

ASSEMBLY, No. 1542

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen KAVANAUGH and BATEMAN

1 AN ACT concerning expenditures from the New Jersey Transportation
2 Trust Fund.

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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. From funds authorized by the Legislature to be appropriated
8 from the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority for the FY
9 1996 transportation capital construction program, the Commissioner
10 of Transportation shall allocate and transfer \$1,282,500 from a part or
11 all of any item or items to a new item for the improvement of the
12 Bridge Street bridge over the Trenton Line in the Borough of
13 Manville, Somerset County.

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15 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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20 This bill directs the Commissioner of Transportation to allocate and
21 transfer \$1,282,500 from an existing item or items in the FY 1996
22 Transportation Trust Fund capital construction program to a new item
23 for the improvement of the Bridge Street bridge in the Borough of
24 Manville, Somerset County.

25 The Bridge Street bridge, an "orphan" bridge that carries traffic
26 over the Trenton rail line, provides the only access to the Lost Valley
27 Section of the borough for vehicles that are larger than a pickup truck.
28 Currently, however, this bridge has a posted weight limit of 19 tons.
29 As a result, access to Lost Valley by larger vehicles, including
30 emergency vehicles, is limited. Furthermore, according to the
31 Department of Public Works in Somerset County, the most recent
32 bridge inspection report, dated November 16, 1992, indicates that the
33 overall condition of the bridge was rated as critical due to the low
34 inventory ratings, i.e., the condition rating of the substructure and the
35 superstructure have both been downgraded to poor.

36 Because it is important that this bridge continue to be able to
37 provide access to a part of Manville, and because the bridge is

1 considered to be an "orphan" bridge, the State should provide
2 \$1,282,500, which is 90 percent of the project costs; the remaining ten
3 percent, \$142,500, would be the local share of project costs. This is
4 the same funding relationship provided under the New Jersey Bridge
5 Rehabilitation and Improvement and Railroad Right-of-way
6 Preservation Bond Act of 1989. However, since all of those bond
7 funds have been appropriated, financial support can now best be
8 provided by the Transportation Trust Fund.

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13 Directs DOT Commissioner to allocate \$1,282,500 in Transportation
14 Trust Fund monies to improve Bridge Street bridge in Manville,
15 Somerset County.