

**2A:50-81 & 2A:50-82**  
**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST**

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**LAWS OF:** 2023                    **CHAPTER:** 123

**NJSA:** 2A:50-81 & 2A:50-82 Expands scope of Foreclosure Mediation Assistance Program during State of Emergency to allow use of program funds for payment to counselors who help disaster victims process applications for assistance.

**BILL NO:** A4864                    (Substituted for S3795)

**SPONSOR(S)** Mosquera, Gabriela M. and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** 11/14/2022

**COMMITTEE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** Environment & Solid Waste  
Special Committee on Infrastructure & Natural Resources  
Appropriations

**SENATE:** Community & Urban Affairs

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY:** 02/27/2023

**SENATE:** 06/20/2023

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** 7/20/2023

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL** (A4864 Aca (1R) enacted) Yes

**A4864**

**INTRODUCED BILL:** (Includes sponsor(s) statement)    Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY:**    Yes    Environment & Solid Waste  
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**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:**                    No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:**                    No

**S3795**

**INTRODUCED BILL:** (Includes sponsor(s) statement)    Yes

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**SENATE:**                    Yes    Community & Urban Affairs

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**VETO MESSAGE:** No

**GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING:** Yes

**FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:**

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P.L. 2023, CHAPTER 123, *approved July 20, 2023*  
Assembly, No. 4864 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT allowing use of certain State funds to help disaster victims  
2 process applications for assistance and amending P.L.2021,  
3 c.373.

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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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15 Program established by the New Jersey Judiciary.

16 b. As provided by section 7 of the "New Jersey Foreclosure  
17 Mediation Act," P.L.2019, c.64 (C.2A:50-80), trained foreclosure  
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19 portion of funds paid by a foreclosure plaintiff in an action for  
20 foreclosure.

21 c. During the public health emergency declared by the  
22 Governor in Executive Order No. 103 of 2020 due to the  
23 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the New Jersey  
24 Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency expanded its Foreclosure  
25 Mediation Assistance Program to provide other supports to New  
26 Jersey residents including renter and pre-foreclosure counseling.

27 d. Since the expansion began, nearly 5,000 households have  
28 been served.

29 e. Sufficient funding exists for trained foreclosure prevention  
30 and default mitigation counselors to continue to provide pre-  
31 foreclosure counseling services although the public health  
32 emergency declared by the Governor in Executive Order No. 103 of  
33 2020 has concluded.

34 f. In the event of a <sup>1</sup>[future]<sup>1</sup> declaration of a state of  
35 emergency, persons who have been trained to provide foreclosure  
36 counseling services under the Foreclosure Mediation Assistance  
37 Program are well positioned to help disaster victims prepare and  
38 submit applications for State and federal disaster assistance.

39 (cf: P.L.2021, c.373, s.1)

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AEN committee amendments adopted December 8, 2022.

1       2. Section 2 of P.L.2021, c.373 (C.2A:50-82) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       2. a. There is established in the General Fund a separate, non-  
4 lapsing, dedicated account administered by the Department of  
5 Community Affairs to be known as the "New Jersey Foreclosure  
6 Counseling Fund."

7       b. The funds within the New Jersey Foreclosure Counseling  
8 Fund shall be paid to the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage  
9 Finance Agency no later than the 15th day of each quarter to  
10 reimburse trained foreclosure prevention and default mitigation  
11 counselors for <sup>1</sup>costs expended thereby in<sup>1</sup> :

12       (1) <sup>1</sup>helping disaster victims who have been impacted by real  
13 property damage or destruction to prepare and submit applications  
14 for State and federal disaster assistance; and

15       (2) <sup>1</sup>providing<sup>1</sup> pre-foreclosure counseling services in  
16 accordance with guidance established by the New Jersey Housing  
17 and Mortgage Finance Agency and for the agency's services  
18 required under P.L.2019, c.64 (C.2A:50-74 et seq.) <sup>1</sup>; and

19       (2) <sup>1</sup>providing, to homeowners and renters who have been  
20 impacted by real property damage to, or destruction on, their  
21 primary residence, as a result of an event that prompted the  
22 Governor or the President of the United States to declare a state of  
23 emergency or issue an emergency disaster declaration, assistance in  
24 the preparation and submission of applications for housing related  
25 expenses, including, but not limited to: (a) rental payments; (b)  
26 mortgage payments; (c) insurance payments; (d) property tax  
27 payments; and (e) repair, rehabilitation, or relocation assistance  
28 payments that have been made available, by the State or federal  
29 government, in response to the declared emergency or disaster<sup>1</sup>.

