

SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2654

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 11, 1997

The Senate Community Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2654.

This bill would remove from the statutes an offensive reference to the Roma and Sinti ethnic groups, commonly referred to as gypsies. No other ethnic group is singled out in the statutes for special licensing treatment by a municipality and subsection k. of R.S.40:52-1 probably would be unenforceable if tested in the courts.