

SENATE, No. 2304

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 1, 1997

By Senator CAFIERO

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, 1998 and regulating the disbursement
4 thereof," approved June 27, 1997 (P.L.1997, c.131).

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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.1997, c.131,
10 there is appropriated out of the General Fund the following sum for
11 the purpose specified:

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14 DIRECT STATE SERVICES

15 42 Department of Environmental Protection

16 40 Community Development and Environmental Management

17 42 Natural Resource Management

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19 20-4880 Wildlife Management \$100,000

20 Special Purpose:

21 Deer Fencing for Farmers..... (\$100,000)
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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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26 STATEMENT
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28 This bill appropriates \$100,000 to the Division of Fish, Game and
29 Wildlife to buy additional rolls of deer fencing for distribution to
30 farmers to help control deer encroachment on crops.

31 Crop losses on New Jersey farms caused by deer herds are
32 enormous. In recent years, the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife
33 has annually provided approximately 350 rolls of deer fencing, at a
34 cost of about \$21,000, to eligible farmers to help combat this
35 problem. Since this fencing has proven effective in controlling deer
36 access to crops, the demand for it now exceeds 1,750 rolls and has
37 resulted in a waiting list of four years. The supplemental

1 appropriation would enable the division to purchase additional
2 fencing to meet this demand.

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Appropriates \$100,000 to the DEP for deer fencing.