

ASSEMBLY, No. 2934

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman CORODEMUS

1 A SUPPLEMENT to "An Act making appropriations for the support of
2 the State Government and the several public purposes for the fiscal
3 year ending June 30, 1997 and regulating the disbursement
4 thereof," approved June 28, 1996 (P.L.1996, c.42).

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

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9 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.1996, c.42,
10 there is appropriated out of the General Fund the following sum for
11 the purpose specified:

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13 GRANTS-IN-AID

14 46 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

15 22 Health Planning and Evaluation -- Grants-In-Aid

16 06 Health Facilities Evaluation

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18 06-4260 Health Facilities Evaluation..... \$95,000
19 The Avon-Neptune Shore Water Emergency Response..... (\$95,000)

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21 2. The funds hereinabove appropriated shall be distributed by the
22 Commissioner upon the submission and approval of an expenditure plan
23 by the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea and the Township of Neptune
24 Offices of Emergency Management.

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27 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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30 STATEMENT

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32 This bills appropriates \$95,000 to the Department of Health and
33 Senior Services for a grant to a joint Avon-Neptune emergency response
34 program intended to better protect the public when using Monmouth
35 County shore waters. It follows the scaling back of the Shark River
36 station of the United States Coast Guard due to a redistribution of federal
37 resources and personnel.

1 These municipalities are developing an inter-municipal rapid response
2 team of approximately 60 members, which includes lifeguards, divers,
3 boat rescue personnel, emergency medical service workers, police, fire,
4 security, traffic command staff, critical incident, stress management
5 personnel and other volunteers, all of whom work together to provide a
6 rapid, organized response to water-related emergencies. This team effort
7 is eliminating the duplication of services, territorial boundaries and delays
8 caused by an ineffective initial response.

9 While the team is now geared to respond to emergencies on the
10 waterfront in the Avon-Neptune region and on the Shark River and its
11 inlet, the team's responsibilities may be expanded to include the waters of
12 Bradley Beach, Asbury Park and Belmar. Emergency workers from this
13 budding rescue team were honored in 1996 with the first Community
14 Volunteerism Award from the Governor's Office on Volunteerism and
15 the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

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20 Supplemental appropriation of \$95,000 to DHSS for grant to Avon-
21 Neptune emergency service.