30       c. The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency  
31 may assess up to five percent of New Jersey Foreclosure  
32 Counseling Fund's annual allocation amounts for administrative  
33 costs.

34       d. For purposes of this section, "trained foreclosure prevention  
35 and default mitigation counselors" shall have the same definition as  
36 in section 2 of the "New Jersey Foreclosure Mediation Act,"  
37 P.L.2019, c.64 (C.2A:50-75).

38 (cf: P.L.2021, c.373, s.2)

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40       3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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44       Expands scope of Foreclosure Mediation Assistance Program  
45 during State of Emergency to allow use of program funds for  
46 payment to counselors who help disaster victims process  
47 applications for assistance.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4864

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 14, 2022

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman GABRIELA M. MOSQUERA**

**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Assemblyman WILLIAM B. SAMPSON, IV**

**District 31 (Hudson)**

**Assemblywoman ANNETTE QUIJANO**

**District 20 (Union)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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15 Program established by the New Jersey Judiciary.

16 b. As provided by section 7 of the "New Jersey Foreclosure  
17 Mediation Act," P.L.2019, c.64 (C.2A:50-80), trained foreclosure  
18 prevention and default mitigation counselors are paid using a  
19 portion of funds paid by a foreclosure plaintiff in an action for  
20 foreclosure.

21 c. During the public health emergency declared by the  
22 Governor in Executive Order No. 103 of 2020 due to the  
23 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the New Jersey  
24 Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency expanded its Foreclosure  
25 Mediation Assistance Program to provide other supports to New  
26 Jersey residents including renter and pre-foreclosure counseling.

27 d. Since the expansion began, nearly 5,000 households have  
28 been served.

29 e. Sufficient funding exists for trained foreclosure prevention  
30 and default mitigation counselors to continue to provide pre-  
31 foreclosure counseling services although the public health  
32 emergency declared by the Governor in Executive Order No. 103 of  
33 2020 has concluded.

34 f. In the event of a future declaration of a state of emergency,  
35 persons who have been trained to provide foreclosure counseling  
36 services under the Foreclosure Mediation Assistance Program are  
37 well positioned to help disaster victims prepare and submit  
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8 (1) helping disaster victims who have been impacted by real  
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11 (2) pre-foreclosure counseling services in accordance with  
12 guidance established by the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage  
13 Finance Agency and for the agency's services required under  
14 P.L.2019, c.64 (C.2A:50-74 et seq.).

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22 P.L.2019, c.64 (C.2A:50-75).  
23 (cf: P.L.2021, c.373, s.2)

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#### STATEMENT

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30 This bill would direct the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage  
31 Finance Agency (HMFA), in the event of a state of emergency, to  
32 allocate amounts from the New Jersey Foreclosure Counseling Fund  
33 to the reimbursement of foreclosure prevention counselors who  
34 assist disaster victims with the preparation and submission of  
35 applications for State and federal disaster assistance.

36 A recent enactment, P.L.2021, c.373 (C.2A:50-81 et al.)  
37 established the Foreclosure Mediation Assistance Program (FMAP)  
38 and the "New Jersey Foreclosure Counseling Fund," and directed  
39 the HMFA to use amounts deposited in the fund to reimburse  
40 trained foreclosure prevention and default mitigation counselors for  
41 pre-foreclosure counseling services. During the public health  
42 emergency declared by the Governor because of the COVID-19  
43 pandemic, the HMFA expanded the FMAP to provide other  
44 supports to New Jersey residents including renter and pre-  
45 foreclosure counseling. Under the bill, in the event of a future  
46 disaster, the HMFA would further expand the FMAP to enable  
47 trained counselors to help disaster victims apply for State and  
48 federal assistance.

ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT AND SOLID WASTE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 4864**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 8, 2022

The Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4864.

This bill, as amended by the committee, would direct the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA), in the event of a state of emergency, to allocate amounts from the New Jersey Foreclosure Counseling Fund to the Foreclosure Mediation Assistance Program (FMAP) for the reimbursement of trained foreclosure prevention counselors and default mitigation counselors who provide pre-foreclosure counseling services and assist disaster victims with the preparation and submission of applications for State and federal disaster assistance.

