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Primary Components:

Office of the Attorney General

The Department of Law and Public Safety (L&PS), under the direction of the Attorney General, is dedicated to making New Jersey safe and secure for all its residents. The Department's diverse and complex responsibilities focus on protecting the lives, property and rights of New Jersey's citizens.

Divisions under the Attorney General's supervision:

Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control

- Regulates and licenses sale and distribution of all alcoholic beverages within the state

Division of Consumer Affairs

- Administers the Consumer Fraud Act
- Supervises professional licensing boards (i.e., doctors, nurses, plumbers)
- Regulates sale of kosher foods, charities, boardwalk games and raffles

Division of Criminal Justice

- Detects criminal activities and prosecutes criminals
- Oversees and advises local police departments, county medical examiners' and prosecutors' offices

Division on Civil Rights

- Administers the "Law Against Discrimination," which guarantees equal opportunity in employment, housing and public places without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, marital status, sexual orientation or handicap

Division of Highway Traffic Safety

- Develops and grants funds for programs designed to reduce traffic-related crashes and deaths

Division of Law

- Provides legal advice and representation to the Governor, all state departments and more than 400 other government agencies

Division of Gaming Enforcement

- Reviews and audits casino operations and investigates and prosecutes violations of the Casino Control Act
- Investigates applicants seeking casino licenses, casino employment licenses and licences to do business with casinos

Racing Commission

- Regulates horse racing at the state's racetracks
- Regulates betting
- Supervises veterinary exams
- Conducts drug testing of racing participants and horses

State Athletic Control Board

- Protects the safety and well being of all participants and promotes public confidence and trust in the regulatory process and conduct of public boxing and other combatative sports

Division of State Police

- Initiates criminal investigations
- Provides forensic laboratory services to local police departments
- Enforces traffic laws
- Enforces boating laws and patrols waterways
- Conducts recruit training

Victims of Crime Compensation Office

- Provides compensation to victims of violent crime

Independent agencies administratively located within the Department:

Election Law Enforcement Commission

- Enforces the state's campaign laws

Juvenile Justice Commission

- Coordinates and provides grant funding for programs related to juvenile crime and prevention.
- Operates secure, residential and day programs for adjudicated youths
- Oversees juvenile parole and re-entry efforts