

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 101

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen CORODEMUS and ASSELTA

1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION urging the Congress and the President of the
2 United States to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act.

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4 WHEREAS, In 1972, the United States Congress enacted the Coastal Zone
5 Management Act (CZMA), which encourages coastal states to develop
6 coastal management programs; and

7 WHEREAS, New Jersey was federally approved in 1980 to participate in all
8 aspects of this program, which annually provides approximately \$2.5
9 million in federal funds to support various coastal programs, which in the
10 last year included \$1.8 million for the administration of coastal permitting
11 and permit enforcement programs, \$250,000 for coastal water sampling
12 to monitor nonpoint source pollution, and \$230,000 for Rutgers University
13 to update the New Jersey Shore Protection Master Plan; and

14 WHEREAS, The coastal economy generates over \$10 billion in tourism
15 spending annually, is dependent on the maintenance of a healthy coastal
16 environment, and has benefited greatly from the implementation of this
17 federal program in New Jersey; and

18 WHEREAS, The CZMA allows states to actively participate in the regulation
19 of offshore waters, even those under federal jurisdiction, and as such has
20 permitted New Jersey to challenge a proposed hazardous waste
21 incineration facility off Cape May, offshore oil drilling and the shipment of
22 radioactive materials off the coast; and

23 WHEREAS, The CZMA was last reauthorized in 1990 and requires
24 reauthorization every five years, and failure to reauthorize the CZMA
25 would result in a loss of federal funding for such important upcoming State
26 initiatives as coastal erosion studies along the entire shore, the Barnegat
27 Bay Estuary Program and the Mullica River National Estuarine Research
28 Reserve Program, as well as the ongoing activities noted above; now,
29 therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

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33 1. The General Assembly of the State of New Jersey hereby urges

1 the Congress and the President of the United States to reauthorize the Coastal
2 Zone Management Act.

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4 2. A duly authorized copy of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the
5 General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to
6 the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

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STATEMENT

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11 This resolution urges the Congress and the President of the United States
12 to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act. This federal act annually
13 provides approximately \$2.5 million to support various State administered
14 coastal programs, including the coastal permitting and permit enforcement
15 programs, nonpoint source pollution and the update of the New Jersey Shore
16 Protection Master Plan.

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