Under this bill, in the event of a disaster, the HMFA would further expand the FMAP to enable trained foreclosure prevention counselors and default mitigation counselors to help homeowners and renters who have been impacted by real property damage to, or destruction on, their primary residence, as a result of a disaster to apply for housing related expenses, and for repair, rehabilitation, or relocation assistance payments made available by the State or federal government.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments to the bill:

(1) clarify and expand the list of types of applications for assistance that foreclosure prevention counselors and default mitigation counselors will assist homeowners and renters to prepare and submit after a declared emergency or disaster; and

(2) make clarifying changes.

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4864**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 8, 2022

The Assembly Special Committee on Infrastructure and Natural Resources reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4864 (1R).

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# ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4864**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 2023

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4864 (1R).

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FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill has not been certified for a fiscal note.

SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4864**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 8, 2023

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As reported, Assembly Bill No. 4864(1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 3795, which was also reported by the committee on this date.

# SENATE, No. 3795

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 8, 2023

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JOSEPH A. LAGANA**  
**District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)**  
**Senator RENEE C. BURGESS**  
**District 28 (Essex)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Singleton, Stack and Pou**

**SYNOPSIS**

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47 counselors and default mitigation counselors to help homeowners

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5 federal government.

# SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 3795

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 8, 2023

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3795.

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As reported, Senate Bill No. 3795 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4864(1R), which was also reported by the committee on this date.

# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

07/20/2023

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills into law:

**S-528/A-2815 (Ruiz, Pou/Murphy, Wimberly, McKnight)** - Requires certain additional school district personnel to complete training program on suicide prevention

**S-3089/A-4722 (Gopal, A.M. Bucco/McKeon)** - Permits certain school districts to establish State military impact aid reserve account

**S-3125/A-4947 (Cryan, Gopal/Lopez, Quijano, Atkins)** - Expands "Daniel's Law" to prohibit disclosure of personal information concerning child protective investigators

**S-3309/A-4832 (Stack, Scutari/Mukherji, Speight)** - Raises maximum workers' compensation fees for evaluating physicians; expands circumstances for which physician legal fee permitted

**S3406/A-4970 (Gopal, Cryan/Jasey, Carter, McKeon)** - Requires public institutions of higher education to submit annual fiscal monitoring report; authorizes Secretary of Higher Education to appoint State monitor of certain institutions; requires higher education chief financial officers complete training; annually appropriates \$100,000

**S-3444/A-5211 (Schepisi, Lagana/Karabinchak, Stanley)** - Allows certain municipal water systems, under certain circumstances, to use lands preserved for recreation and conservation for drinking water wells and associated treatment equipment or facilities

**S-3753/A-5299 (Madden, Turner/Murphy)** - Designates State Office of Emergency Management as State Agency for Surplus Property

**S-3783/A-5541 (Zwicker, Cruz-Perez/Quijano)** - Modifies certain provisions of "New Jersey Innovation Evergreen Act" and "Food Desert Relief Act"

**S-3796/A-5559 (Greenstein, Stanfield/Mejia, Reynolds-Jackson, Atkins)** - Authorizes NJ Infrastructure Bank to expend certain sums to make loans for environmental infrastructure projects for FY 2024

**S-3797/A-5558 (Codey, Greenstein/Lampitt, Swain, Stanley)** - Appropriates funds to DEP for environmental infrastructure projects for FY 2024

**S-3798/A-5422 (Ruiz, Corrado, Turner/Jasey, Lampitt, Mukherji)** - Permits teacher, and professional staff member who provides special services, who retired from TPAF to return employment for up to two years without reenrollment in TPAF if employment commences during the 2023-2024 school year

**S-3873/A-5507 (Zwicker, Johnson/Benson, Pintor Marin)** - Authorizes NJ Infrastructure Bank to expend certain sums to make loans for transportation infrastructure projects for FY2024; makes appropriation

**A-4864/S-3795 (Mosquera, Sampson, Quijano/Lagana, Burgess)** - Expands scope of Foreclosure Mediation Assistance Program during State of Emergency to allow use of program funds for payment to counselors who help disaster victims process applications for assistance

**A-5175/SCS for S-3519 and 3593 (Verrelli, McKnight, Moen/Beach, Turner, Zwicker)** - Changes certain General Election deadlines