

P.L. 2005, CHAPTER 285, *approved January 9, 2006*  
Senate, No. 466 (*Second Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** concerning the New Jersey Statewide Water Supply Plan, and  
2 amending and supplementing P.L.1981, c.262, 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 13 of P.L.1981, c.262 (C.58:1A-13) is amended to read  
9 as follows:

10 13. a. The department shall prepare and adopt the New Jersey  
11 Statewide Water Supply Plan, which plan shall be revised and updated  
12 at least once every five years.

13 b. The plan shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

14 (1) An identification of existing Statewide and regional ground and  
15 surface water supply sources, both interstate and intrastate, and the  
16 current usage thereof;

17 (2) Projections of Statewide and regional water supply demands  
18 for the duration of the plan;

19 (3) Recommendations for improvements to existing State water  
20 supply facilities, the construction of additional State water supply  
21 facilities, and for the interconnection or consolidation of existing water  
22 supply systems, both interstate and intrastate;

23 (4) Recommendations for the diversion or use of fresh surface or  
24 ground waters and saline surface or ground waters for aquaculture  
25 purposes;

26 (5) Recommendations for legislative and administrative actions to  
27 provide for the maintenance and protection of watershed areas;  
28 <sup>1</sup>[and]<sup>1</sup>

29 (6) Identification of lands purchased by the State for water supply  
30 facilities that currently are not actively used for water supply purposes,  
31 including, but not limited to, the Six Mile Run Reservoir Site, with  
32 recommendations as to the future use of these lands for water supply  
33 purposes within or outside of the planning horizon for the plan<sup>1</sup>; and

34 (7)<sup>1</sup> Recommendations for administrative actions to ensure the  
35 protection of ground and surface water quality and water supply  
36 sources.

37 c. Prior to adopting the plan, including any revisions and updates  
38 thereto, the department shall:

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

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Senate SEN committee amendments adopted February 24, 2004.

<sup>2</sup> Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted January 5, 2006.

1 (1) Prepare and make available to all interested persons a copy of  
2 the proposed plan or proposed revisions and updates to the current  
3 plan;

4 (2) Conduct public meetings in the several geographic areas of the  
5 State on the proposed plan or proposed revisions and updates to the  
6 current plan; and

7 (3) Consider the comments made at these meetings, make any  
8 revisions to the proposed plan or proposed revisions and updates to  
9 the current plan as it deems necessary, and adopt the plan.

10 (cf: P.L.2003, c.251, s.2)

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12 2. (New section) a. The department shall prepare and adopt  
13 appropriate revisions and updates to the current New Jersey Statewide  
14 Water Supply Plan <sup>1</sup>[within 180 days of the effective date of P.L. , c.  
15 (pending in the Legislature as this bill)] no later than December 31,  
16 <sup>2</sup>[2005<sup>1</sup>] 2006<sup>2</sup> pursuant to the provisions of section 13 of P.L.1981,  
17 c.262 (C.58:1A-13).

18 b. In its preparation of proposed revisions and updates to the  
19 current plan, the department shall consult with the New Jersey Water  
20 Supply Authority established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1981, c.293  
21 (C.58:1B-4) and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust  
22 created pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-4), as  
23 appropriate, as well as with the public and private water purveyors.  
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25 3. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental  
26 Protection from the "Water Supply Fund" created pursuant to the  
27 "Water Supply Bond Act of 1981," P.L.1981, c.261, as amended by  
28 P.L.1983, c.355 and P.L.1997, c.223, the sum of <sup>1</sup>[\$1,500,000]  
29 \$2,500,000<sup>1</sup> to revise and update the New Jersey Statewide Water  
30 Supply Plan as provided in section 2 of P.L. , c. (pending in the  
31 Legislature as this bill).  
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33 4. The expenditure of the sum appropriated to the Department of  
34 Environmental Protection pursuant to section 3 of P.L. , c.  
35 (pending in the Legislature as this bill) is subject to the provisions and  
36 conditions of P.L.1981, c.261, as amended by P.L.1983, c.355 and  
37 P.L.1997, c.223, and any regulations adopted by the Commissioner of  
38 Environmental Protection pursuant thereto.  
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40 5. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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46 Requires scheduled revisions to New Jersey Statewide Water Supply  
Plan; appropriates \$2.5 million from "Water Supply Fund" therefor.