

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3106

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**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman JAY WEBBER**

**District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes Lake Hopatcong Fund, dedicates \$500,000 annually from certain power vessel operator license fees to the fund, and appropriates \$500,000.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT establishing the Lake Hopatcong Fund, amending  
2 P.L.2000, c.175 and P.L.1995, c.401, and making an  
3 appropriation.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. Section 12 of P.L.2000, c.175 (C.58:4B-12) is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 12. a. The “Lake Hopatcong Fund” is established as a  
11 nonlapsing, revolving fund in the Department of the Treasury. The  
12 fund shall be administered by the Lake Hopatcong Commission,  
13 and shall be credited with monies received and dedicated to the  
14 fund pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1995, c.401 (C.12:7-73) and  
15 subsection b. of this section, and with any interest or other  
16 investment income earned on monies in the fund. Monies in the  
17 fund shall be used to carry out the purposes and objectives of  
18 P.L.2000, c.175 (C.58:4B-1 et seq.).

19 b. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule, or regulation to  
20 the contrary, any State or federal funds appropriated, allocated, or  
21 designated by law, rule, regulation, or otherwise for the protection,  
22 preservation, restoration, maintenance, management, or  
23 enhancement of Lake Hopatcong shall be [allocated to the Lake  
24 Hopatcong Commission] deposited in the “Lake Hopatcong Fund”  
25 for expenditure in furtherance of the purposes and objectives of  
26 [this act] P.L.2000, c.175. This section shall not apply to State or  
27 federal funds appropriated, allocated, or designated for Lake  
28 Hopatcong State Park.

29 (cf: P.L.2000, c.175, s.12)

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31 2. Section 13 of P.L.2000, c.175 (C.58:4B-13) is amended to  
32 read as follows:

33 13. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Lake  
34 Hopatcong Commission the sum of \$3,000,000 to pay for startup  
35 costs and to carry out the purposes and objectives of [this act]  
36 P.L.2000, c.175 (C.58:4B-1 et seq.) in the first year after the date of  
37 enactment of [this act] P.L.2000, c.175, and any unspent monies  
38 after that first year shall be carried forward for use by the  
39 commission in future years. Each year after the [first year] date of  
40 enactment of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this  
41 bill), the commission shall submit its annual budget request for  
42 funds dedicated to the Lake Hopatcong Fund pursuant to section 4  
43 of P.L.1995, c.401 (C.12:7-73) and sufficient to carry out the  
44 purposes and objectives of [this act] P.L.2000, c.175 as part of the  
45 annual budget request submitted by the Department of

**EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

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1 Environmental Protection to the Division of Budget and Accounting  
2 in the Department of the Treasury, which shall include it in the  
3 budget request submitted annually by the Governor for  
4 appropriation by the Legislature.

5 (cf: P.L.2000, c.175, s.13)

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7 3. Section 4 of P.L.1995, c.401 (C.12:7-73) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 4. a. The fee for a 48-month power vessel operator's license  
10 required pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1995, c.401 (C.12:7-72) shall  
11 be \$18 and shall be paid to the [director for deposit into the State  
12 General Fund] Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor  
13 Vehicle Commission. Of the revenue derived from the fees  
14 imposed by this subsection, beginning July 1 following the date of  
15 enactment of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this  
16 bill), the sum of \$500,000 shall be annually credited to and  
17 deposited in the "Lake Hopatcong Fund" established pursuant to  
18 section 12 of P.L.2000, c.175 (C.58:4B-12) and the remaining  
19 revenue shall be deposited into the General Fund.

20 b. Each New Jersey power vessel operator's license issued  
21 pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1995, c.401 (C.12:7-72) shall have a  
22 digitized color picture of the licensee. In addition to the fee  
23 required pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the fee for the  
24 digitized color picture shall be \$6 for each license or renewal.

25 (cf: P.L.2001, c.391, s.11)

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27 4. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of  
28 \$500,000 to the Lake Hopatcong Commission for the protection,  
29 preservation, restoration, maintenance, management and  
30 enhancement of Lake Hopatcong pursuant to P.L.2000, c.175  
31 (C.58:4B-1 et seq.), which amount shall be first charged to the  
32 revenue collected from the fees assessed pursuant to subsection a.  
33 of section 4 of P.L.1995, c.401 (C.12:7-73).

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35 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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40 This bill would establish the "Lake Hopatcong Fund" and  
41 dedicate to the fund \$500,000 annually from license fees required to  
42 operate power boats on nontidal waters. It also appropriates  
43 \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Lake Hopatcong Fund  
44 immediately to provide funding to the commission for this State  
45 fiscal year. The moneys would be used by the Lake Hopatcong  
46 Commission for the protection, preservation, restoration,  
47 maintenance, management and enhancement of the lake pursuant to  
48 P.L.2000, c.175 (C.58:4B-1 et seq.).