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BILL NO: S2304 (Substituted for A2974)

SPONSOR(S): Turner and others

DATE INTRODUCED: January 27, 2003

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** ----
SENATE: State Government

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DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** June 23, 2003
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DATE OF APPROVAL: August 15, 2003

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (1st reprint enacted)
(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

S2304

[SPONSORS STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 4 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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[SPONSORS STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 4 of original bill) [Yes](#)

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to S2304

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** [Yes](#)

Statement to S2304

Identical to Senate

SENATE: No

[FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:](#) [Yes](#)

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P.L. 2003, CHAPTER 149, *approved August 15, 2003*
Senate Bill No. 2304 (*First Reprint*)

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2 c.116 and repealing section 6 of that act.

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14 maintenance of the War Memorial building is, therefore, in the public
15 interest of the State and the best means to achieve this end is by [the
16 transfer of the] ownership and operation of the building and lands
17 [to] by the State. It is also in the public interest of the State that
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36 [transferred to] vested in the State of New Jersey and,
37 notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the State
38 shall [accept] hold title or interest therein, and shall [upon execution
39 of the transfer] be the owner thereof. [The Trenton and Mercer
40 County Memorial Building Commission shall take any and all actions

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SSG committee amendments adopted May 15, 2003.

1 necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.]

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17 with the Legislature's findings and declarations set forth in section 1
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29 the facility and the accomplishment of the purposes and objectives set
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44 (C.52:18A-212 et seq.). [Any entity authorized under this act to
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21 State Treasurer provides for alternative treatment of those funds. [All
22 moneys currently designated, held or appropriated for the Trenton War
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25 (cf: P.L.1988, c.116, s.4)

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27 5. Section 6 of P.L.1988, c.116 (C.52:18A-217) is repealed.

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29 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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35 State to present and promote programs.

SENATE, No. 2304

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 27, 2003

Sponsored by:
Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER
District 15 (Mercer)

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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35 programs selected by the State at the facility.

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SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2304

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 15, 2003

The Senate State Government Committee reports favorably and with amendments Senate, No. 2304

This bill revises the law governing the operation of the Trenton War Memorial. Currently, the Department of the Treasury is responsible for the facility and is authorized to contract with qualified public or private entities, including the Secretary of State, to help execute its responsibilities.

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Monies in the War Memorial Fund, which are the proceeds received by the Department of State from the operation of the War Memorial as well as the proceeds from other activities, may be used to cover costs associated with any of the War Memorial's purposes, including the presentation of programs, performers' fees, advertising and promotion, equipment purchase and rental, stage workers, ushers, ticket takers and security, unless the State Treasurer provides for alternative treatment of those funds.

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This bill, as amended , is identical to Assembly, No. 2974(1R)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to make clear that the State Treasurer has the authority to provide for the alternative treatment of the proceeds received by the Department of State from the operation and presentation of programs at the Trenton War Memorial.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2974

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 7, 2002

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

District 15 (Mercer)

Assemblyman REED GUSCIORA

District 15 (Mercer)

Co-Sponsored by:

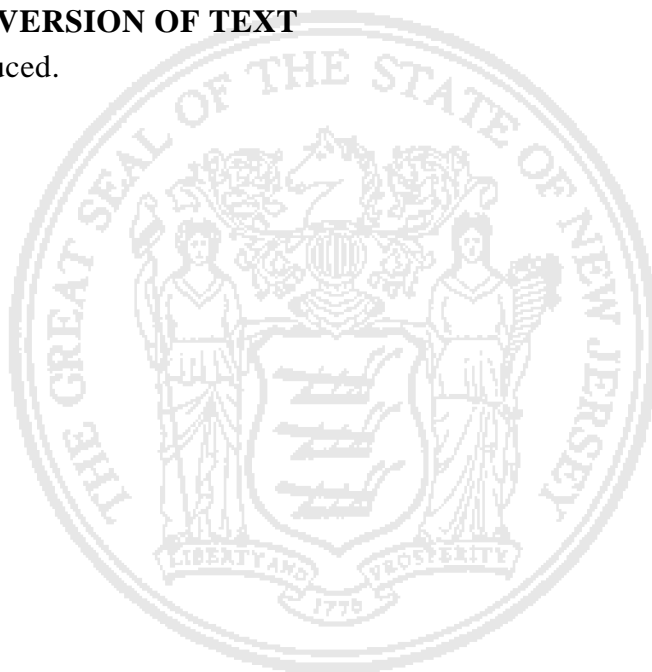
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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2974

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 16, 2003

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with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Assemblywoman WATSON COLEMAN)

ADOPTED: MAY 15, 2003

Under this bill, proceeds received by the Department of State from operation of the Trenton War Memorial, and presentation of programs at the memorial, like moneys currently received from fund-raising activities, donations, appropriations, or fees or charges, will be deposited in the War Memorial Fund and disbursed to cover certain expenses related to the presentation of programs, unless the State Treasurer provides for an alternative treatment of those funds. These amendments clarify that the State Treasurer has the authority to provide for such alternative treatment.