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SENATE, No. 865

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators RICE and Lipman

1 AN ACT authorizing the creation of a debt of the State of New Jersey  
2 by the issuance of bonds of the State in the aggregate principal  
3 amount of \$35,000,000 for the purpose of providing financing for  
4 the demolition and disposal of unsafe buildings in urban and rural  
5 centers; providing the ways and means to pay and discharge the  
6 principal of and interest on the bonds; providing for the submission  
7 of this act to the people at a general election; and making an  
8 appropriation therefor.

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10 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
11 of New Jersey:

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13 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Urban and  
14 Rural Centers Unsafe Buildings Demolition Bond Act."

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16 2. The Legislature finds and declares that:

17 a. The State's older urban areas and rural centers have a long  
18 history as important residential, commercial, and industrial locations.

19 b. These older areas because of their history have many buildings,  
20 which due to age, lack of proper maintenance, or abandonment, have  
21 significantly deteriorated.

22 c. Deteriorated buildings become unsafe for human occupancy or  
23 continued business operations, and strain the financial resources of  
24 those affected <sup>2</sup>[local governments] municipalities<sup>2</sup> which must handle  
25 the life threatening problems associated with buildings that are  
26 untended and become an inducement for illicit activities.

27 d. To help redress the problems exacerbated by deteriorated  
28 buildings, the State should assist <sup>2</sup>[local governments] municipalities<sup>2</sup>  
29 with the costs of demolishing and disposing of unsafe buildings, and  
30 the State should directly redress the problems exacerbated by any  
31 deteriorated buildings under direct State control in the older urban

**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> Senate SUP committee amendments adopted May 9, 1996.

<sup>2</sup> Assembly floor amendments adopted October 21, 1996.

1 areas and rural centers.

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3 3. As used in this act:

4 "Bonds" mean the bonds authorized to be issued, or issued, under  
5 this act;

6 "Building demolition and disposal project" means any work relating  
7 to the demolition and disposal of unsafe buildings in urban and rural  
8 centers;

9 "Commission" means the New Jersey Commission on Capital  
10 Budgeting and Planning;

11 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Community Affairs;

12 "Cost" means the expenses incurred in connection with: a building  
13 demolition and disposal project; the execution of any agreements and  
14 franchises deemed by the department to be necessary or useful and  
15 convenient in connection with any building demolition or disposal  
16 authorized by this act; the procurement of engineering, inspection,  
17 planning, legal, financial, or other professional services, including the  
18 services of a bond registrar or an authenticating agent; the issuance of  
19 bonds, or any interest or discount thereon; the administrative,  
20 organizational, operating, or other expenses incident to the financing  
21 and completing, of any project authorized by this act; the  
22 establishment of a reserve fund or funds for working capital,  
23 operating, maintenance, or replacement expenses and for the payment  
24 or security of principal or interest on bonds, as the Director of the  
25 Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury  
26 may determine; and reimbursement to any fund of the State of moneys  
27 which may have been transferred or advanced therefrom to any fund  
28 created by this act, or of any moneys which may have been expended  
29 therefrom for, or in connection with, any project authorized by this  
30 act;

31 "Department" means the New Jersey Department of Community  
32 Affairs or any agency or department successor to its power and  
33 responsibilities;

34 "Government securities" means any bonds or other obligations  
35 which as to principal and interest constitute direct obligations of, or  
36 are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America,  
37 including obligations of any federal agency, to the extent those  
38 obligations are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of  
39 America, and any certificates or any other evidences of an ownership  
40 interest in those obligations of, or unconditionally guaranteed by, the  
41 United States of America or in specified portions which may consist  
42 of the principal of, or the interest on, those obligations;

43 "Urban and rural center" means any municipality eligible to receive  
44 State aid under P.L.1977, c.260 (C.52:27D-162 et seq.) or P.L.1978,  
45 c.14 (C.52:27D-178 et seq.).

