

2003-04 Executive Budget
30-DAY AMENDMENTS

**AMENDMENTS TO SENATE 1406, ASSEMBLY 2106
(Public Protection, General Government Article VII Bill)**

Part E, relating to fines for vehicle dimension and weight violations, is amended to:

- Strike out specific sections of the bill relating to the raising of fines for violations of vehicle dimension and weight restrictions as set forth in Vehicle and Traffic law. These specific sections conflict with sections contained in the Transportation, Economic Development, and Environmental Conservation Article VII Bill (Senate 1409, Assembly 2109).

PART N, relating to fee increases and assigned counsel rates, is amended to:

- Change the effective date from 180 days to 60 days for certain Judiciary fees including, civil court fees, new motion fees, attorney registration fee and the data processing criminal history search fee. The proposed change would increase the 2003-04 revenue estimates as follows: \$7,663,000 to the Indigent Legal Services Fund; \$7,660,000 to the Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund and \$7,660,000 to the General Fund.
- Change the Unified Court System's criminal history search fee from \$50 to \$43 and the amount being deposited into the indigent legal services fund from \$34 to \$27. These are technical corrections, there is no fiscal impact.
- Eliminate the phrase "for each county searched" in describing the criminal history search fee to reflect OCA's updated statewide search data base.

Part W, relating to motor vehicle insurance fees, is amended to:

- Add language directing localities to use local revenue generated by this legislation for local law enforcement efforts, including policing certain parkways in Westchester County.

Part CC, relating to various sweeps and transfers provisions, is amended to:

- Insert new sections 45 and 46 to authorize payments for variable rate bonds and interest rate exchange agreements for CUNY and Mental Health projects on a basis of other than semi-annually.
- Renumber sections 45 and 46 to be sections 47 and 48.

Part DD, relating to authorizing the securitization of the tobacco settlement payments, is amended to:

- Make minor technical and conforming changes.

Part EE, relating to authorizing comprehensive mandate relief initiatives for localities, is amended to:

- Eliminate amendments to Section 220 of Labor Law in regard to a change in the definition of the prevailing rate of wage.

- Add language to Section 54 of State Finance Law so that General Purpose Local Government Aid, which currently sunsets on March 31, 2004, continues in perpetuity.

Part FF, relating to employer pension contributions is added to:

- Require the State Comptroller to review various options to reform the process of determining employer pension contributions in an effort to address the current pension funding crisis facing local governments and the State.