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DIFRANCESCO SIGNS LEGISLATION INCREASING JURY DUTY COMPENSATION

Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco today signed the following legislation into law:

A-601 sponsored by Assemblymembers Joan Quigley (D-Bergen/Hudson), Richard Bagger (R-Middlesex/Morris/Somerset/Union), Anthony Impreveduto (D-Bergen/Hudson), John Gibson (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland), Kenneth LeFevre (R-Atlantic) and Nia Gill (D-Essex), increases compensation for jurors from \$5 per day to \$40 for each consecutive day of jury service in excess of three days.

"This increase for jurors is long overdue. I fully support fair compensation for the New Jersey citizens fulfilling their jury duty obligation - a key component of our justice system," remarked DiFrancesco.

Jurors already compensated from their employers for jury service are exempt.

A-2517, sponsored by Assemblymen Leonard Lance (R-Warren/Hunterdon/Mercer) and Michael Arnone (R-Monmouth) and co-sponsored by Assemblymembers Ken LeFevre (R-Atlantic) and Mary Previte (D-Camden), allows problem gamblers to request placement on the Casino Control Commission's (CCC) list of individuals to be excluded and ejected from any licensed casino or simulcasting facility.

In addition to helping problem gamblers to help themselves, the bill requires the CCC to circulate regulations compelling casinos to establish internal controls for removing voluntarily excluded individuals from mailing lists and for denying access to check-cashing privileges, special club programs and the issuance of credit.

A licensed casino shall not be liable in a court proceeding for any harm, monetary or otherwise, that might arise from the failure of the casino to withhold or restore gambling privileges to a self-excluded person.

S-82, sponsored by Raymond Zane (D-Salem/Cumberland/Gloucester), allows duplicate personalized license plates on both owned and leased vehicles.

This bill permits the lessee or owner of a motor vehicle who obtains personalized license plates to obtain a second set of those plates for use on additional vehicles he or she owns or leases. In the past, personalized plates could not be put on leased vehicles.

S-1577, sponsored by Senator Gerald Cardinale (R-Bergen) extends a grandfather clause to November 1, 2002 to allow applicants for a master plumber's license to use employment or schooling to satisfy certain newly enacted eligibility requirements.

The State Plumbing License Law was amended in 1998 to require applicants for the master plumbing license examination to complete a four-year apprentice program approved by the Department of Labor (DOL). This legislation extends a prior grandfather clause by four years to allow employment or schooling in a program not approved by DOL to be substituted for a year of the approved apprenticeship program if performed prior to November 1, 2002.

S-463, sponsored by Senator Robert Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean), prohibits the use of certain materials to mark property boundaries unless it is clearly visible.

It was introduced in response to a tragic accident in which an all-terrain vehicle operator was killed as a result of driving into a non-visible cable being used as a fence in a wooded area

This legislation makes it a fourth-degree criminal offense to use wire, cable, or other similar devices as fencing material installed at a height under 10 feet, if it is not readily visible to pedestrians, equestrians, bicyclists or off-road vehicle operators, and poses a risk of causing significant bodily injury.