1 4. The commissioner shall adopt, pursuant to the "Administrative  
2 Procedure Act," P.L.1968 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and  
3 regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act. The  
4 commissioner shall review and consider the findings and  
5 recommendations of the commission in the administration of the  
6 provisions of this act.

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8 5. a. Bonds of the State of New Jersey are authorized to be issued  
9 in the aggregate principal amount of \$35,000,000 for the purpose of  
10 providing financing for the cost of the demolition and disposal of  
11 unsafe buildings in urban and rural centers. Of this aggregate principal  
12 amount, \$15,000,000 shall be used to provide grants to municipalities  
13 and agencies and authorities thereof to assist building demolition and  
14 disposal projects, \$15,000,000 shall be used to provide loans through  
15 a revolving loan fund to municipalities and agencies and authorities  
16 thereof to assist building demolition and disposal projects, and  
17 \$5,000,000 shall be used by the State for building demolition and  
18 disposal projects involving State-owned buildings or buildings owned  
19 by a department or agency of the State.

20 b. Procedures for the review and approval of, and eligibility criteria  
21 for, demolition and disposal of such buildings shall be established by  
22 the commissioner. In addition to the eligibility criteria established by  
23 the commissioner, a grant award shall require the applicant unit of  
24 municipal government to provide an equal amount in matching funds  
25 toward the cost of the building demolition and disposal project.

26 The commissioner shall prepare a priority list of eligible municipal  
27 projects based upon requests from municipal governing bodies or  
28 agencies or authorities thereof, and upon need, as determined by the  
29 commissioner <sup>1</sup>[. The commissioner shall prepare a priority list of  
30 eligible State projects based upon requests from the State Treasurer.  
31 The commissioner] and<sup>1</sup> shall give priority to those projects that  
32 involve the demolition and disposal of an unsafe building: (1) as a  
33 necessary prerequisite to the erection of a new building by a  
34 governmental entity, non-profit organization, or a private individual or  
35 commercial enterprise pursuant to construction plans that have been  
36 approved by the municipality; or (2) which has been shown to the  
37 satisfaction of the commissioner to pose an imminent and extreme  
38 hazard to the health and safety of the surrounding community.

39 <sup>1</sup>The commissioner shall prepare a priority list of eligible State  
40 projects based upon requests from the State Treasurer.<sup>1</sup>

41 Funds shall be appropriated by the Legislature only in accordance  
42 with those priority lists.

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44 6. The bonds authorized under this act shall be serial bonds, term  
45 bonds, or a combination thereof, and shall be known as "Urban and  
46 Rural Centers Unsafe Buildings Demolition Bonds." They shall be

1 issued from time to time as the issuing officials herein named shall  
2 determine and may be issued in coupon form, fully-registered form or  
3 book-entry form. The bonds may be subject to redemption prior to  
4 maturity and shall mature and be paid not later than 35 years from the  
5 respective dates of their issuance.

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7 7. The Governor, the State Treasurer and the Director of the  
8 Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury,  
9 or any two of these officials, herein referred to as "the issuing  
10 officials," are authorized to carry out the provisions of this act relating  
11 to the issuance of bonds, and shall determine all matters in connection  
12 therewith, subject to the provisions of this act. If an issuing official is  
13 absent from the State or incapable of acting for any reason, the powers  
14 and duties of that issuing official shall be exercised and performed by  
15 the person authorized by law to act in an official capacity in the place  
16 of that issuing official.

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18 8. Bonds issued in accordance with the provisions of this act shall  
19 be a direct obligation of the State of New Jersey, and the faith and  
20 credit of the State are pledged for the payment of the interest and  
21 redemption premium thereon, if any, when due, and for the payment  
22 of the principal thereof at maturity or earlier redemption date. The  
23 principal of and interest on the bonds shall be exempt from taxation by  
24 the State or by any county, municipality or other taxing district of the  
25 State.

