

ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT AND SOLID WASTE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3048

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3048, with committee amendments.

This bill, as amended, requires regional, county and municipal sewerage authorities created pursuant to the "sewerage authorities law," P.L.1946, c.138 (C.40:14A-1 et seq.) and regional, county and municipal utility authorities created pursuant to the "municipal and county utilities authorities law," P.L.1957, c.183 (C.40:14B-1 et seq.) to waive the connection fee or tapping fee assessed for new connections to the sewer system or water system, or both, whenever the unit has been damaged by a catastrophic event during construction or refurbishing of the unit. For units previously connected to an authority's system that were refurbished and for which a connection or tapping fee was previously paid, the bill, as amended, requires the authority to waive the connection fee or tapping fee to be assessed for connection with the sewerage system or the water system, or both, whenever the unit has been damaged by a catastrophic event during the construction or refurbishing of the unit.

"Catastrophic event" is defined in the bill as a fire or any declared national, State or municipal emergency or a flood or other natural disaster or event which substantially affects or damages a building or structure.

The committee amendments made clarifying and technical amendments to the bill.