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ASSEMBLY, No. 2605

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT renaming and expanding the scope of the Commission on  
2 Racism, Racial Violence and Religious Violence and amending and  
3 supplementing the title and body of P.L.1991, J.R.2.

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

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8 1. (New section) The Legislature finds and declares that because  
9 of a lack of social and economic opportunities for New Jersey's ethnic  
10 and racial minorities, the scope of the Commission on Racism, Racial  
11 Violence and Religious Violence should be expanded to include the  
12 study of, and the making of recommendations concerning, the status  
13 of these minorities and that the commission should be renamed the  
14 Commission on Racism, the Status of Minorities, and Racial Violence  
15 and Religious Violence to reflect this expanded scope.

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17 2. The title of P.L.1991, J.R.2 is amended to read as follows:  
18 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** establishing a commission to study and make  
19 recommendations concerning racism, the status of minorities, and  
20 racial violence and religious violence.

21 (cf: P.L.1991, J.R.2, Title)

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23 3. Section 1 of P.L.1991, J.R.2 (C.52:9DD-1) is amended to read  
24 as follows:

25 1. There is created a 21-member Commission on Racism, the  
26 Status of Minorities, and Racial Violence and Religious Violence to be  
27 appointed as follows: two shall be members of the Senate appointed  
28 by the President thereof, who shall not be of the same political party;  
29 two shall be members of the General Assembly appointed by the  
30 Speaker thereof, who shall not be of the same political party; the

**EXPLANATION** - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Assembly ACO committee amendments adopted May 5, 1997.

1 Attorney General or his designee; the Public Defender or his designee;  
2 and 15 public members to be appointed by the Governor. The public  
3 members shall be representative of the ethnic, racial and religious  
4 diversity of the State's population and shall include representatives  
5 from the following groups: the National Association for the  
6 Advancement of Colored People, the Puerto Rican Congress, the  
7 Anti-Defamation League of <sup>1</sup>[B'Nai B'Rith] B'nai B'rith <sup>1</sup>, the New  
8 Jersey Black Issues Convention, the New Jersey Chapter of the  
9 National Rainbow Coalition, [and] the American Civil Liberties Union  
10 and the Asian-American Political Coalition.

11 (cf: P.L.1994, c.58, s.55)

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13 4. Section 4 of P.L.1991, J.R.2 (C.52:9DD-4) is amended to read  
14 as follows:

15 4. The commission shall study the various problems of racism,  
16 racial violence and religious violence, shall determine the methods of  
17 preventing racially and religiously motivated violence, and shall  
18 annually make recommendations thereon to the Governor and to the  
19 Legislature.

20 The commission shall also study the status of New Jersey's ethnic  
21 and racial minorities in terms of their access to educational  
22 opportunities, health care, social services, housing and mortgage  
23 financing, employment opportunities, business financing, and fair  
24 treatment under the criminal justice system. The commission shall  
25 annually make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature  
26 regarding one or more of these issue-areas.

27 (cf: P.L.1991, J.R.2, s.4).

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29 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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34 Renames and expands scope of the Commission on Racism, Racial  
35 Violence and Religious Violence.