

# 52:27D-25e

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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**LAWS OF:** 2001                      **CHAPTER:** 204  
**NJSA:** 52:27D-25e      (Increases membership of Fire Safety Commission)  
**BILL NO:** A2118                      (Substituted for S1335)

**SPONSOR(S):** Kelly

**DATE INTRODUCED:** February 24, 2000

**COMMITTEE:**                      **ASSEMBLY:** Housing  
**SENATE:** Law and Public Safety

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**                      **ASSEMBLY:** March 16, 2000  
**SENATE:** June 28, 2001

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** August 8, 2001

### FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

#### FINAL TEXT OF BILL (1<sup>st</sup> reprint)

(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

#### A2118

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

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**    **ASSEMBLY:**                      Yes

**SENATE:**    Yes

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:**    No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:**    No

#### S1335

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

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to A2118

<b>COMMITTEE STATEMENT:</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY:</b>	No
	<b>SENATE:</b>	Yes
<b>FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:</b>		No
<b>LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:</b>		No
<b>VETO MESSAGE:</b>		No
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# ASSEMBLY, No. 2118

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 209th LEGISLATURE

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INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 24, 2000

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman JOHN V. KELLY**

**District 36 (Bergen, Essex and Passaic)**

**Assemblyman KEVIN J. O'TOOLE**

**District 21 (Essex and Union)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Increases number of members of fire safety commission to include representative of installers or manufacturers of fire suppression systems.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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28 chairman, and as many citizens who are knowledgeable and  
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30 safety commission shall appoint. Members of the advisory councils  
31 shall serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the fire safety  
32 commission.

33 (cf: P.L.1991, c.399)

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11 installation.

ASSEMBLY HOUSING COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2118**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 28, 2000

The Assembly Housing Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2118.

This bill increases the number of members of the fire safety commission to 22 members. The newest member will be one of the members appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly. The member will represent manufacturers or installers of fire suppression systems.

The requirement to have a member of the fire safety commission representing the manufacturers or installers of fire suppression systems is in response to the tragic dormitory fire which recently occurred at a private institution of higher education in our State. There seems to be little disagreement among experts that fire suppression systems (sprinklers) save lives when installed in residential buildings. In light of the plethora of bills that have been introduced calling for a requirement under the State Fire Code to install sprinklers in dormitories, it would be in the best interest of the State and the public for the fire safety commission to have a member familiar with the latest fire suppression systems and their availability, the latest installation techniques, and the related costs of both the systems and the installation.

# SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 2118**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 14, 2001

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2118.

As amended and released by the committee, this bill increases the number of members of the fire safety commission to 23 members. The newest members would represent manufacturers or installers of fire suppression systems and the New Jersey Apartment Association or the rental property industry and be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly

According to the sponsor's statement, the bill was introduced in response to the tragic dormitory fire which recently occurred at a private institution of higher education in this State. The sponsor further states that there is little disagreement among experts that fire suppression systems (sprinklers) save lives when installed in residential buildings, and that it would be in the best interest of the State and the public for a member with expertise in these systems to sit on the fire safety commission.

The committee amended the bill to add the representative of the New Jersey Apartment Association or the rental property industry.

This bill, as amended and released by the committee, is identical to Senate Bill No. 1335, which also was amended and released by the committee on this same date.



[First Reprint]

