

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2196

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 6, 2022

The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2196.

This bill would increase the maximum penalty for certain violations of P.L.1984, c.173 (C.34:5A-32 et seq.) (unofficially known as the "asbestos control and licensing act") from \$25,000 to \$100,000. The bill would allocate any moneys in excess of \$25,000 from a penalty assessed pursuant to P.L.1984, c.173 to either the Department of Labor and Workforce Development or the Department of Health, depending on which department assessed the penalty or was the subject of a violation, to fund asbestos programs in that department.

The bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1438, as also reported by the committee.