

ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2654

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 5, 1997

The Assembly Local Government Committee reports favorably
Assembly Bill No. 2654.

Assembly Bill No. 2654 is intended to 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.