

ASSEMBLY AGING AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2973

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

The Assembly Aging and Senior Services Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2973.

As amended by the committee, the bill provides that within 180 days following the effective date of this act, the Department of Health shall develop and implement a mobile senior citizen assistance program from available funds. The program shall consist of the periodic deployment of staffed vehicles to locations at or near nursing homes and senior citizen centers, events, gatherings, and low-income senior housing and other residences and forms of senior housing in this State to provide general assistance to senior citizens which shall include, but shall not be limited to, assistance with: completing applications, correspondence, food services, health care services, Internet access and use, legal services, making appointments, tax services, transportation, and the use of computers and mobile devices.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments add a reference to low-income senior housing and other residences and forms of senior housing to the locations to be patrolled by mobile senior citizen assistance vehicles under the program.