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1 AN ACT creating the New Jersey State House Golden Dome Task  
2 Force and the Golden Dome Restoration Fund, and supplementing  
3 Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. The Legislature finds and declares that:

9 a. The dome and cupola of the New Jersey State House are of  
10 singular historic and public significance as the proud and enduring  
11 symbol of State government and the city of Trenton;

12 b. These structures have stood for over a century as a source of  
13 civic pride and the crowning glory of the State House and the city of  
14 Trenton, imparting a necessary grandeur to the State House and the  
15 Trenton skyline;

16 c. The dome and cupola are in an alarming state of disrepair, and  
17 repairs are vitally needed to keep the dome from further degeneration  
18 and to restore the dome to its original state;

19 d. These repairs can be best financed through the joint efforts of  
20 State government and the private sector to raise funds necessary to  
21 restore the dome to a state of grandeur befitting the State and its  
22 capital city, equal in beauty to the best State capitols in the country.

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24 2. There is established in the Department of the Treasury the New  
25 Jersey State House Golden Dome Task Force. The task force shall  
26 consist of eleven members to be appointed as follows: two members

1 of the executive branch of State government to be appointed by and  
2 serve at the pleasure of the Governor; four members of the legislative  
3 branch of State government who may either be legislators or their  
4 employees, two of whom shall be appointed by the President of the  
5 Senate and who shall each be of different political parties, and two of  
6 whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and  
7 who shall each be of different political parties; the chairman of the  
8 State Capitol Joint Management Commission, or his designee, ex  
9 officio; the executive director of the Capital City Redevelopment  
10 Corporation, or his designee, ex officio; the mayor of the city of  
11 Trenton or his designee, ex officio; and two public members  
12 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.  
13 The two public members appointed by the Governor shall be from  
14 different political parties, shall be residents of this State and shall have  
15 knowledge and expertise in the area of fund-raising. The chair of the  
16 task force shall be elected by and from among the members. The  
17 members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for  
18 necessary expenses actually incurred in the performance of their  
19 duties. Any vacancy in the membership of the task force shall be  
20 filled in the same manner as the original appointments are made.

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22 3. The task force shall initiate fund-raising measures and receive  
23 monetary donations for the repair and renovation of the State House  
24 dome and cupola. Any moneys received for these purposes by the task  
25 force shall be deposited in the fund created under section 4 of this act.  
26 Any appropriations made by the Legislature or unused proceeds from  
27 bond issues for the renovation of the State capitol complex may be  
28 allocated for the repair and renovation of the State House dome and  
29 cupola and shall be deposited in the fund. Not later than one year  
30 after the effective date of this act, the task force shall provide an  
31 accounting of its fund-raising efforts to the Legislature and the  
32 Governor.

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34 4. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a fund to  
35 be known as the Golden Dome Restoration Fund. The fund shall be  
36 credited with any moneys received by the New Jersey State House  
37 Golden Dome Task Force as donations under section 3 of this act, and  
38 any moneys as may thereafter be donated by members of the public or  
39 appropriated to the fund by law. All interest on moneys in the fund  
40 shall be credited to the fund. The moneys in the fund shall be  
41 administered by the State Treasurer, to be held thereby in the fund  
42 until appropriated by law. Not later than one year after the effective  
43 date of this act, and periodically thereafter, the State Treasurer shall  
44 certify to the Legislature the total amount of moneys in the fund.

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46 5. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire one year

1 after the effective date hereof; except for section 4 hereof, which shall  
2 remain in effect.

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STATEMENT

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7 This bill creates the New Jersey State House Golden Dome Task  
8 Force and the Golden Dome Restoration Fund. The purpose of the  
9 task force is to raise money and accept donations and other funds from  
10 the public and private sectors to pay for repairs and renovations  
11 necessary to restore the State House dome and cupola. Monies raised  
12 by the committee will be deposited in the fund, which will be  
13 administered by the State Treasurer. The membership of the task  
14 force includes representatives of the executive and legislative branches  
15 of State government, the State Capitol Joint Management  
16 Commission, the Capitol City Redevelopment Corporation, the Mayor  
17 of Trenton, and two public members.

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23 Creates the New Jersey State House Golden Dome Task Force to raise  
public and private funds for the restoration of the State House dome.