

ASSEMBLY, No. 2633

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman BODINE and Assemblywoman BARK

1 AN ACT appropriating \$15,000,000 from the "Port of New Jersey  
2 Revitalization, Dredging, Environmental Cleanup, Lake  
3 Restoration, and Delaware Bay Area Economic Development Bond  
4 Act of 1996," P.L.1996, c.70, for financing an economic  
5 development site in the Delaware River and Bay Region.

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

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10 1. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental  
11 Protection from the "1996 Economic Development Site Fund,"  
12 established pursuant to section 20 of the "Port of New Jersey  
13 Revitalization, Dredging, Environmental Cleanup, Lake Restoration,  
14 and Delaware Bay Area Economic Development Bond Act of 1996,"  
15 P.L.1996, c.70, the sum of \$15,000,000 for the purpose of providing  
16 funds to the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders, or any  
17 governmental entity designated by that body, to finance the cost of  
18 acquiring real property or interests therein upon which the proposed  
19 New Jersey Food Distribution Center would be constructed. These  
20 funds may also be used to finance the cost of site improvements on the  
21 real property or interests therein to be purchased under this act.

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23 2. Any transfer of any funds appropriated by this act shall require  
24 the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its  
25 successor.

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27 3. The expenditure of the funds appropriated by this act is subject  
28 to the provisions and conditions of P.L.1996, c.70 and any regulations  
29 adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant  
30 thereto.

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32 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

## STATEMENT

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3 This bill appropriates \$15,000,000 from the \$20,000,000 allocation  
4 of bonds authorized for the "1996 Economic Development Site Fund"  
5 under the "Port of New Jersey Revitalization, Dredging,  
6 Environmental Cleanup, Lake Restoration, and Delaware Bay Area  
7 Economic Development Bond Act of 1996." This sum would be  
8 provided to the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders, or  
9 any other governmental entity designated by that body, to acquire up  
10 to 660 acres of real property or interests therein upon which the  
11 proposed New Jersey Food Distribution Center would be built. The  
12 proposed site for this facility is located in Florence and Burlington  
13 townships, Burlington County, between the line formed by the  
14 Delaware River on the west, the New Jersey Turnpike on the north,  
15 U.S. Highway Route 130 on the east and southeast, and Dulty's Lane  
16 on the south.

17 The New Jersey Food Distribution Center was first proposed by the  
18 Legislature pursuant to P.L.1985, c.383 (C.4:26-1 et seq), which  
19 created and directed the New Jersey Food Distribution Authority to  
20 conduct studies to determine the feasibility of constructing and  
21 operating a major food processing and distribution center in the  
22 southern area of New Jersey. Based on a 1989 study that  
23 recommended the construction of such a facility, plus an updated  
24 report on this study (completed in 1993) that proposed a specific site  
25 for the facility, P.L.1993, c.68 was enacted to authorize the location  
26 of the facility pursuant to the study's site proposal. It is this site that  
27 would be purchased with the bond monies appropriated under this bill.

28 Once the designated land is purchased and made suitable for  
29 construction, the New Jersey Food Distribution Center is expected to  
30 be built in incremental phases and financed mostly by food processors  
31 and related businesses as the need arises.

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36 Appropriates \$15,000,000 from the "1996 Economic Development  
37 Site Fund" for the proposed New Jersey Food Distribution Center in  
38 Burlington County.