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**ALSO OF POSSIBLE INTEREST:**

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P.L. 2018, CHAPTER 103, *approved August 17, 2018*

Assembly, No. 4194

1 **AN ACT** concerning the New Jersey Historical Commission  
2 commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the  
3 United States and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes  
4 and making an appropriation.

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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 New Jersey Historical Commission shall formulate  
10 and implement a program for the observance of the historical  
11 aspects of the 250th anniversary of the independence of the United  
12 States and of the first Constitution of this State, including but not  
13 limited to: historical activities; the creation and publication of  
14 historical documents and studies; cooperation with agencies  
15 responsible for the preservation or restoration of historic sites,  
16 buildings, art, and artifacts; establishing statewide wayfinding  
17 signage for Revolutionary Era sites and markers and establishment  
18 of a State American Revolution visitor center; the arrangement of  
19 appropriate public ceremonies; planning for commemorative events,  
20 supported by a comprehensive marketing and tourism campaign,  
21 from calendar year 2024 through calendar year 2033; and the  
22 dissemination of public information regarding New Jersey's  
23 involvement in the American Revolution.

24 b. As part of the implementation of a program in accordance  
25 with subsection a. of this section, P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
26 before the Legislature as this bill), the commission may enter into a  
27 contract with a private entity, to be referred to as a public-private  
28 partnership agreement, to coordinate and plan the programs and  
29 observance of the State's semiquincentennial celebration of the  
30 founding of the United States, and to ensure that the State is  
31 appropriately recognized for its role in the American Revolution. A  
32 private entity will be eligible to enter into the public-private  
33 partnership with the commission if:

34 (1) it is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization as defined in this  
35 section; and

36 (2) it is responsible for the maintenance and administration of a  
37 national heritage area dedicated to the history of the American  
38 Revolution as it relates to New Jersey.

39 Any partnership agreement between the commission and a  
40 private entity shall establish an advisory council to support and  
41 guide the work of the partnership. In addition to funds appropriated  
42 to the commission or the private entity related to the  
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1 founding of the United States, the advisory council shall undertake  
2 fundraising efforts and seek out sources of revenue for the  
3 partnership's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the  
4 founding of the United States. The advisory council shall also  
5 develop collaborative activities with the Division of Parks and  
6 Forestry and the Division of Travel and Tourism for the planning  
7 and promotion of semiquincentennial programs and activities.

8 c. Any partnership agreement entered into between the  
9 commission and a private entity pursuant to this section, P.L. ,  
10 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall  
11 expire no later than December 31, 2033.

12 d. As used in this act:

13 "Public-private partnership agreement" means an agreement  
14 entered into by the New Jersey Historical Commission and a private  
15 entity pursuant to subsection b. of this section, P.L. ,  
16 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

17 "Tax-exempt nonprofit organization" means a nonprofit  
18 organization that is exempt from federal taxation pursuant to  
19 section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Code, 26 U.S.C.  
20 s.501(c)(3).

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22 2. Beginning in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 and  
23 ending in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2028, there shall be  
24 appropriated from the General Fund on an annual basis \$500,000,  
25 \$200,000 of which is to be dedicated to the New Jersey Historical  
26 Commission for the purpose of supporting semiquincentennial  
27 programs and staffing, and \$300,000 of which is to be dedicated to  
28 the private entity that enters into the public-private partnership  
29 agreement with the commission to make statewide upgrades to  
30 historical sites, for staffing, and for efforts to undertake significant  
31 capital improvements, in accordance with section 1 of P.L. ,  
32 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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34 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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21 commemorations and observance of 250th anniversary of United  
22 States; permits commission to enter into public-private partnership  
23 agreement in preparation of anniversary; appropriates \$500,000.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4194

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 18, 2018

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman CRAIG J. COUGHLIN**

**District 19 (Middlesex)**

**Senator LORETTA WEINBERG**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Senator JAMES BEACH**

**District 6 (Burlington and Camden)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senator Bateman**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires NJ Historical Commission to establish program for commemorations and observance of 250th anniversary of United States; permits commission to enter into public-private partnership agreement in preparation of anniversary; appropriates \$500,000.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/22/2018)**

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10 year ending June 30, 2019.

# ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 4194

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 18, 2018

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4194.

This bill would require the New Jersey Historical Commission to formulate and implement a program for the observance of the historical aspects of the 250th anniversary of the independence of the United States and of the first Constitution of this State. As part of that program, the commission may enter into a public-private partnership agreement with a private entity for the planning and undertaking of semiquincentennial programs and activities to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and New Jersey's significant role in the American Revolution. New Jersey hosted more battles than any other state during the revolution, and George Washington spent much of his time as Commander-in-Chief in the State.

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To effectuate the purposes of this bill, \$500,000 would be appropriated annually from the General Fund beginning in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill appropriates \$500,000 to provide loans with an interest rate at or below the prevailing market rate to assist the New Jersey Historical Commission in formulating and implementing a program for the observance of the 250th anniversary of the independence of the United States and of the first Constitution of this State.

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 4194**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**218th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: JULY 2, 2018

**SUMMARY**

- Synopsis:** Requires NJ Historical Commission to establish program for commemorations and observance of 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of United States; permits commission to enter into public-private partnership agreement in preparation of anniversary; appropriates \$500,000.
- Type of Impact:** Expenditure increase to the State General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Division of Travel and Tourism in the Department of State; Division of Parks and Forestry in the Department of Environmental Protection.

**Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2019 – Fiscal Year 2028</b>
<b>State Cost</b>	\$500,000 Annually – Total \$5,000,000

- The bill provides for total appropriations of \$5 million - \$500,000 annually for fiscal years 2019 through 2028 - for expenditure by the New Jersey Historical Commission on the observance of the historical aspects of the 250th anniversary of the independence of the United States and of the first Constitution of this State.
- These expenditures may occur through calendar year 2033 on a schedule to be determined by the commission and the private non-profit entity with which it partners to implement the provisions of the bill.

**BILL DESCRIPTION**

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To effectuate the purposes of this bill, \$500,000 would be appropriated annually from the General Fund beginning in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

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*Section:* State Government

*Analyst:* Kimberly M. Clemmensen  
Senior Fiscal Analyst

*Approved:* Frank W. Haines III  
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

# SENATE, No. 2738

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 18, 2018

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator LORETTA WEINBERG**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Senator JAMES BEACH**

**District 6 (Burlington and Camden)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

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**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/22/2018)**

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43 of business and community leaders with a planning sub-committee  
44 which includes regional representatives from the State's  
45 Revolutionary War historical sites and heritage partners. In  
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# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 2738

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 18, 2018

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2738.

This bill would require the New Jersey Historical Commission to formulate and implement a program for the observance of the historical aspects of the 250th anniversary of the independence of the United States and of the first Constitution of this State. As part of that program, the commission may enter into a public-private partnership agreement with a private entity for the planning and undertaking of semiquincentennial programs and activities to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and New Jersey's significant role in the American Revolution. New Jersey hosted more battles than any other state during the revolution, and George Washington spent much of his time as Commander-in-Chief in the State.

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#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill appropriates \$500,000 to provide loans with an interest rate at or below the prevailing market rate to assist the New Jersey Historical Commission in formulating and implementing a program for the observance of the 250th anniversary of the independence of the United States and of the first Constitution of this State.

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
**SENATE, No. 2738**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**218th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: JULY 2, 2018

**SUMMARY**

- Synopsis:** Requires NJ Historical Commission to establish program for commemorations and observance of 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of United States; permits commission to enter into public-private partnership agreement in preparation of anniversary; appropriates \$500,000.
- Type of Impact:** Expenditure increase to the State General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Division of Travel and Tourism in the Department of State; Division of Parks and Forestry in the Department of Environmental Protection.

**Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2019 – Fiscal Year 2028</b>
<b>State Cost</b>	\$500,000 Annually – Total \$5,000,000

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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

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## Newark, N.J.

# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

08/17/2018

**TRENTON** – Governor Phil Murphy earlier today signed the following bills into law:

**AJR-125/SJR-85 (Quijano, Jimenez/Pou, Cruz-Perez)** - Designates June 20th annually as “World Refugee Day” in New Jersey.

**ACS for A-538/S-2257 (Mazzeo, Murphy, Mukherji/Beach)** - Permits county governing body, with approval of county board of taxation, to revise real property assessment calendar.

**A-1033/S-1760 (Johnson, Vainieri Huttel/Weinberg)** - Makes Palisades Interstate Park Commission eligible for certain open space and historic preservation funding.

**A-1627/S-1873 (Schepisi, A.M. Bucco, Auth, Danielsen, DiMaio/Sarlo, T. Kean)** - Provides that PERS or PFRS member who continues to be volunteer firefighter or emergency services worker after retirement with employer from whom member retires has bona fide severance for compliance with State and federal law.

**A-2041/S-1840 (Coughlin, Holley, Pintor Marin/Vitale, Gopal)** - Establishes “Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant Bond Financing Act,” authorizing issuance of bonds secured by pledge of Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant proceeds, municipal liens, and special assessment; expands “Redevelopment Area Bond Financing Law;” extends time to complete certain projects under “Long Term Tax Exemption Law”.

**ACS for A-2747, 880/S-1532 (Houghtaling, Downey, Munoz, Danielsen/Bateman)** - Limits time continuing care retirement communities may retain refundable entrance fee after resident vacates facility; provides for disposition of certain personal property.

**A-3704/S-2550 (DeAngelo, Space, Quijano/Cryan, Sweeney)** - Clarifies training requirements of certain HVACR contractors.

**A-3765/S-2456 (Houghtaling, Downey, Jones, Wimberly/Gopal, Oroho)** - Permits school district superintendent to designate school employee with certain expertise as school safety specialist.

**A-3888/S-2498 (Houghtaling, Downey, Egan/Gopal, Scutari)** - Allows issuance of additional alcoholic beverage licenses within boundaries of formerly federally owned or operated military installations.

**A-4065/S-2724 (Lopez, Mukherji/Vitale)** - Authorizes State Treasurer to sell surplus real property located in Township of Woodbridge, Middlesex County.

**A-4194/S-2738 (Coughlin/Weinberg, Beach)** - Requires NJ Historical Commission to establish program for commemorations and observance of 250th anniversary of United States; permits commission to enter into public-private partnership agreement in preparation of anniversary; appropriates \$500,000.

**S-767/A-3829 (Cunningham, Sweeney, T. Kean/Jasey)** - Directs Secretary of Higher Education to establish

communication campaign to encourage students to enroll in 30 credits per year and institutions to report to secretary on strategies and incentives to accomplish this goal.

**S-1265/A-3634 (Turner, Cruz-Perez, Singer/Jasey, Pinkin)** - Provides that no more than 120 credits will be required for baccalaureate degree awarded by a public institution and no more than 60 credits for associate degree.

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