

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 2276

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 19, 2022

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2276.

As amended by the committee, this bill requires the Division of Travel and Tourism in the Department of State to develop and maintain an Internet website for historic sites and historic districts, including, but not limited to, the New Jersey program on historical and cultural roadside markers.

Under the bill, the division would develop and maintain an interactive website providing information on the historic sites or historic districts throughout the State. The bill requires the division to update the website whenever a site or district is added to the program or whenever a governmental entity establishes a new historic site or district.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments:

(1) require the Division of Travel and Tourism in the Department of State, in addition to consulting with the New Jersey Historical Commission when developing the website, to consult with the Department of Transportation, the Division of Parks and Forestry in the Department of Environmental Protection, the Historic Sites Council in the Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Historic Trust in the Department of Community Affairs, and any other State entity with a program for identifying historic sites or districts;

(2) clarify that the website would include historic sites and historic districts, including, but not limited to, the historical and cultural roadside markers program;

(3) specifies some of the various State entities that may provide updates and information to the division for inclusion in the website;

(4) defines a "historic district" to mean one or more historic sites and intervening or surrounding property significantly affecting

or affected by the quality and character of the historic site or sites;
and

(5) defines a “historic site” to mean any real property, man-made structure, natural object or configuration or any portion or group of the foregoing of historical, archeological, cultural, scenic, or architectural significance.