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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

222nd LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes local authority that provides sewer service to reduce sewer connection fees for projects within certain distressed municipalities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning sewer service connection fees for properties in
2 certain distressed municipalities and supplementing P.L.1991,
3 c.53 (C.40A:26A-11 et seq.).
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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. a. As used in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
9 Legislature as this bill):

10 "Distressed municipality" means a municipality that has a
11 municipal revitalization index distress score of 45 or greater, as
12 determined by the Department of Community Affairs. A
13 municipality shall be considered distressed for a period of three
14 years after receiving a distress score of 45 or greater, regardless as
15 to whether the municipality falls below a score of 45 within that
16 three-year period.

17 "Local authority" means a local authority as that term is defined
18 in section 3 of P.L.2021, c.317 (C.40A:5A-28).

19 b. (1) A local authority operating a county or municipal
20 sewerage system may establish within its rates or schedules a
21 reduction of up to 50 percent in the connection fee or tapping fee
22 assessed pursuant to N.J.S.40A:26A-11 for new connections to the
23 sewerage system which is to be charged to any projects in a
24 distressed municipality within the local authority's service area.

25 (2) The governing body of a local unit of a distressed
26 municipality shall provide the sewerage authority within the
27 distressed municipality with: verification of the municipality's
28 classification as a distressed municipality; and a list of all proposed
29 projects within that distressed municipality that will require
30 sewerage services.

31 c. Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude a
32 sewerage authority from charging a new or additional connection or
33 tapping fee for any new or additional connection of a property in a
34 distressed municipality to the sewerage system, or for any increase
35 in the size of an existing connection to the sewerage system that
36 increases the level of use or demand on the sewerage system.
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38 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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41 STATEMENT

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43 This bill authorizes a local authority operating a county or
44 municipal sewerage system to establish within its rates or schedules
45 a reduction of up to 50 percent in the connection fee or tapping fee
46 for new connections to the sewerage system which is to be charged
47 to any projects in a distressed municipality, as defined in the bill,
48 within the local authority's service area.