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SYNOPSIS

Dedicates \$500,000 annually in revenues from vessel registration and renewal fees to NJ Greenwood Lake Fund.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT dedicating revenues from vessel registration and renewal
2 fees to the New Jersey Greenwood Lake Fund, and
3 supplementing P.L.1999, c.402 (C.32:20A-1 et seq.), and
4 amending P.L.1962, c.73.

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

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9 1. (New section) The Legislature finds and declares that:

10 a. Greenwood Lake is an interstate lake approximately nine
11 miles long, straddling the border of New York and New Jersey. It is
12 located in West Milford, New Jersey (in Passaic County) and
13 Greenwood Lake, New York (in Orange County).

14 b. Greenwood Lake feeds North Jersey's major source of
15 drinking water, the Monksville and Wanaque Reservoir, and
16 supplies drinking water to 3.5 million residents and thousands of
17 businesses on a daily basis.

18 c. Greenwood Lake is a popular destination for outdoor
19 activities, such as fishing, water skiing, jet skiing, canoeing,
20 kayaking, swimming, boating, and other water activities, and hiking
21 in the surrounding parks.

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23 2. (New section) a. The "New Jersey Greenwood Lake
24 Fund" is established as a nonlapsing, revolving fund in the
25 Department of Environmental Protection. The fund shall be
26 administered by the department, and shall be annually credited with
27 \$500,000 from moneys received and dedicated to the fund pursuant
28 to section 12 of P.L.1962, c.73 (C.12:7-34.47), and with any
29 interest or other investment income earned on moneys in the fund.
30 Moneys in the fund shall be used solely for the protection,
31 preservation, maintenance, management, or enhancement of the
32 New Jersey side of Greenwood Lake.

33 b. Moneys appropriated to the fund pursuant to section 12 of
34 P.L.1962, c.73 (C.12:7-34.47) may be utilized without matching
35 funds from substantially similar legislation by the State of New
36 York if used solely for the protection, preservation, maintenance,
37 management, or enhancement of the New Jersey side of Greenwood
38 Lake.

39 c. When joint funding is required by the Greenwood Lake
40 Commission, pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1999, c.402 (C.32:20A-3
41 et seq.), the State of New York is not required to provide moneys
42 from a similar source as the State of New Jersey.

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44 3. Section 12 of P.L.1962, c.73 (C.12:7-34.47) is amended to
45 read as follows:

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.

1 12. The fees for the initial numbering of all vessels and for each
2 renewal of the certificate of number issued thereto, unless otherwise
3 provided by law, shall be:

4 (a) For all vessels less than 16 feet, \$12 per year; 16 feet or
5 more but less than 26 feet, \$28 per year; 26 feet or more but less
6 than 40 feet, \$52 per year; 40 feet or more but less than 65 feet, \$80
7 per year; 65 feet or more, \$250 per year. The revenue derived from
8 the increase, pursuant to the amendatory provisions of section 12 of
9 P.L.2002, c.34, in the amount of the fees imposed under this
10 subsection shall be deposited into the "Maritime Industry Fund"
11 established pursuant to section 8 of P.L.2001, c.429 (C.27:1A-82),
12 as follows: in fiscal year 2003, 50% of the revenue derived from
13 the increase in fees, in fiscal year 2004, 75% of the revenue derived
14 from the increase in fees; and in fiscal year 2005 and thereafter,
15 100% of the revenue derived from the increase in fees.

16 (b) (Deleted by amendment.)

17 (c) Special numbers including up to three duplicates thereof and
18 up to four sets of temporary numbers bearing a number
19 corresponding to the special number, shall be assigned to boat
20 dealers and manufacturers, as provided for under rules and
21 regulations to be promulgated by the division, and such numbers
22 shall be displayed temporarily upon boats being tested,
23 demonstrated, photographed or transported, said display to be as
24 prescribed in the rules and regulations aforementioned.

25 For each such special number so assigned the fee shall be \$75 for
26 one year.

27 (d) A fee shall not be charged for the numbering of any marine
28 equipment operated and maintained by the State of New Jersey; a
29 county; a municipality; a volunteer first aid, rescue, or emergency
30 squad; a search and rescue unit established within a fire district
31 created pursuant to N.J.S.40A:14-70; or a volunteer fire company
32 created pursuant to N.J.S.40A:14-70.1. This subsection shall apply
33 only to marine equipment which is used exclusively in the
34 performance of the prescribed duties of the governmental entities
35 and organizations described above.

36 (e) A sum of \$500,000 from fees collected pursuant to this
37 section shall be annually credited to and deposited in the "New
38 Jersey Greenwood Lake Fund" established pursuant to P.L. , c.
39 (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), which supports
40 the "Maritime Industry Fund" purpose, which is to provide for
41 projects that support New Jersey's maritime industry.

42 (cf: P.L.2002, c.34, s.12)

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44 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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STATEMENT

This bill would establish the “New Jersey Greenwood Lake Fund” as a nonlapsing, revolving fund in the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The fund would be administered by the DEP, and credited annually with \$500,000 in revenue from the New Jersey vessel registration and renewal fees from the “Maritime Industry Fund.” The moneys would be used by the Greenwood Lake Commission for the protection, preservation, restoration, maintenance, management, and enhancement of the lake.

Under the bill, moneys in the fund could be used without matching funds from the State of New York if the moneys are used solely for the protection, preservation, maintenance, management, or enhancement of the New Jersey side of Greenwood Lake. In addition, when joint funding is required by the Greenwood Lake Commission, the State of New York would not be required to provide moneys from a similar source as the State of New Jersey.