



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

NEWS RELEASE

PO BOX 004
CONTACT: Jayne O'Connor
Julie Plocinik
(609) 777-2600

TRENTON, NJ 08625
RELEASE: August 18, 1997



Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following bills:

S-566, sponsored by Senator Louis Bassano (R-Essex/Union), permits the administrator of the Division of Developmental Disabilities community services region to consent to treatment for residents under certain circumstances. The bill is intended to provide greater medical protection to persons under the care of the Division of Developmental Disabilities that are placed in community-based or alternative living arrangements.

A-2467, sponsored by Assembly Members Joe Roberts (D-Camden/Gloucester) and John Gibson (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland), permits municipalities to contract with private firms for collection of municipal court fines, costs, surcharges and penalties owed to or collected by the municipality.

A-1975, sponsored by Assembly Members Michael Arnone (R-Monmouth) and Claire Farragher (R-Monmouth), expands and clarifies the "Condominium Act" and the "Map filing law." The bill updates certain definitions in the Map filing law. The term "map" is updated to include condominium plans and right of way parcel maps. The bill also amends the criteria for map approval in the law. The bill amends the Condominium Law to include a map filing requirement and to allow land surveyors to certify condominium plans.

S-1536, sponsored by Senator Donald L. Rice (D-Essex), permits the city of Newark to establish a housing authority police force. The officers hired to the force can carry weapons. The bill would also allow any municipality of the first class with a population of 270,000 or more to establish such a force. Currently Newark is the only municipality to meet that criteria.

S-1328 / A-2660, sponsored by Senate President Donald DiFrancesco (R-Middlesex / Somerset / Union) and Assembly Member Diane Allen (R-Burlington / Camden) provides that a person who retires from a New Jersey public pension fund and becomes a member or employee of the Council on Local Mandates will not be enrolled in the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) based on this new position. The bill will allow public retirees to serve the council without jeopardizing their pension or retirement allowance.

####

