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

A-3014, sponsored by Assembly Members Joseph R. Malone, 3d, (R-Burlington/Monmouth /Ocean) and James W. Holzapfel (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Senators Louis F. Kosco (R-Bergen) and John J. Matheussen (R-Camden/Gloucester), reauthorizes the New Jersey Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Act, which was due to expire on July 1, 1999. The Act allows law enforcement agencies to engage in electronic surveillance and wiretapping under certain conditions. The Act also governs other types of electronic surveillance, such as recordings made with the consent of one of the parties to the conversation, as well as interceptions of other electronically- transmitted information, including page messages, Internet communications and electronic-mail communications. The bill deletes the sunset provision.

A-2612, sponsored by Assembly Members Joseph V. Doria, Jr. (D- Hudson) and Joseph Charles, Jr. (D-Hudson) and Senator Edward T. O'Connor, Jr. (D-Hudson), repeals state law which authorized the designation of State Highway 440 to create a freeway through Bayonne. Plans to construct the roadway have been canceled as a result of strong local opposition to the roadway. The bill thus acts to delete what is essentially an obsolete reference in New Jersey law, and permit the area of the proposed route to be available for other purposes.

