

SENATE, No. 2044

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators CONNORS and LITTELL

1 AN ACT appropriating funds from the "1996 Economic Development
2 Site Fund" for an economic development site project in Ocean
3 County.

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

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8 1. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
9 Protection from the "1996 Economic Development Site Fund" created
10 by the "Port of New Jersey Revitalization, Dredging, Environmental
11 Cleanup, Lake Restoration, and Delaware Bay Area Economic
12 Development Bond Act of 1996," P.L.1996, c.70, the sum of
13 \$4,900,00 for the following project:

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15 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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17 Barnegat Bay Decoy and
18 Baymen's Museum/Tuckerton Seaport, Ocean County...\$4,900,000
19 Total Appropriation.....\$4,900,000

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21 2. The expenditure of the sum appropriated by this act is subject
22 to the provisions and conditions of P.L. 1996, c. 70.

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24 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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27 STATEMENT

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29 This bill appropriates \$4.9 million from the "1996 Economic
30 Development Site Fund," created pursuant to the "Port of New Jersey
31 Revitalization, Dredging, Environmental Cleanup, Lake Restoration,
32 and Delaware Bay Area Economic Development Bond Act of 1996,"
33 (the act) P.L.1996, c.70, to the Department of Environmental
34 Protection for the Barnegat Bay Decoy and Baymen's
35 Museum/Tuckerton Seaport project in Ocean County. The act
36 authorizes the issuance of bonds in an aggregate principal amount of
37 \$20 million for the purposes of financing the cost of the purchase of

1 real property, equipment, and any building, construction, and
2 miscellaneous site improvements associated with an economic
3 development site in the Delaware River and Bay Region.

4 The museum/seaport project is designed to preserve the cultural
5 and maritime history of the Barnegat Bay and the maritime history of
6 the Port of Tuckerton. It is also a designation on the Coastal Heritage
7 Trail issued by the United States Parks Service. The project would
8 feature an education center, with exhibits to preserve the historical
9 significance of the Port of Tuckerton, rail transportation, memorabilia
10 and artifacts of the Barnegat Baymen and their families, and the
11 artisanship of world-renowned decoy carvers and shipbuilders. The
12 museum/seaport project includes the reconstruction of docks, the
13 rebuilding of a rail spur, workshops, duck hunter shanties, decoy
14 carving shops, blacksmith shops, a sawmill, boat works, a shipyard and
15 a fish processing plant, among other features.

16 Completion of this museum/seaport project would significantly
17 enhance the tourism industry in South Jersey by creating jobs and
18 economic incentives for local businesses.

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23 Appropriates \$4.9 million from "1996 Economic Development Site
24 Fund" to DEP for Barnegat Bay Decoy and Baymen's
25 Museum/Tuckerton Seaport project.