

ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4226

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 23, 2009

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4226.

This bill is intended to clarify the provisions of the “Law Against Discrimination,” P.L.1945, c.169 (C.10:5-1 et seq.), concerning its prohibition of discrimination against a person with a disability, including a developmental disability. The law prohibits discrimination in housing, employment, and access to public accommodations generally.

The bill specifies that the term, “developmental disability,” as referenced in the definition of “disability” in subsection q. of section 5 of P.L.1945, c.169 (C.10:5-5), includes “autism spectrum disorders.”

This bill is based upon a recommendation included in the October 2009 report of the Adults with Autism Task Force.