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27 9. The bonds shall be signed in the name of the State by means of  
28 the manual or facsimile signature of the Governor under the Great Seal  
29 of the State, which seal may be by facsimile or by way of any other  
30 form of reproduction on the bonds, and attested by the manual or  
31 facsimile signature of the Secretary of the State, or an Assistant  
32 Secretary of State, and shall be countersigned by the facsimile  
33 signature of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in  
34 the Department of the Treasury and may be manually authenticated by  
35 an authenticating agent or bond registrar, as the issuing <sup>2</sup>[official]  
36 officials<sup>2</sup> shall determine. Interest coupons, if any, attached to the  
37 bonds shall be signed by the facsimile signature of the Director of the  
38 Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury.  
39 The bonds may be issued notwithstanding that an official signing them  
40 or whose manual or facsimile signature appears on the bonds or  
41 coupons has ceased to hold office at the time of issuance, or at the  
42 time of the delivery of the bonds to the purchaser thereof.

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44 10. a. The bonds shall recite that they are issued for the purposes  
45 set forth in section 5 of this act, that they are issued pursuant to this  
46 act, that this act was submitted to the people of the State at the

1 general election held in the month of November, <sup>2</sup>[1996] 1997<sup>2</sup> and  
2 that this act was approved by a majority of the legally qualified voters  
3 of the State voting thereon at the election. This recital shall be  
4 conclusive evidence of the authority of the State to issue the bonds  
5 and their validity. Any bonds containing this recital shall, in any suit,  
6 action or proceeding involving their validity, be conclusively deemed  
7 to be fully authorized by this act and to have been issued, sold,  
8 executed and delivered in conformity herewith and with all other  
9 provisions of laws applicable hereto, and shall be incontestable for any  
10 cause.

11 b. The bonds shall be issued in those denominations and in the form  
12 or forms, whether coupon, fully-registered or book-entry, and with or  
13 without provisions for interchangeability thereof, as may be  
14 determined by the issuing officials.

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16 11. When the bonds are issued from time to time, the bonds of  
17 each issue shall constitute a separate series to be designated by the  
18 issuing officials. Each series of bonds shall bear such rate or rates of  
19 interest as may be determined by the issuing officials, which interest  
20 shall be payable semiannually; except that the first and last interest  
21 periods may be longer or shorter, in order that intervening semiannual  
22 payments may be at convenient dates.

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24 12. The bonds shall be issued and sold at the price or prices and  
25 under the terms, conditions and regulations as the issuing officials may  
26 prescribe, after notice of the sale, published at least once in at least  
27 three newspapers published in this State, and at least once in a  
28 publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to  
29 financial news, published in this State or in the city of New York, the  
30 first notice to appear at least five days prior to the day of bidding. The  
31 notice of sale may contain a provision to the effect that any bid in  
32 pursuance thereof may be rejected. In the event of rejection or failure  
33 to receive any acceptable bid, the issuing officials, at any time within  
34 60 days from the date of the advertised sale, may sell the bonds at a  
35 private sale at such price or prices <sup>2</sup>and<sup>2</sup> under the terms and  
36 conditions as the issuing officials may prescribe. The issuing officials  
37 may sell all or part of the bonds of any series as issued to any State  
38 fund or to the federal government or any agency thereof, at a private  
39 sale, without advertisement.

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41 13. Until permanent bonds are prepared, the issuing officials may  
42 issue temporary bonds in the form and with those privileges as to their  
43 registration and exchange for permanent bonds as may be determined  
44 by the issuing officials.

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46 14. The proceeds from the sale of bonds used to provide grants to

1 municipalities and agencies and authorities thereof to assist building  
2 demolition and disposal projects and for State building demolition and  
3 disposal projects shall be paid to the State Treasurer and be held by  
4 the State Treasurer in a separate fund, and be deposited in such  
5 depositories as may be selected by the State Treasurer to the credit of  
6 the fund, which fund shall be known as the "Urban and Rural Centers  
7 Unsafe Buildings Demolition Fund."

