ASSEMBLY COMMERCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5572

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 15, 2025

The Assembly Commerce, Economic Development and Agriculture Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 5572.

As amended, this bill updates current law by establishing that a quorum exists for the sole purpose of processing applications for licensure with majority of the members present at a meeting of a professional board, committee or other entity, overseen by the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety or other State agency. This includes a meeting with two members in attendance if one of those members is the chair of the entity. This quorum standard is applicable to applications that do not require legal review due to adverse information in any statutorily-required criminal history record background check and if after a 90-day period, the entity is: (1) unable to achieve a quorum due to vacancies in the membership of the entity; or (2) only able to achieve a quorum if every current member of the entity is present for each meeting.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments provide that two members including the chair of the entity, instead of the chair alone, would constitute a quorum for the sole purpose of processing certain applications for licensure.