxpayer checkoffs, increasing those option amounts from "\$5, \$10 or other" to "\$10, \$20 or other." The funds identified on the tax form as eligible for such contributions are the Endangered and Nongame Species of Wildlife Conservation Fund, the Children's Trust Fund, the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund, the New Jersey Breast Cancer Research Fund, and the U.S.S. New Jersey Educational Museum Fund (the name of which is changed under the bill from its current name, the "Battleship New Jersey Memorial Fund"). The bill also extends for one year until December 31, 1999 the contribution provision for the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund.

The bill will apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1 next following enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of the Treasury has not provided any estimate of the fiscal impact of this legislation. Implementation of the bill should not have an impact on the State's General Fund, but it is impossible to estimate how many taxpayers would choose to use the new options to alter the amount of their contributions.

Current gross income tax checkoffs resulted in the following amounts of contributions in tax returns filed in 1997 for tax year 1996: \$342,044 to the Endangered Wildlife Conservation Fund; \$276,555 to the Children's Trust Fund; \$119,626 to the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund; \$103,990 to the Battleship New Jersey Memorial Fund; and \$206,975 to the Breast Cancer Research Fund.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

SENATE, No. 1418

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

208th LEGISLATURE

DATED: NOVEMBER 6, 1998

Senate Bill No. 1418 of 1998 provides for changes to the tax return designation on the gross income tax return to permit taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to special funds. The bill increases the value of the amounts specified through contribution checkoffs from "\$5, \$10, or other" to "\$10, \$20, or other." The bill also changes the designated fund name for the Battleship New Jersey Memorial Fund to the "U.S.S. New Jersey Educational Museum Fund," and extends for one year until December 31, 1999 the contribution provision for the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund.

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) is unable to reliably estimate the amount of taxpayer contributions which would be donated for the purposes of the bill, but notes that the legislation will have no impact on state finances, since any contributions to the fund are voluntary and will not reduce or increase an individual's gross income tax liability. In addition, any administrative expenditures incurred by the division as a result of the bill may be reimbursed from the gross receipts collected by the fund.

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

ASSEMBLY, No. 2497

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOSEPH AZZOLINA

District 13 (Middlesex and Monmouth)

Assemblywoman ROSE MARIE HECK

District 38 (Bergen)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Bagger and Gregg

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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15 Any costs incurred by the Division of Taxation for collection or
16 administration attributable to this act may be deducted from receipts
17 collected pursuant to this act, as determined by the Director of the
18 Division of Budget and Accounting.

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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2497

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 5, 1998

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2497.

Assembly Bill No. 2497 increases the value of the amounts specified for contribution to special funds made through the contribution checkoffs on the New Jersey gross income tax return from "\$5, \$10 or other" to "\$10, \$20 or other." The contributions may be designated for deposit to the Endangered and Nongame Species of Wildlife Conservation Fund, Children's Trust Fund, Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund, New Jersey Breast Cancer Research Fund, and the U.S.S. New Jersey Educational Museum Fund. This bill will also extend for one year until December 31, 1999 the contribution provision for the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund and change the designated fund name for the Battleship New Jersey contribution deposits.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no information available as to how many or how much would be designated by these changes. Latest available data from the Division of Taxation showed a total of approximately \$1.1 million in designated contributions for the five different funds. It can only be assumed that the total would increase under the provisions of this bill, but to what extent is unknown.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

ASSEMBLY, No. 2497

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

208th LEGISLATURE

DATED: OCTOBER 21, 1998

Assembly Bill No. 2497 of 1998 provides for changes to the tax return designation on the gross income tax return to permit taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to special funds. The bill increases the value of the amounts specified through contribution checkoffs from "\$5, \$10, or other" to "\$10, \$20, or other." The bill also changes the designated fund name for the Battleship New Jersey Memorial Fund to the "U.S.S. New Jersey Educational Museum Fund," and extends for one year until December 31, 1999 the contribution provision for the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund.

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) is unable to reliably estimate the amount of taxpayer contributions which would be donated for the purposes of the bill, but notes that the legislation will have no impact on state finances, since any contributions to the fund are voluntary and will not reduce or increase an individual's gross income tax liability. In addition, any administrative expenditures incurred by the division as a result of the bill may be reimbursed from the gross receipts collected by the fund.

The replacement of the current \$5 and \$10 checkoff boxes with \$10 and \$20 boxes should result in net additional contributions to some or all of the fund beneficiaries; however, there could be an offset of some indeterminate amount for those persons who formerly contributed \$5 but who may not wish to contribute \$10 or use the "other" category to enter a lower amount. Current gross income tax designations resulted in the following amounts of contributions in tax returns filed in 1997 for tax year 1996: \$342,044 to the Endangered Wildlife Conservation fund; \$276,555 to the Children's Trust Fund; \$119,626 to the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund; \$103,990 to the Battleship New Jersey Memorial Fund; and \$206,975 to the Breast Cancer Research Fund.

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

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Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following pieces of legislation:

S-1418, sponsored by Senators Robert E. Littell (R- Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and John O. Bennett (R-Monmouth) and Assembly Members Joseph Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Rose Marie Heck (R-Bergen), changes the recommended contributions to the various charitable check off boxes on the New Jersey gross income tax return. The legislation changes the check off boxes from \$5 and \$10 to \$10 and \$20.

S-824, sponsored by Senator Louis F. Kosco (R-Bergen) and Assembly Member John V. Kelly (R-Bergen/Essex/Passaic), makes knowingly engaging in the business of electrical contracting without a business permit issued by the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors a crime of the fourth degree under certain circumstances. Current law classifies the practice of electrical contracting as a disorderly persons offense. A disorderly persons offense is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 or a prison sentence of up to six months. A crime of the fourth degree is punishable by a fine up to \$10,000 or a prison sentence of up to 18 months.

S-859, sponsored by Senator C. Louis Bassano (R-Essex/Union) and Robert J. Martin (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic), designates the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital as the Ann Klein Forensic Center in honor of the late Ann Klein's distinguished record of public service to New Jersey and her effort to improve the lives of others. The Forensic Psychiatric Hospital, located on the grounds of the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital, is the only forensic facility of its kind in the state, providing psychiatric, nursing and medical care to persons incarcerated because of mental illness. Ann Klein, who was a Commissioner of Human Services during Governor Brendan Byrne's administration, worked to improve conditions for incarcerated persons with mental illness and proposed initiatives that led to the development of a forensic facility at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital. Ann Klein died in 1986.