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9 15. a. The moneys in the "Urban and Rural Centers Unsafe  
10 Buildings Demolition Fund" are specifically dedicated and shall be  
11 applied to the cost of grants to municipalities and agencies and  
12 authorities thereof to assist building demolition and disposal projects  
13 and for State building demolition and disposal projects as set forth in  
14 section 5 of this act. However, no moneys in the fund shall be  
15 expended for those purposes, except as otherwise authorized by this  
16 act, without the specific appropriation thereof by the Legislature, but  
17 bonds may be issued as herein provided, notwithstanding that the  
18 Legislature shall not have then adopted an act making a specific  
19 appropriation of any of the moneys. Any act appropriating moneys  
20 from the "Urban and Rural Centers Unsafe Buildings Demolition  
21 Fund" shall identify the project to be funded by the moneys. <sup>2</sup>The  
22 expenditure of funds appropriated for the cost of a building demolition  
23 and disposal project shall be conditioned upon the receipt of all  
24 approvals, consents, or permits required for the final demolition and  
25 disposal of the building.<sup>2</sup>

26 b. At any time prior to the issuance and sale of bonds under this  
27 act, the State Treasurer is authorized to transfer from any available  
28 moneys in any fund of the treasury of the State to the credit of the  
29 "Urban and Rural Centers Unsafe Buildings Demolition Fund" those  
30 sums as the State Treasurer may deem necessary. The sums so  
31 transferred shall be returned to the same fund of the treasury of the  
32 State by the State Treasurer from the proceeds of the sale of the first  
33 issue of bonds.

34 c. Pending their application to the purposes provided in this act,  
35 the moneys in the "Urban and Rural Centers Unsafe Buildings  
36 Demolition Fund" may be invested and reinvested as are other trust  
37 funds in the custody of the State Treasurer, in the manner provided by  
38 law. Net earnings received from the investment or deposit of moneys  
39 in the "Urban and Rural Centers Unsafe Buildings Demolition Fund"  
40 shall be paid into the General Fund.

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42 16. The proceeds from the sale of bonds used to provide loans to  
43 municipalities and agencies and authorities thereof to assist building  
44 demolition and disposal projects shall be paid to the State Treasurer  
45 and be held by the State Treasurer in a separate fund, and be deposited  
46 in such depositories as may be selected by the State Treasurer to the

1 credit of the fund, which fund shall be known as the "Urban and Rural  
2 Centers Unsafe Buildings Demolition Revolving Loan Fund."

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4 17. a. The moneys in the "Urban and Rural Centers Unsafe  
5 Buildings Demolition Revolving Loan Fund" are specifically dedicated  
6 and shall be applied to the cost of making low-interest loans to  
7 municipalities and agencies and authorities thereof for building  
8 demolition and disposal projects as set forth in section 5 of this act.  
9 However, no moneys in the fund shall be expended for those purposes,  
10 except as otherwise authorized by this act, without the specific  
11 appropriation thereof by the Legislature, but bonds may be issued as  
12 herein provided, notwithstanding that the Legislature shall not have  
13 then adopted an act making a specific appropriation of any of the  
14 moneys. Any act appropriating moneys from the "Urban and Rural  
15 Centers Unsafe Buildings Demolition Revolving Loan Fund" shall  
16 identify the project to be funded by the moneys. <sup>2</sup>The expenditure of  
17 funds appropriated for the cost of a building demolition and disposal  
18 project shall be conditioned on the receipt of all approvals, consents,  
19 or permits required for the final demolition and disposal of the  
20 building.<sup>2</sup>

21 b. Loans issued from the "Urban and Rural Centers Unsafe  
22 Buildings Demolition Revolving Loan Fund" shall be for a term as  
23 determined by the commissioner not to exceed 20 years and at an  
24 interest rate determined by the commissioner not to exceed 4 per cent  
25 per year. The terms of any loan agreement shall be approved by the  
26 State Treasurer. Any loan made from the "Urban and Rural Centers  
27 Unsafe Buildings Demolition Revolving Loan Fund" shall be awarded  
28 based upon the criteria and procedures established pursuant to section  
29 5 of this act, except that no specific proportion of matching funds shall  
30 be required of loan applicants. The commissioner shall, however,  
31 consider the extent of matching funds in reviewing loan applications.