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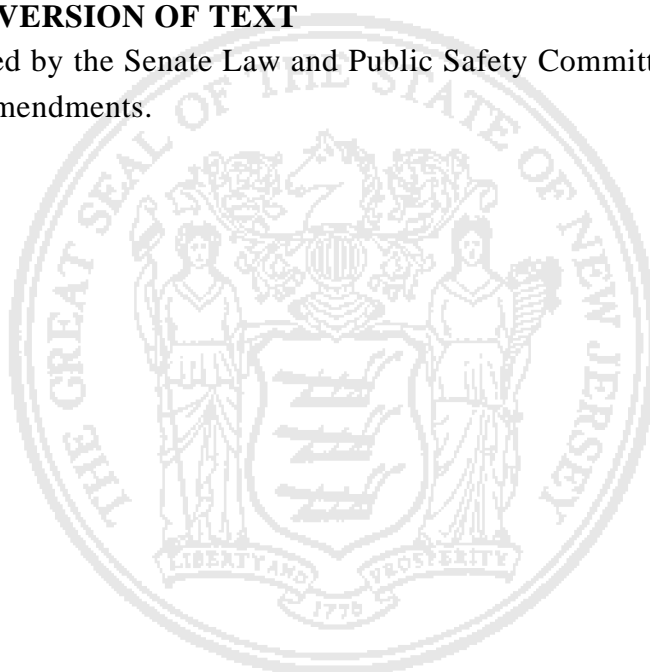
**Senator Connors**

**SYNOPSIS**

Increases number of members of fire safety commission to include representative of installers or manufacturers of fire suppression systems.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

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**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/29/2001)**

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**SENATE, No. 1335**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED MAY 22, 2000

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator LEONARD T. CONNORS, JR.**

**District 9 (Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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[First Reprint]

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31 consist of one member of the fire safety commission, who shall be  
32 chairman, and as many citizens who are knowledgeable and  
33 experienced in matters related to the particular subject as the fire  
34 safety commission shall appoint. Members of the advisory councils  
35 shall serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the fire safety  
36 commission.

37 (cf: P.L.1991, c.399, s.1)

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39 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 204, *approved August 8, 2001*  
Assembly, No. 2118 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the fire safety commission and amending  
2 P.L.1983, c.382.

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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. Section 5 of P.L. 1983, c. 382 (C.52:27D-25e) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 5. a. To assist and advise the commissioner in the administration  
10 of this act, there is created in the Department of Community Affairs a  
11 fire safety commission consisting of ~~[21]~~<sup>1</sup> ~~[22]~~ 23<sup>1</sup> members. The  
12 commission shall consist of: two members of the Senate, appointed by  
13 the President of the Senate, who shall not be both of the same political  
14 party; two members of the General Assembly, appointed by the  
15 Speaker of the General Assembly, who shall not be both of the same  
16 political party; ~~[seven]~~<sup>1</sup> ~~[eight]~~ nine<sup>1</sup> citizens of the State, appointed  
17 jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General  
18 Assembly, no more than ~~[four]~~<sup>1</sup> five<sup>1</sup> of whom shall be of the same  
19 political party, including a representative of a volunteer fire  
20 organization, a representative of a construction labor organization, a  
21 representative of the fire insurance industry, a representative of fire  
22 suppression system manufacturers or installers,<sup>1</sup> a representative of the  
23 New Jersey Apartment Association or the rental property industry,<sup>1</sup> a  
24 representative of the construction industry, a representative of the  
25 International Association of Fire Chiefs, a municipal construction  
26 official, and a representative of the New Jersey State Fire Prevention  
27 and Protection Association; 10 citizens of the State appointed by the  
28 Governor, no more than five of whom shall be of the same political  
29 party, and who shall include a representative of the New Jersey State  
30 Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association, a representative of the New  
31 Jersey League of Municipalities, two representatives of the volunteer  
32 fire service, one of whom shall be a representative of the New Jersey  
33 State Volunteer Firemen's Association, a representative of the New  
34 Jersey State Fire Chiefs' Association, a representative of the New  
35 Jersey Paid Fire Chiefs' Association, a representative of the Fire  
36 Fighters' Association of New Jersey, a representative of the New  
37 Jersey State Association of Fire Districts, a municipal fire protection  
38 subcode official, and a chief administrator of the fire department of a  
39 municipality with a population of 100,000 or more, according to the  
40 most recent federal decennial census. The members of the Senate and

**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:**

<sup>1</sup> Senate SLP committee amendments adopted June 14, 2001.

