

ASSEMBLY, No. 388

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 1, 1940

By Mr. WICKHAM

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

AN ACT concerning the Board of Commerce and Navigation, and supplementing
Title 12, chapter six of the Revised Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New*
2 *Jersey:*

1 1. In addition to the powers conferred by the provisions of the act to
2 which this act is a supplement, the Board of Commerce and Navigation is
3 hereby authorized and empowered to repair, reconstruct, or construct bulk-
4 heads, groins or jetties, on any and every beach front along the Atlantic
5 ocean in the State of New Jersey, to repair damage caused by erosion and
6 storm, or to prevent erosion of the beaches.

1 2. The Board of Commerce and Navigation is further authorized and
2 empowered to use the facilities and services of any branch of the Federal
3 Government and any funds which may now be available or which may here-
4 after be appropriated by the Federal Government for the purpose of beach
5 erosion, and beach protection.

1 3. The Board of Commerce and Navigation is further authorized and
2 empowered to dredge and remove any and all obstructions in every water-
3 way or stream in the State of New Jersey to a depth to be determined by the
4 board.

1 4. There is hereby appropriated from the State Highway Fund and
2 directed to be paid by the State Treasurer the sum of two hundred fifty

3 thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) for beach protection in the city of Long
4 Branch along the shores of the Atlantic ocean in the county of Monmouth.

1 5. The specific appropriation herein made for beach protection in the
2 city of Long Branch shall not be expended until the city of Long Branch
3 shall have made available therefor the sum of one hundred thousand dollars
4 (\$100,000.00), and the county of Monmouth shall have made available there-
5 for the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), which shall be used in con-
6 junction with the appropriation in this act authorized.

1 6. There is hereby further appropriated from the State Highway Fund
2 and directed to be paid by the State Treasurer the sum of one hundred forty-
3 five thousand dollars (\$145,000.00) for beach protection, and dredging in the
4 counties of Ocean, Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland.

1 7. The Director of the Board of Commerce and Navigation shall appor-
2 tion the specific appropriation herein made under paragraph six to the
3 counties outlined, and shall be empowered to accept and spend in conjunction
4 with the State of New Jersey's appropriations such sums of money as may
5 be allotted by the counties, and municipalities in the counties, for dredging
6 and beach protection.

1 8. All monies so appropriated by the State of New Jersey, the Federal
2 Government, the city of Long Branch, and the counties of Monmouth, Ocean,
3 Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland shall be used by the Board of Com-
4 merce and Navigation and expended under the direction of its director for
5 the aforesaid purposes.

1 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This appropriation covers an extreme emergency, north east storms having eroded the beaches to the extent valuable property is about to topple into the ocean. This not only affects the property owners involved, but the loss of the properties will severely affect the ratables, both to the counties, city and State. The sum of money appropriated in this act and the local contributions will only

partly pay the total cost to complete the projects. W. P. A. assistance has been applied for and a special bill will be introduced in the Federal Congress to complete these projects. The money hereby appropriated will safeguard the properties involved if construction can be started immediately. The dredging items also cover extreme emergencies in the counties of Cape May and Atlantic where channels must be diverted to safeguard property.

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