32 c. At any time prior to the issuance and sale of bonds under this  
33 act, the State Treasurer is authorized to transfer from any available  
34 moneys in any fund of the treasury of the State to the credit of the  
35 "Urban and Rural Centers Unsafe Buildings Demolition Revolving  
36 Loan Fund" those sums as the State Treasurer may deem necessary.  
37 The sums so transferred shall be returned to the same fund of the  
38 treasury of the State by the State Treasurer from the proceeds of the  
39 sale of the first issue of bonds.

40 d. Pending their application to the purposes provided in this act,  
41 the moneys in the "Urban and Rural Centers Unsafe Buildings  
42 Demolition Revolving Loan Fund" may be invested and reinvested as  
43 are other trust funds in the custody of the State Treasurer, in the  
44 manner provided by law. All repayments of loans made pursuant to  
45 this act, and interest thereon, shall be deposited in the "Urban and  
46 Rural Centers Unsafe Buildings Demolition Revolving Loan Fund."

1 Earnings received from monies in the fund shall be credited to the  
2 fund.

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4 18. If any coupon bond, coupon or registered bond is lost,  
5 mutilated or destroyed, a new bond or coupon shall be executed and  
6 delivered of like tenor, in substitution for the lost, mutilated or  
7 destroyed bond or coupon, upon the owner furnishing to the issuing  
8 officials evidence satisfactory to them of the loss, mutilation or  
9 destruction of the bond or coupon, the ownership thereof, and  
10 security, indemnity and reimbursement for expenses connected  
11 therewith, as the issuing officials may require.

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13 19. The accrued interest, if any, received upon the sale of the  
14 bonds shall be applied to the discharge of a like amount of interest  
15 upon the bonds when due. Any expense incurred by the issuing  
16 officials for advertising, engraving, printing, clerical, authenticating,  
17 registering, legal or other services necessary to carry out the duties  
18 imposed upon them by the provisions of this act shall be paid from the  
19 proceeds of the sale of the bonds by the State Treasurer, upon the  
20 warrant of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in  
21 the Department of the Treasury, in the same manner as other  
22 obligations of the State are paid.

23  
24 20. Bonds of each series issued hereunder shall mature, including  
25 any sinking fund redemptions, not later than the 35th year from the  
26 date of issue of that series, and in amounts as shall be determined by  
27 the issuing officials. The issuing officials may reserve to the State by  
28 appropriate provision in the bonds of any series the power to redeem  
29 any of the bonds prior to maturity at the price or prices and upon the  
30 terms and conditions as may be provided in the bonds.

31  
32 21. Any bond or bonds issued hereunder which are subject to  
33 refinancing pursuant to the "Refunding Bond Act of 1985," P.L.1985,  
34 c.74 as amended by P.L.1992, c.182 (C.49:2B-1 et seq.), shall no  
35 longer be deemed to be outstanding, shall no longer constitute a direct  
36 obligation of the State of New Jersey, and the faith and credit of the  
37 State shall no longer be pledged to the payment of the principal of,  
38 redemption premium, if any, and interest on the bonds, and the bonds  
39 shall be secured solely by and payable solely from moneys and  
40 government securities deposited in trust with one or more trustees or  
41 escrow agents, which trustees and escrow agents shall be trust  
42 companies or national or state banks having powers of a trust  
43 company, located either within or without the State, as provided  
44 herein, whenever there shall be deposited in trust with the trustees or  
45 escrow agents, as provided herein, either moneys or government  
46 securities, including government securities issued or held in book-entry

