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Other Filed Legislation Conditionally Vetoed by Gov. Whitman

A-3, sponsored by Assembly Speaker Jack Collins (R- Salem/Cumberland/Gloucester) and Assembly Member Tom Smith (R- Monmouth), Senator Leonard Connors (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Ocean) and Senate President Don DiFrancesco (R-Middlesex/Morris/ Somerset/ Union), regarding exemption of senior citizens from property tax increases. The Governor made recommendations for technical corrections to ensure that the administration of the program is fair and cost effective.

The Governor supported the overall concept of the bill, but recommended that the program apply only to future increases in local property taxes. The Governor also recommended that the program be administered by the Treasurer, who is better situated to ensure that the program is cost-efficient. The conditional veto also included a recommendation to ensure that senior citizens who do not pay or owe property taxes do not receive reimbursements from the program.

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