

SENATE, No. 4734

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Directs BPU and DEP to inventory areas previously sited for nuclear reactor facilities and solicit proposals for development; establishes expedited permitting for nuclear reactors.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning nuclear energy generation and supplementing
2 Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. As used in this act:

8 "Board" means the Board of Public Utilities.

9 "Department" means the Department of Environmental
10 Protection.

11 "Nuclear reactor" means an apparatus required to be licensed by
12 the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission that is designed
13 or used to sustain nuclear fission in a self-supporting chain reaction.

14 b. No later than nine months after the effective date of this act,
15 the board and the department shall assess and inventory every
16 location in the State that has been previously sited for the
17 development and operation of a nuclear reactor.

18 c. No later than three months after completing the inventory
19 required pursuant to subsection b. of this section, the board and
20 department shall solicit private contracts by public advertisement
21 and bidding to develop nuclear reactor facilities at the locations
22 identified by the board and department pursuant to subsection b. of
23 this section.

24 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or
25 regulation to the contrary, all State agencies and local government
26 units shall give the highest priority to the review and approval of
27 any permits that impact the development or operation of a nuclear
28 reactor in the State.

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30 2. The board and department shall, in accordance with the
31 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
32 seq.), adopt rules and regulations as necessary to implement this
33 act.

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35 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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38 STATEMENT

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40 This bill directs the Board of Public Utilities (board) and the
41 Department of Environmental Protection (department) to review
42 and inventory all areas of the State which have been previously
43 sited for nuclear reactor development and operation. Within three
44 months of completing the inventory, the board and department
45 would be required to solicit private contracts by public
46 advertisement and bidding to develop nuclear reactors at those
47 locations which have been previously sited for nuclear reactor

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- 1 development. Finally, the bill requires all State agencies and local
- 2 government units to expedite any permits required to develop and
- 3 operate a nuclear reactor facility.