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ASSEMBLY, No. 2886

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT concerning expenditures from the revenues and other funds  
2 of the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority.

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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. <sup>1</sup>a.<sup>1</sup> From funds authorized by the Legislature to be appropriated  
8 from the revenues and other funds of the New Jersey Transportation  
9 Trust Fund Authority for the Fiscal Year <sup>1</sup>[1997] 1998<sup>1</sup> transportation  
10 capital construction program, the Commissioner of Transportation  
11 shall allocate and transfer <sup>1</sup>[\$15,000,000] \$5,000,000<sup>1</sup> from a part or  
12 all of any item or items to a new item for the rehabilitation of certain  
13 State-owned buses <sup>1</sup>[, manufactured by Motor Coach Industries,]<sup>1</sup>  
14 which have been allocated for private carrier <sup>1</sup>regular route<sup>1</sup> service  
15 use and which buses have been in operation for at least <sup>1</sup>[12] 10<sup>1</sup>  
16 years.

17 <sup>1</sup>b. The commissioner shall include in the list of proposed projects  
18 for Fiscal Year 1999 and Fiscal Year 2000 required to be submitted to  
19 the Legislature pursuant to section 22 of P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-22)  
20 a request for funding in the amount of \$5,000,000 in each of those  
21 fiscal years for the rehabilitation of certain State-owned buses eligible  
22 to receive rehabilitation monies pursuant to subsection a. of this  
23 section.<sup>1</sup>

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25 2. a. The rehabilitation of buses <sup>1</sup>[required] authorized<sup>1</sup> by section  
26 1 of this act shall include, but not be limited to, engine and  
27 transmission replacement; passenger and driver seat replacement <sup>1</sup>or  
28 reupholstery<sup>1</sup>; either replacement or rehabilitation of existing air  
29 conditioning systems and components, or both, which are consistent  
30 with all rules and regulations issued by the United States

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted December 11, 1997.

1 Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey Department of  
2 Environmental Protection; rehabilitation of heating components,  
3 radiator and cooling systems, and related items; <sup>1</sup>replacement or  
4 rehabilitation of emission control systems;<sup>1</sup> and either the structural  
5 repair or replacement of bus subsection units, or both, as necessary.

6 b. <sup>1</sup>[The rehabilitation of buses required by this act shall be  
7 completed within 12 months of the effective date of this act.

8 c. The Commissioner of Transportation shall allocate funds in an  
9 equitable manner to all private carriers affected by this act to insure  
10 the effectuation of the purpose of this act.] The New Jersey Transit  
11 Corporation shall oversee the rehabilitation of buses authorized by  
12 section 1 of this act. The State-owned vehicles allocated to private  
13 carriers eligible for rehabilitation funds appropriated pursuant to this  
14 act are MCI 9A coaches, MCI 9B coaches and Flexible NY Rehab  
15 coaches. Each of the private carriers assigned these coaches shall  
16 apply to New Jersey Transit for approval of rehabilitation items listed  
17 in subsection a. of this section for each coach. New Jersey Transit and  
18 the private carrier shall conduct a joint inspection of each coach to be  
19 rehabilitated to determine what repairs are necessary and eligible for  
20 funding pursuant to this act. Factors to be considered in determining  
21 eligible repairs shall include: the length of time the vehicle will remain  
22 in service; compliance with all State and federal safety regulations; and  
23 the comfort and convenience of riders.

24 Upon approval of a rehabilitation plan for each bus, New Jersey  
25 Transit shall authorize the performance of the work. The work may  
26 be performed by the private carrier, by New Jersey Transit, or by a  
27 vendor. New Jersey Transit and the private carrier shall jointly  
28 determine who shall perform the work on the basis of cost and the  
29 demonstrated capabilities of the vendor or the carrier who has been  
30 proposed to make the repairs. All repairs shall be reviewed and  
31 approved by New Jersey Transit. New Jersey Transit shall promptly  
32 reimburse all carriers or vendors for work performed. Work and  
33 funding priority among private carriers shall be made on an equitable  
34 basis, taking into account each carrier's percentage of eligible  
35 equipment and age of buses as determined by the corporation.<sup>1</sup>

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37 <sup>1</sup>3. The New Jersey Transit Corporation shall perform an audit, or  
38 cause an audit to be performed, of the rehabilitation expenditures  
39 authorized by this act. A copy of the audit report shall be transmitted  
40 to the Commissioner of Transportation, the President of the Senate,  
41 the Speaker of the General Assembly, the Chairman of the Senate  
42 Transportation Committee and the Chairman of the Assembly  
43 Transportation and Communications Committee. The expenses of the  
44 audit shall be defrayed from the \$5,000,000 transferred pursuant to  
45 section 1 of this act.<sup>1</sup>

1       <sup>1</sup>[3.] 4.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately.

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6       Directs DOT commissioner to allocate \$15 million in Transportation  
7       Trust Fund monies to rehabilitate certain State-owned but privately  
8       operated buses.