1 form on the books of the Department of Treasury of the United States,  
2 the principal of and interest on which when due will provide money  
3 which, together with the moneys, if any, deposited with the trustees or  
4 escrow agents at the same time, shall be sufficient to pay when due the  
5 principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest due and to  
6 become due on the bonds on or prior to the redemption date or  
7 maturity date thereof, as the case may be; provided the government  
8 securities shall not be subject to redemption prior to their maturity  
9 other than at the option of the holder thereof. The State of New  
10 Jersey hereby covenants with the holders of any bonds for which  
11 government securities or moneys shall have been deposited in trust  
12 with the trustees or escrow agents as provided in this section that,  
13 except as otherwise provided in this section, neither the government  
14 securities nor moneys so deposited with the trustees or escrow agents  
15 shall be withdrawn or used by the State for any purpose other than,  
16 and shall be held in trust for, the payment of the principal of,  
17 redemption premium, if any, and interest to become due on the bonds;  
18 provided that any cash received from the principal or interest payments  
19 on the government securities deposited with the trustees or escrow  
20 agents, to the extent the cash will not be required at any time for that  
21 purpose, shall be paid over to the State, as received by the trustees or  
22 escrow agents, free and clear of any trust, lien, pledge or assignment  
23 securing the bonds; and to the extent the cash will be required for that  
24 purpose at a later date, shall, to the extent practicable and legally  
25 permissible, be reinvested in government securities maturing at times  
26 and in amounts sufficient to pay when due the principal of, redemption  
27 premium, if any, and interest to become due on the bonds on and prior  
28 to the redemption date or maturity date thereof, as the case may be,  
29 and interest earned from the reinvestments shall be paid over to the  
30 State, as received by the trustees or escrow agents, free and clear of  
31 any trust, lien or pledge securing the bonds. Notwithstanding anything  
32 to the contrary contained herein: a. the trustees or escrow agents  
33 shall, if so directed by the issuing officials, apply moneys on deposit  
34 with the trustees or escrow agents pursuant to the provisions of this  
35 section, and redeem or sell government securities so deposited with  
36 the trustees or escrow agents, and apply the proceeds thereof to (1)  
37 the purchase of the bonds which were refinanced by the deposit with  
38 the trustees or escrow agents of the moneys and government securities  
39 and immediately thereafter cancel all bonds so purchased, or (2) the  
40 purchase of different government securities; provided however, that  
41 the moneys and government securities on deposit with the trustees or  
42 escrow agents after the purchase and cancellation of the bonds or the  
43 purchase of different government securities shall be sufficient to pay  
44 when due the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on  
45 all other bonds in respect of which the moneys and government  
46 securities were deposited with the trustees or escrow agents on or

1 prior to the redemption date or maturity date thereof, as the case may  
2 be; and b. in the event that on any date, as a result of any purchases  
3 and cancellations of bonds or any purchases of different government  
4 securities, as provided in this sentence, the total amount of moneys  
5 and government securities remaining on deposit with the trustees or  
6 escrow agents is in excess of the total amount which would have been  
7 required to be deposited with the trustees or escrow agents on that  
8 date in respect of the remaining bonds for which the deposit was made  
9 in order to pay when due the principal of, redemption premium, if any,  
10 and interest on the remaining bonds, the trustees or escrow agents  
11 shall, if so directed by the issuing officials, pay the amount of the  
12 excess to the State, free and clear of any trust, lien, pledge or  
13 assignment securing the refunding bonds.

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15 22. Refunding bonds issued pursuant to P.L.1985, c.74 as amended  
16 by P.L.1992, c.182 (C.49:2B-1 et seq.) may be consolidated with  
17 bonds issued pursuant to section 6 of this act or with bonds issued  
18 pursuant to any other act for purposes of sale.

