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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates unexpended funds from “New Jersey Bridge Rehabilitation and Improvement and Railroad Right-of-way Preservation Bond Act of 1989.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning the improvement of the State transportation
2 system and bridges and making an appropriation.

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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. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any
8 remaining unexpended funds from the “New Jersey Bridge
9 Rehabilitation and Improvement and Railroad Right-of-way
10 Preservation Bond Act of 1989,” P.L.1989, c.180, which were
11 appropriated pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.271, shall be
12 reappropriated to the Department of Transportation and made
13 available for the purposes set forth in subsection b. of this section.

14 b. The funds reappropriated pursuant to this section shall be
15 administered by the department to offset any cost, eligible under the
16 provisions of P.L.1989, c.180, for the cost of rehabilitation,
17 improvement, inspection, and repair of bridges carrying State
18 highways, and bridges owned or maintained by the State, to be
19 allocated for emergency repairs in various counties at the discretion
20 of the Commissioner of Transportation.

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22 2. a. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any
23 remaining unexpended funds from the “New Jersey Bridge
24 Rehabilitation and Improvement and Railroad Right-of-way
25 Preservation Bond Act of 1989,” P.L.1989, c.180, which were
26 appropriated pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1991, c.271 and section 2
27 of P.L.2000, c.11, shall be reappropriated to the Department of
28 Transportation and made available for the purposes set forth in
29 subsection b. of this section.

30 b. The funds reappropriated pursuant to this section shall be
31 administered by the department to offset any cost, eligible under the
32 provisions of P.L.1989, c.180, for the cost of rehabilitation,
33 improvement, inspection, and repair of bridges carrying county and
34 municipal roads, to be allocated for emergency repairs in various
35 counties and municipalities at the discretion of the Commissioner of
36 Transportation.

37 c. Any funds appropriated pursuant to the provisions of this
38 section that are not expended or obligated within two years of the
39 effective date of this act shall be consolidated into a single account
40 and redistributed to each county in this State on a formula basis, to
41 be established by the department, for the cost of rehabilitation,
42 improvement, inspection, and repair of bridges carrying county and
43 municipal roads. Funds that have not been obligated, but are
44 required to complete a project under development, shall be subject
45 to consolidation and redistribution.

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47 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

1 STATEMENT

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3 This bill reappropriates unexpended funds from the “New Jersey
4 Bridge Rehabilitation and Improvement and Railroad Right-of-way
5 Preservation Bond Act of 1989” (act) to the Department of
6 Transportation (department) that were originally appropriated for
7 the purpose of cost of rehabilitation and improvement of bridges
8 carrying State highways, the cost of rehabilitation and improvement
9 of bridges carrying county and municipal roads, and for the costs of
10 preservation and acquisition of railroad rights-of-way.

11 The bill provides that the funds appropriated to the department
12 are to be administered by the department and be reappropriated to
13 offset any cost to be allocated for emergency repairs at the
14 discretion of the Commissioner of Transportation.