

[Passed Both Houses]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2461

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 7, 1996

**By Assemblywoman BARK, Assemblyman GIBSON and
Senator Matheussen**

1 AN ACT appropriating \$750,000 from the "Green Acres, Clean Water,
2 Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992," P.L.1992,
3 c.88, for soil and water conservation projects, and appropriating
4 \$5,000,000 from the "Green Acres, Farmland and Historic
5 Preservation, and Blue Acres Bond Act of 1995," P.L.1995, c.204,
6 for the acquisition of fee simple titles to farmland.

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8 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
9 of New Jersey:

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11 1. There is appropriated from the "1992 Farmland Preservation
12 Fund," established pursuant to section 24 of the "Green Acres, Clean
13 Water, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992,"
14 P.L.1992, c.88, to the State Agriculture Development Committee the
15 sum of \$750,000 for the purpose of providing grants to landowners for
16 up to 50% of the cost of soil and water conservation projects
17 approved as eligible for such funding.

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19 2. There is appropriated from the "1995 Farmland Preservation
20 Fund," established pursuant to section 25 of the "Green Acres,
21 Farmland and Historic Preservation, and Blue Acres Bond Act of
22 1995," P.L.1995, c.204, to the State Agriculture Development
23 Committee the sum of \$5,000,000 for the purpose of providing for the
24 cost of acquisition of fee simple titles to farmland.

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26 3. The expenditure of the sums appropriated by this act is subject
27 to the provisions and conditions of P.L.1992, c.88 or P.L.1995,
28 c.204, as appropriate.

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30 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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3 This bill would appropriate \$750,000 from the "Green Acres, Clean
4 Water, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992,"
5 P.L.1992, c.88, to provide grants to qualifying farmland owners for up
6 to 50% of the cost of soil and water conservation projects. The bill
7 would also appropriate \$5 million from the "Green Acres, Farmland
8 and Historic Preservation, and Blue Acres Bond Act of 1995,"
9 P.L.1995, c.204, for the acquisition of fee simple titles to farmland,
10 which shall be offered for resale with agricultural deed restrictions.
11 With respect to soil and water conservation grants and fee simple
12 acquisitions of farmland, neither the 1992 bond act nor the 1995 bond
13 act requires identification of the particular projects to be funded by the
14 appropriation bill; thus, the State Agriculture Development Committee
15 would make the decisions with regard to which particular projects are
16 to be funded with the monies appropriated by this bill.

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21 Appropriates \$750,000 in farmland preservation bond monies for soil
22 and water conservation projects and appropriates \$5 million in
23 farmland preservation bond monies for fee simple farmland purchases.