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

**ACS for A-1016**, sponsored by Assembly Members Charles Zisa (D-Bergen), Francis J. Blee (R-Atlantic), Melvin Cottrell (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Joseph R. Malone, III (R-Burlington/Monmouth /Ocean), exempts law enforcement officers from certain bicycle laws in the performance of their official duties.

**A-1126**, sponsored by E. Scott Garrett (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Guy R. Gregg (R-Sussex /Hunterdon/Morris), clarifies existing law by providing that a recreational vehicle installed in a campsite is not subject to the property tax. The bill defines a recreational vehicle as a camper that is easily disassembled and removed from a campground. The bill specifically excludes a manufactured home or a permanent residence.

**A-1884**, sponsored by Assembly Members Carol J. Murphy (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic) and Nicholas Asselta (R-Atlantic/Cape May/Cumberland) and Senator James S. Cafiero (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland), expands the eligibility for state grants to Alzheimer day care programs to include for-profit as well as public and non-profit programs. It also appropriates \$803,000 from the General Fund to increase the number of clients who can be served by Alzheimer's adult day care programs. The bill incorporates the recommendations the Governor made in a conditional veto of the bill.

**A-2312**, sponsored by Assembly Members Rose Marie Heck (R-Bergen) and David W. Wolfe (R-Monmouth /Ocean) and Senator Robert J. Martin (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic), provides that administrative penalty funds returned to school districts in the 1997- 98 school year shall be included in each district's prebudget year total for the purpose of calculating stabilized aid in 1998-99 and thereafter. The bill incorporates the recommendations the Governor made in a conditional veto of the bill.

**A-2785**, sponsored by Assembly Members Rose Marie Heck (R-Bergen) and Nicholas Asselta (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and Senators Diane B. Allen (R-Burlington/Camden) and John O. Bennett (R-Monmouth), requires fingerprinting of domestic violence offenders. The bill was introduced upon the recommendation of the

Assembly Task Force on Domestic Violence in order to enhance enforcement of the federal firearms ban with respect to domestic violence offenders. The bill requires fingerprinting upon conviction for the disorderly persons offenses of assault and harassment that constitute domestic violence. It also requires the fingerprinting of any persons against whom a final domestic violence restraining order has been entered.

**A-2789**, sponsored by Assembly Members Kevin J. O'Toole (R-Essex/Union) and Joseph Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Senators Martha W. Bark (R- Atlantic/Burlington/Camden) and Robert W. Singer (R- Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Diane B. Allen (R-Burlington/Camden), requires annual domestic violence training for family court judges. Under previous law, all judges and court personnel were required to receive biannual training on the handling of domestic violence matters. The Assembly Task Force on domestic violence recommended in a report issued in July, 1998 that the statutory requirement for biannual training be increased.

**S-1258**, sponsored by Senators James S. Cafiero (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and John A. Girgenti (D-Passaic) and Assembly Members Francis J. Blee (R-Atlantic) and Kenneth C. Lefevre (R-Atlantic), makes it a third degree crime to knowingly use a laser sighting system or device against a law enforcement officer who is engaged in the performance of his or her official duties and is in uniform or otherwise displaying evidence of his or her authority. Third degree crimes are punishable by a three-to-five-year term of imprisonment or a \$15,000 fine or both. For first offenders, however, a presumption against incarceration applies.

**S-1378**, revises various hunting, trapping and fishing license fees and related provisions, and changes the name of the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife to the Division of Fish and Wildlife. The bill increases the fees for various hunting, fishing and trapping licenses, permits and stamps by an average of about 50 percent. The bill also authorizes the division to collect a new \$2 fee from migratory bird hunters to pay for information collection activities mandated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program. The legislation was sponsored by Senators Robert E. Littell (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Joseph F. Vitale (D-Middlesex) and Assembly Members Michael Patrick Carroll (R-Morris) and Melvin Cottrell (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean)