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**BURZICHELLI/DEANGELO BILL**  
**TIGHTENING RULES ON MAILED REBATES RELEASED BY**  
**ASSEMBLY PANEL**

*Measure Aims To Prevent Mailed Rebate Checks  
From Being Lost, Thrown Out Or Stolen*

(TRENTON) – Legislation Assemblymen John J. Burzichelli and Wayne P. DeAngelo are sponsoring to ensure consumers who are entitled to a manufacturer’s rebate actually receive their refund check was released today by an Assembly panel.

The bill (A-3008) would prohibit manufacturers, retailers or third-party rebate clearinghouses from mailing rebate checks to consumers, unless the refund is enclosed in a sealed envelope.

“Some rebate refunds or payments have been mailed to customers as little checks attached to post cards,” said Burzichelli (D-Gloucester). “Refunds and payments sent in this way could easily be lost or stolen, or even confused for junk mail. Requiring checks to be mailed in clearly marked and sealed envelopes will ensure that consumers don’t lose the opportunity to receive their rebate “

“Some manufacturers continue to mail-out rebate checks to consumers in extremely unsafe methods ways that open the system up to fraud and theft,” said DeAngelo (D-Mercer). “This is money that deserves to be in consumers’ pockets.”

The bill was released by the Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee by a vote of 3-0 with two abstentions. It now goes to the Assembly Speaker who decides if and when to post it for a floor vote.

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