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20 23. To provide funds to meet the interest and principal payment  
21 requirements for the bonds and refunding bonds issued under this act  
22 and outstanding, there is appropriated in the order following:

23 a. Revenue derived from the collection of taxes under the "Sales  
24 and Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.), or so much  
25 thereof as may be required; and

26 b. If, at any time, funds necessary to meet the interest, redemption  
27 premium, if any, and principal payments on outstanding bonds issued  
28 under this act are insufficient or not available, there shall be assessed,  
29 levied and collected annually in each of the municipalities of the  
30 counties of this State, a tax on the real and personal property upon  
31 which municipal taxes are or shall be assessed, levied and collected,  
32 sufficient to meet the interest on all outstanding bonds issued  
33 hereunder and on the bonds proposed to be issued under this act in the  
34 calendar year in which the tax is to be raised and for the payment of  
35 bonds falling due in the year following the year for which the tax is  
36 levied. The tax shall be assessed, levied and collected in the same  
37 manner and at the same time as are other taxes upon real and personal  
38 property. The governing body of each municipality shall cause to be  
39 paid to the county treasurer of the county in which the municipality is  
40 located, on or before December 15 in each year, the amount of tax  
41 herein directed to be assessed and levied, and the county treasurer  
42 shall pay the amount of the tax to the State Treasurer on or before  
43 December 20 in each year.

44 If on or before December 31 in any year, the issuing officials, by  
45 resolution, determine that there are moneys in the General Fund  
46 beyond the needs of the State, sufficient to meet the principal of

1 bonds falling due and all interest and redemption premium, if any,  
2 payable in the ensuing calendar year, the issuing officials shall file the  
3 resolution in the office of the State Treasurer, whereupon the State  
4 Treasurer shall transfer the moneys to a separate fund to be designated  
5 by the State Treasurer, and shall pay the principal, redemption  
6 premium, if any, and interest out of that fund as the same shall become  
7 due and payable, and the other sources of payment of the principal,  
8 redemption premium, if any, and interest provided for in this section  
9 shall not then be available, and the receipts for the year from the tax  
10 specified in subsection a. of this section shall be considered and treated  
11 as part of the General Fund, available for general purposes.

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13 24. Should the State Treasurer, by December 31 of any year, deem  
14 it necessary, because of the insufficiency of funds collected from the  
15 sources of revenues as provided in this act, to meet the interest and  
16 principal payments for the year after the ensuing year, then the State  
17 Treasurer shall certify to the Director of the Division of Budget and  
18 Accounting in the Department of the Treasury the amount necessary  
19 to be raised by taxation for those purposes, the same to be assessed,  
20 levied and collected for and in the ensuing calendar year. The  
21 director shall, on or before March 1 following, calculate the amount  
22 in dollars to be assessed, levied and collected in each county as herein  
23 set forth. This calculation shall be based upon the corrected assessed  
24 valuation of each county for the year preceding the year in which the  
25 tax is to be assessed, but the tax shall be assessed, levied and collected  
26 upon the assessed valuation of the year in which the tax is assessed  
27 and levied. The director shall certify the amount to the county board  
28 of taxation and the treasurer of each county. The county board of  
29 taxation shall include the proper amount in the current tax levy of the  
30 several taxing districts of the county in proportion to the ratables as  
31 ascertained for the current year.

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33 25. For the purpose of complying with the provisions of the State  
34 Constitution, this act shall be submitted to the people at the general  
35 election to be held in the month of November, <sup>2</sup>[ 1996] 1997<sup>2</sup>. To  
36 inform the people of the contents of this act, it shall be the duty of the  
37 Secretary of State, after this section takes effect, and at least 60 days  
38 prior to the election, to cause this act to be published at least once in  
39 one or more newspapers of each county, if any newspapers be  
40 published therein and to notify the clerk of each county of this State  
41 of the passage of this act; and the clerks respectively, in accordance  
42 with the instructions of the Secretary of State, shall have printed on  
43 each of the ballots the following:

44 If you approve of the act entitled below, make a cross (x), plus (+),  
45 or check (T) mark in the square opposite the word "Yes."

46 If you disapprove of the act entitled below, make a cross (x), plus

1 (+), or check (T) mark in the square opposite the word "No."  
 2 If voting machines are used, a vote of "Yes" or "No" shall be  
 3 equivalent to these markings respectively.

