ASSEMBLY TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3165

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 2, 2021

The Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3165.

As reported, this bill clarifies current law by requiring certain applications to collocate wireless communications equipment on preexisting support structures be processed administratively and be approved by permit. Current law provides that an application to collocate wireless communications equipment on a preexisting wireless communications support structure is not be subject to site plan review if: 1) the support structure had been previously granted all necessary approvals, 2) the proposed collocation would not increase the support structure's height by more than ten percent or expand the width of any existing equipment structure beyond 2,500 square feet, and 3) the support structure will be substantially consistent with the terms and conditions of the underlying approvals.

This bill specifies that collocation applications are to be submitted to an administrative officer for review, and that an administrative officer may approve a collocation application by issuing a zoning permit. If an administrative officer determines that a collocation application does not meet the requirements of current law, the administrative officer is to deny the application for a zoning permit.