

ASSEMBLY, No. 2350

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 19, 1996

By Assemblyman BATEMAN

1 A SUPPLEMENT to "An Act making appropriations for the support of
2 the State Government and the several public purposes for the fiscal
3 year ending June 30, 1997 and regulating the disbursement
4 thereof," approved June 28, 1996 (P.L.1996, c.42).

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6 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.1996, c.42,
10 there is appropriated out of the General Fund the following sum for
11 the purpose specified:

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13 STATE AID
14 66 DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
15 10 Public Safety and Criminal Justice
16 12 Law Enforcement

17 11-1050 State Medical Examiner..... \$650,000

18 State Aid and Grants:

19 Forensic Toxicology Testing Services..... (\$650,000)

20 The amount hereinabove for the State Medical Examiner is intended to reimburse
21 county governments for the cost of forensic toxicology testing services
22 provided by the State Medical Examiner through the end of calendar year
23 1996.

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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28 STATEMENT

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30 This supplemental appropriation is intended to reimburse county
31 governments with amounts necessary to offset their direct payments to
32 the State Medical Examiner (SME) for forensic toxicology testing
33 services through the end of calendar year 1996. Pursuant to N.J.S.A.
34 52:17B-83, counties are required to reimburse the SME for all costs
35 incurred in conducting the county's death investigations and performing
36 all other functions of the county medical examiner. Prior to FY1997, the
37 State provided toxicology testing services at no expense to the counties.
38 However, State funding for toxicology testing was eliminated from the

1       FY1997 State budget. This appropriation will allow counties to obtain  
2       toxicology services until they are able to include funding for them in their  
3       own budgets.

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8       Supplemental appropriation of \$650,000 to the Department of Law and  
9       Public Safety for the State Medical Examiner.