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<p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>URBAN AND RURAL CENTERS UNSAFE BUILDINGS DEMOLITION BOND ACT</p> <p>Shall the "Urban and Rural Centers Unsafe Buildings Demolition Bond Act," which authorizes the State to issue bonds in the amount of \$35,000,000 for the purpose of providing financing for the demolition and disposal of unsafe buildings in urban and rural centers and providing the ways and means to pay the interest on the debt and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof, be approved?</p>
<p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>Approval of this act would authorize the sale of \$35,000,000 in State general obligation bonds to be used for the purpose of providing \$15,000,000 in grants and \$15,000,000 in low-interest loans to municipalities for the demolition and disposal of unsafe buildings in urban and rural centers, and \$5,000,000 to finance the demolition and disposal of unsafe State-owned buildings in urban and rural centers.</p>

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30 The fact and date of the approval or passage of this act, as the case  
 31 may be, may be inserted in the appropriate place after the title in the  
 32 ballot. No other requirements of law of any kind or character as to  
 33 notice or procedure, except as herein provided, need be adhered to.

34 The votes so cast for and against the approval of this act, by ballot  
 35 or voting machine, shall be counted and the result thereof returned by  
 36 the election officer, and a canvass of the election had in the same  
 37 manner as is provided for by law in the case of the election of a  
 38 Governor, and the approval or disapproval of this act so determined  
 39 shall be declared in the same manner as the result of an election for a  
 40 Governor, and if there is a majority of all the votes cast for and against  
 41 it at the election in favor of the approval of this act, then all the  
 42 provisions of this act not made effective theretofore shall take effect  
 43 forthwith.

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45 26. There is appropriated the sum of \$5,000 to the Department of

1 State for expenses in connection with the publication of notice  
2 pursuant to section 25 of this act.

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4 27. The commissioner shall submit to the State Treasurer and the  
5 commission with the department's annual budget request a plan for the  
6 expenditure of funds from the "Urban and Rural Centers Unsafe  
7 Buildings Demolition Fund" and the "Urban and Rural Centers Unsafe  
8 Buildings Demolition Revolving Loan Fund" for the upcoming fiscal  
9 year. This plan shall include the following information: a performance  
10 evaluation of the expenditures made from the funds to date; a  
11 description of programs planned during the upcoming fiscal year; a  
12 copy of the regulations in force governing the operation of programs  
13 that are financed, in part or in whole, by funds from the "Urban and  
14 Rural Centers Unsafe Buildings Demolition Fund" and the "Urban and  
15 Rural Centers Unsafe Buildings Demolition Revolving Loan Fund;"  
16 and an estimate of expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year.

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18 28. Immediately following the submission to the Legislature of the  
19 Governor's annual budget message, the commissioner shall submit to  
20 the Community Affairs Committee of the Senate and the Local  
21 Government Committee of the General Assembly, or their designated  
22 successors, and to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its  
23 successor, a copy of the plan called for under section 27 of this act,  
24 together with such changes therein as may have been required by the  
25 Governor's budget message.

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27 29. Not less than 30 days prior to entering into any contract, lease,  
28 obligation, or agreement to effectuate the purposes of this act, the  
29 commissioner shall report to and consult with the Joint Budget  
30 Oversight Committee, or its successor.

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32 30. All appropriations from the "Urban and Rural Centers Unsafe  
33 Buildings Demolition Fund" and the "Urban and Rural Centers Unsafe  
34 Buildings Demolition Revolving Loan Fund" shall be by specific  
35 project allocation, on a municipal area-by-area basis, and any transfer  
36 of any funds so appropriated shall require the approval of the Joint  
37 Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.

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39 31. This section and sections 25 and 26 of this act shall take effect  
40 immediately and the remainder of this act shall take effect as and when  
41 provided in section 25.

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45 "Urban and Rural Centers Unsafe Buildings Demolition Bond Act,"  
46 authorizes bonds for \$35 million and appropriates \$5,000.