

ASSEMBLY, No. 1391

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblyman ZISA and Assemblywoman WEINBERG

1 AN ACT designating steam locomotive #385 as the New Jersey State
2 steam locomotive.

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

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7 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

8 a. Steam locomotive #385 was built by the Baldwin Works of
9 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in November 1907 and was designed for
10 fast freight service.

11 b. The locomotive weighs 93 tons and the tender weighs 31 tons.

12 c. After many years of service on the Southern Railway, the engine
13 was purchased in 1964 and moved to New Jersey for use on the
14 Morris County Central Railroad.

15 d. Steam locomotive #385 continued in service on the line until the
16 early 1980s when it was retired in need of heavy repairs and was
17 subsequently donated to Bergen County Technical High School.

18 e. The steam locomotive is currently being rebuilt by the staff and
19 students of the school, with most of the mechanical work being
20 performed by engineering students as an educational exercise in
21 accordance with standard school policies and directives.

22 f. In order to recognize the educational benefits provided by this
23 project and acknowledge the importance of the locomotive in the
24 history of transportation in this State, it is fitting and proper to
25 designate steam locomotive #385 as the New Jersey State steam
26 locomotive.

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28 2. Steam locomotive #385 is designated as the New Jersey State
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31 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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