1 General Assembly appointed to the commission shall serve for terms  
2 which shall be for the legislative session for which they were elected.  
3 Of the seven members first appointed jointly by the President of the  
4 Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly, three shall be  
5 appointed for terms of five years, three shall be appointed for terms of  
6 four years, and one shall be appointed for a term of three years. The  
7 <sup>1</sup>[member]members<sup>1</sup> appointed pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. )(now  
8 before the Legislature as this bill) shall be appointed for an intial term  
9 of five years. Of the eight members first appointed by the Governor,  
10 three shall be appointed for terms of five years, three shall be  
11 appointed for a term of four years, and two shall be appointed for  
12 terms of three years. The first representative of the New Jersey State  
13 Association of Fire Districts appointed by the Governor shall be for a  
14 term of three years. Thereafter, members of the fire safety commission,  
15 except as provided above for members of the Legislature, shall be  
16 appointed for terms of five years. Vacancies on the commission shall  
17 be filled, in the same manner as the original appointment but for the  
18 unexpired term. Members may be removed by the appointing authority  
19 for cause.

20 b. Members of the fire safety commission shall serve without  
21 compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses  
22 incurred in performance of their duties, within the limits of any funds  
23 appropriated or otherwise made available for that purpose.

24 c. To advise and assist the fire safety commission in the  
25 performance of its responsibilities under this act, there are created four  
26 advisory councils, one in each of the following subject areas: the  
27 "Uniform Fire Safety Act"; training and education which shall be  
28 comprised of at least 60% of the representatives of the volunteer fire  
29 service; statistics and information; and master planning and research.  
30 Additional advisory councils shall be created by the fire safety  
31 commission as it deems appropriate. Each advisory council shall  
32 consist of one member of the fire safety commission, who shall be  
33 chairman, and as many citizens who are knowledgeable and  
34 experienced in matters related to the particular subject as the fire  
35 safety commission shall appoint. Members of the advisory councils  
36 shall serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the fire safety  
37 commission.

38 (cf: P.L.1991, c.399, s.1)

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40 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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45 Increases number of members of fire safety commission to include  
46 representative of installers or manufacturers of fire suppression  
systems.

## CHAPTER 204

AN ACT concerning the fire safety commission and amending P.L.1983, c.382.

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

1. Section 5 of P.L. 1983, c. 382 (C.52:27D-25e) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:27D-25e Fire safety commission.

5. a. To assist and advise the commissioner in the administration of this act, there is created in the Department of Community Affairs a fire safety commission consisting of 23 members. The commission shall consist of: two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, who shall not be both of the same political party; two members of the General Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly, who shall not be both of the same political party; nine citizens of the State, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly, no more than five of whom shall be of the same political party, including a representative of a volunteer fire organization, a representative of a construction labor organization, a representative of the fire insurance industry, a representative of fire suppression system manufacturers or installers, a representative of the New Jersey Apartment Association or the rental property industry, a representative of the construction industry, a representative of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, a municipal construction official, and a representative of the New Jersey State Fire Prevention and Protection Association; 10 citizens of the State appointed by the Governor, no more than five of whom shall be of the same political party, and who shall include a representative of the New Jersey State Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association, a representative of the New Jersey League of Municipalities, two representatives of the volunteer fire service, one of whom shall be a representative of the New Jersey State Volunteer Firemen's Association, a representative of the New Jersey State Fire Chiefs' Association, a representative of the New Jersey Paid Fire Chiefs' Association, a representative of the Fire Fighters' Association of New Jersey, a representative of the New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts, a municipal fire protection subcode official, and a chief administrator of the fire department of a municipality with a population of 100,000 or more, according to the most recent federal decennial census. The members of the Senate and General Assembly appointed to the commission shall serve for terms which shall be for the legislative session for which they were elected. Of the seven members first appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly, three shall be appointed for terms of five years, three shall be appointed for terms of four years, and one shall be appointed for a term of three years. The members appointed pursuant to P.L.2001, c.204 shall be appointed for an initial term of five years. Of the eight members first appointed by the Governor, three shall be appointed for terms of five years, three shall be appointed for a term of four years, and two shall be appointed for terms of three years. The first representative of the New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts appointed by the Governor shall be for a term of three years. Thereafter, members of the fire safety commission, except as provided above for members of the Legislature, shall be appointed for terms of five years. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled, in the same manner as the original appointment but for the unexpired term. Members may be removed by the appointing authority for cause.

