

SENATE, No. 476

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators CONNORS, PALAIA and Ciesla

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, 1996 and regulating the disbursement
4 thereof," approved June 30, 1995 (P.L.1995, c.164).

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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.1995, c.164,
10 there is appropriated out of the General Fund the following sum for
11 the purpose specified:

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13 STATE AID
14 42 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
15 40 Community Development and Environmental Management
16 42 Natural Resource Management -- State Aid
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18 21-4895 Natural Resources Engineering ..... \$20,000,000
19 Total Appropriation, Natural Resource
20 Management ..... \$20,000,000

21 State Aid:
22 Grants to municipalities for beach restoration
23 due to blizzard of 1996..... (\$20,000,000)

24 The amount appropriated hereinabove for Grants to municipalities for restoration of beaches
25 damaged by the blizzard of 1996 shall be allocated based on a formula which includes, but need
26 not be limited to, the extent of sand loss, oceanfront mileage, and the extent of beachfront
27 property, as determined by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill would appropriate \$20 million to the Department of
35 Environmental Protection (DEP) for grants to municipalities that have
36 suffered damages to beaches as a result of the blizzard of 1996. The
37 grants would be based on a formula developed by the Commissioner
38 of Environmental Protection that considers, but need not be limited
39 to, extent of sand loss, oceanfront mileage and extent of beachfront

1 property. The sponsor recognizes that any federal funds received by  
2 the State for beach restoration necessary due to the blizzard would be  
3 credited to the General Fund, and would essentially offset any  
4 appropriations made by this bill.

5 The blizzard of January 7, 1996, was an extraordinary storm event  
6 that resulted in the near destruction of several beaches along the New  
7 Jersey shoreline. The severe damage, as witnessed by the heavy  
8 losses of sand, cannot be repaired using monies in the Shore  
9 Protection Fund alone. This supplemental appropriation would  
10 supply emergency funding so urgently needed by many of New  
11 Jersey's coastal municipalities.

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Supplemental appropriation of \$20 million to DEP for grants to  
municipalities for beach restoration due to blizzard of '96.