

SENATE, No. 408

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator BRYANT

1 AN ACT concerning the regulation of riparian lands and supplementing
2 chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. The Tidelands Resource Council shall approve any
8 application for a riparian grant, lease or conveyance whenever the
9 proposed activity:

10 (1) promotes economic development in a municipality which has
11 been designated, at least in part, an urban enterprise zone pursuant to
12 section 7 of P.L.1983, c.303 (C.52:27H-66);

13 (2) has a demonstrable public benefit; and

14 (3) is located in a city that:

15 (a) has a population greater than 85,000 and less than 90,000;
16 and

17 (b) is located in a county of the second class with a population
18 greater than 500,000 but less than 510,000.

19 b. The council shall not disapprove an application for a grant, lease
20 or conveyance of riparian land pursuant to subsection a. of this section
21 unless there is compelling evidence that substantial environmental
22 harm would result from the approval of the application.

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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29 This bill would require the Tidelands Resource Council to approve
30 any application for a riparian grant, lease or conveyance where the
31 proposed activity promotes economic development in a municipality
32 which has been designated, at least in part, an urban enterprise zone
33 pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1983, c.303 (C.52:27H-66), has a
34 demonstrable public benefit, is located in a city that has a population
35 greater than 85,000 and less than 90,000, and is located in a county of
36 the second class with a population greater than 500,000 but less than

1 510,000. The bill would also prohibit the council from disapproving
2 such applications unless there is compelling evidence that substantial
3 environmental harm would result from the approval of the application.

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8 Requires Tidelands Resource Council to approve certain applications
9 for riparian land use.