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## Governor Whitman Signs Legislation

Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following legislation:

A-202, sponsored by Assembly Members Loretta Weinberg (D-Bergen) and Charles "Ken" Zisa (D-Bergen), requires that a nursing home furnish a prospective resident or the resident's family or guardian with a copy of the contract or agreement between a nursing home and the resident prior to or upon admission of the resident to the facility. The bill also clarifies existing prohibitions against discrimination in admission and treatment of nursing home residents.

A-1706, sponsored by Assemblyman Tom Smith (R-Monmouth), changes notice requirements for revisions or addenda to advertisements relating to bids or bid documents under New Jersey's Local Public Contracts Law. The bill requires that notification of revisions or addenda to advertisements or bid documents relating to construction bids be made in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested; by facsimile transmission with return facsimile receipt, or by next day delivery carrier. The bill requires that the notification be sent to any person who has submitted a bid, received a bid package, or filed a notification request, not later than seven days prior to the date for acceptance of the bids.

S-299, sponsored by Senator John O. Bennett (R-Monmouth), requires the Tidelands Resource Council to develop and make available an information guide, titled "Guide to the Tidelands." The guide will provide various historical information on the lease, license or grant of riparian lands as well as instructions on the application and appeal process and fees involved. The bill also requires that at least nine members of the 12 members of Tidelands Resource Council be residents of counties where riparian lands are located and have been mapped. It also provides that all leases and licenses of riparian lands must be effective for at least seven years.

S-862, sponsored by Gerald Cardinale (R-Bergen), requires automobile insurance carriers to give drivers insured by them at least 60 days' notice of nonrenewal of their insurance policies. The bill is intended to afford drivers, who are not renewed by their insurance carriers, more time to obtain coverage. Under previous law, 20 days' notice was required.

SJR-50, sponsored by Senators Louis F. Kosco (R-Bergen) and John A. Girgenti (D-Passaic), designates the portion of New Jersey Highway Route 120 which runs through the Meadowlands Sports Complex in East Rutherford Borough as the "Larry Doby Highway." Doby, a resident of Montclair, was the first African-American to play major leagues baseball in the American League. Doby had an outstanding 11-year career with the Cleveland Indians, Detroit Tigers and the Chicago White Sox.

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