b. Members of the fire safety commission shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred in performance of their duties, within the limits of any funds appropriated or otherwise made available for that purpose.

c. To advise and assist the fire safety commission in the performance of its responsibilities under this act, there are created four advisory councils, one in each of the following subject areas: the "Uniform Fire Safety Act"; training and education which shall be comprised of at least 60% of the representatives of the volunteer fire service; statistics and information; and master planning and research. Additional advisory councils shall be created by the fire safety commission as it deems appropriate. Each advisory council shall consist of one member of the fire safety commission, who shall be chairman, and as many citizens who are knowledgeable and experienced in matters related to the particular subject as the fire safety commission shall appoint. Members of the advisory councils shall serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the fire safety commission.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 8, 2001.

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco signed the following legislation today:

**SCS-1833, 839**, sponsored by Senators Peter Inverso (R-Mercer/Middlesex), Anthony Bucco (R-Morris) and Diane Allen (R-Burlington/Camden) and Assembly members Rose Heck (R-Bergen) and Kevin O'Toole (R-Essex/Union), allows police and firefighters who transferred to the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) under a 1993 law to receive full benefits under PFRS for public safety service rendered prior to the transfer without having to pay the increased cost to the system of providing those benefits.

**A-2118**, sponsored by Senator Leonard Connors (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Ocean) and Assemblymen John Kelly (R-Bergen/Essex/Passaic) and Kevin O'Toole (R-Essex/Union), increases the number of members of the fire safety commission from 21 to 23. The role of the commission is to assist and advise the Commissioner of Community Affairs in the enforcement of the state's fire safety laws.

**A-3050**, sponsored by Assemblymen Neil Cohen (D-Union) and Nia Gill (D-Essex), termed "Leonard Cohen's Law," prohibits a licensed hospital from transferring a patient to another health care facility unless the patient is accompanied by a complete discharge summary from the transferring hospital at the time of the transfer.

**S-2050**, sponsored by Senators Andrew Ciesla (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Richard Codey (D-Essex) and Assemblyman Alex DeCroce (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic), provides that a court, in its discretion, may award prejudgment interest on the whole or part of a judgment arising out of or relating to claims for the construction or installation of improvements to real property in accordance with principles of equity.

**S-1330**, sponsored by Senators Robert Littell (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Jack Sinagra (R-Middlesex) and Assembly members Nicholas Felice (R-Bergen/Passaic) and Charlotte Vandervalk (R-Bergen), requires health insurers that provide prescription drug coverage to issue standardized pharmacy identification cards to decrease administrative burdens and to streamline the dispensing of prescription drugs and devices.

**A-2913**, sponsored by Senator Joseph Palaia (R-Monmouth) and Assembly members Michael Amone (R-Monmouth) and Anthony Impreveduto (D-Bergen/Hudson), prohibits "no damage for delay" clauses in certain contracts made with local units under the "Local Public Contracts Law" and the "Public Schools Contracts Law."

**A-1203**, sponsored by Assemblyman Steve Corodemus (R-Monmouth), establishes the World Language Instruction Committee in the Department of Education and provides credit toward



high school graduation requirements for world language courses offered by religious and non-public school organizations.

**A-2204**, sponsored by Senators Diane Allen (R-Burlington/Camden) and Richard Codey (D-Essex) and Assemblymen Frank Blee (R-Atlantic) and Joseph Charles (D-Hudson), renames the Office of Minority Health in the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) as Office on Minority and Multicultural Health and provides additional responsibilities for the office and appropriates \$1.5 million to the new office to implement the bill.

**AJR-35**, sponsored by Assemblymen Joseph Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Samuel Thompson (R-Middlesex/Monmouth), designates the third Monday in April of each year as "Patriots Day" in New Jersey.