

ASSEMBLY CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 1251**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 4, 2009

The Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee reports favorably an Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 1251.

This Assembly committee substitute for Assembly Bill No. 1251 regulates the sale of certain bicycles equipped with quick release wheels. The substitute defines "quick release wheel" as any bicycle front wheel which does not require the use of any tools for wheel removal.

Under the substitute, it would be an unlawful practice to sell any bicycle equipped with a quick release wheel if it has a front wheel diameter of 20 inches or less, unless that bicycle is a specialty adult bicycle. The purpose of this sales restriction is to prevent the use of these particular types of bicycles by children.

An unlawful practice under the Consumer Fraud Act is punishable by a monetary penalty of not more than \$10,000 for a first offense and not more than \$20,000 for any subsequent offense. In addition, a violation can result in cease and desist orders issued by the Attorney General, the assessment of punitive damages, and the awarding of treble damages and costs to the injured.