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

**A-983**, sponsored by Assembly Members Kenneth C. LeFevre (R-Atlantic) and Francis J. Blee (R-Atlantic) and Senators William L. Gormley (R-Atlantic) and Diane B. Allen (R-Burlington/Camden), makes it a crime to cause, engage in, or permit shipboard gambling, or to manage, control or operate a shipboard gambling vessel if the vessel embarks and disembarks from any point within the state. The penalties for shipboard gambling are the same as those for illegal gambling offenses committed on land.

**A-1334**, sponsored by Assembly Member Carol J. Murphy (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic) and Senator Anthony R. Bucco (R-Morris), amends the Law Against Discrimination to provide guide dog instructors the same right-of-way over vehicles while crossing a highway or intersection as accorded blind persons accompanied by guide dogs. The purpose of extending the right is to allow guide dogs instructors and the dogs being trained to cross the street at a red light to test the training's effectiveness. The bill also amends the motor vehicle laws to conform with this right.

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