

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE, No. 2105**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 17, 1997

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 2105.

Recently enacted P.L.1997, c.100 was aimed at preventing persons convicted of certain criminal offenses from being employed by home health care agencies, nurses' registries, employment agencies and certain facilities which employ persons to serve the elderly. SCS for S-2105 would replace the language providing for an employment ban with language providing that a person convicted of a criminal offense listed in P.L.1997, c.110 would be disqualified from certification as a nurse aide, personal care assistant or homemaker-home health aide. Under the provisions of SCS for S-2105, unless an applicant first passes a criminal background check, the Department of Health and Senior Services could not issue a nurse aide or personal care assistant certification and the Board of Nursing could not issue a homemaker-home health aide certification.