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# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman BROWN

An Act to permit the extension of certain exemptions from taxation in certain cases, amending P. L. 1967, c. 114, and amending and supplementing P. L. 1961, c. 40 and P. L. 1965, c. 95.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 2 of New Jersey:
- 1 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:
- 2 a. The "Urban Renewal Corporation and Association Law of
- 3 1961," P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.), commonly known
- 4 as the Fox-Lance Law and the "Urban Renewal Nonprofit Cor-
- 5 poration Law of 1965," P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.)
- 6 have accomplished a great deal in helping municipalities embark
- 7 upon rehabilitation and construction projects.
- 8 b. These projects have encouraged many businesses and in-
- 9 dustries to expand their operations in their municipalities with-
- 10 out seeking to locate elsewhere.
- 11 c. The abrupt termination of the benefits under these laws
- 12 may cause severe dislocations, may result in the movement of
- 13 commercial tenants to the suburbs and to out-of-State locations
- 14 and cause a lack of additional capital investment in older urban
- 15 cities thereby halting the beneficient effects of urban renewal.
- d. This termination may make the ownership of real property
- 17 less desirable and may result in a substantial reduction of com-
- 18 mercial ratables and a deterioration of existing buildings.
- 19 e. To encourage the further investment of private capital and
- 20 participation by private enterprise, it is in the best interests of

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 printed in italics thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

\*—Assembly committee amendments adopted March 6, 1986.

\*\*-Senate committee amendments adopted May 19, 1986.

- 21 the older cities that municipalities be granted the authority neces-
- 22 sary to address this issue now in ways which will prevent its
- 23 recurrence in the future.
- 1 2. Section 4 of P. L. 1967, c. 114 (C. 40:55C-44.2) is amended
- 2 to read as follows:
- 3 4. "Urban renewal entity" shall mean any urban renewal cor-
- 4 poration or urban renewal association as defined herein or in the
- 5 act to which this act is a supplement. The term "entity" when
- 6 used in P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.) shall be understood
- 7 to be a contraction of the term "urban renewal entity."
- 3. Section 26 of P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 4:55C-65) is amended
- 2 to read as follows:
- 3 26. The rehabilitation or improvements made in the develop-
- 4 ment or redevelopment of a blighted area or area adjacent thereto
- 5 or State investment blighted area, pursuant to this act, shall be
- 6 exempt from taxation for a limited period [of not more than
- 7 20 years from the date of the execution of a financial agreement
- 8 for the development or redevelopment of the property upon which
- 9 the improvements are to be made pursuant to a financial agree-
- 10 ment entered into with the municipality in which said area is
- 11 situate, provided, in an instance of housing the redevelopment or
- 12 improvements shall be exempt from taxation for a period of 35
- 13 years] as hereinafter provided. Any such exemption shall be
- 14 claimed and allowed in the same or a similar manner as in the
- 15 case of other real property exemptions and no such claim shall
- 16 be allowed unless the municipality wherein said property is
- 17 situated shall certify that a financial agreement with an urban
- 18 renewal corporation or association for the development or the
- 19 redevelopment of the property has been entered into and is
- 20 in effect as required by the provisions of this act. In the event
- 21 that an exemption status changes during a tax year, the procedure
- 22 for the apportionment of the taxes for said year shall be the same
- 23 as in the case of other changes in tax exemption status during
- 24 the tax year.
- 25 a. The duration of the exemption shall be as follows: (1) For
- 26 housing or residential condominium projects, a term of 35 years
- 27 from the date of the execution of the financial agreement; or
- 28 (2) for all other projects, a term of 20 years from the date of
- 29 the execution of the financial agreement; except that all projects
- 30 of any type, for which an executed financial agreement, autho-
- 31 rized by the provisions of P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.)
- 32 is in force and effect on the date of the enactment of this amen-

33 datory and supplementary act, shall be eligible for an additional

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34 term of 15 years from the date of the termination of that existing

- 35 financial agreement.
- 36 b. During the term of any exemption, in lieu of any taxes to
- 37 be paid on the improvements of the project, the entity shall make
- 38 payment to the municipality of an annual service charge as here-
- 39 inafter provided.

- 40 c. The annual service charge to be paid by the entity for any
- 41 period of exemption, other than a period of exemption which has
- 42 been extended pursuant to the provisions of this amendatory and
- 43 supplementary act, shall be determined as follows:
- 44 (1) With respect to any projects or portions of any projects
- 45 which are not housing projects devoted to condominium owner-
- 46  $\,$  ship pursuant to P. L. 1969, c. 257 (C.  $46\!:\!8B\!-\!1$  et seq.), the urban
- 47 renewal corporation or association shall make payment to the
- 48 municipality of an annual service charge for municipal services
- 49 supplied to said project, in an annual amount equal to 15% of
- 50 the annual gross revenue from each unit of the project, if the
- 51 project is undertaken in units, or from the total project, if the
- 52 project is not undertaken in units, for each of the years of opera-
- 53 tion commencing with the date of the completion of such unit or
  - of the project, as the case may be.
- 55 (2) Where all or part of a housing project is devoted to con-
- 56 dominium ownership by the recording of a master deed pursuant
- 57 to P. L. 1969, c. 257 (C. 46:8B-1 et seq.), the project or portions
- 58 thereof so utilized shall be liable for, and the urban renewal cor-
- 59 poration or association, or a condominium owner, as the case
- 60 may be, shall pay to the municipality, an amount equal to 15%
- 61 of the annual gross revenue from each condominium unit in the
- 62 project, or the condominium unit owned, as the case may be, for
- 63 each of the first 10 years of operation commencing upon the
- 64 date of the completion of the project, or each condominium unit,
- 65 if the project is undertaken in units, as the case may be. For
- 66 the remainder of the period of the exemption, the annual service
- 67 charge shall be determined in the same manner as provided in
- 68 this paragraph, subject to the following modifications:
- 69 [a.] (a) For the eleventh year and for each succeeding year
- 70 thereafter through the fifteenth year, an amount equal to either
- 71 15% of the annual gross revenue, or 20% of the amount of taxes
- 72 otherwise due on the value of the land and improvements, which-
- 73 ever shall be greater;
- 74 [b.] (b) For the sixteenth year and for each succeeding year

75 thereafter through the twentieth year, an amount equal to either

76 15% of the annual gross revenue, or 40% of the amount of taxes

77 otherwise due on the value of the land and improvements, which-

78 ever shall be greater;

79 [c.] (c) For the twenty-first year and for each succeeding year

80 thereafter through the twenty-fifth year, an amount equal to either

81 15% of the annual gross revenue, or 60% of the amount of taxes

82 otherwise due on the value of the land and improvements, which-

83 ever shall be greater; and

[d.] (d) For the twenty-sixth year and for each succeeding year

85 thereafter through the thirtieth year, an amount equal to either

86~15% of the annual gross revenue, or 80% of the amount of taxes

87 otherwise due on the value of the land and improvements, which-

88 ever shall be greater.

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89 At the option of the municipality, or where because of the

90 nature of the development, ownership, use or occupancy of the

91 project or any unit thereof, if the project is to be undertaken in

units, the total annual gross rental cannot be reasonably ascer-

93 tained under the provisions of section 12 of this act (C. 40:55C-51),

94 or the annual gross revenue cannot be reasonably ascertained un-

95 der the provisions of section 1 of P. L. 1978, c. 93 (C. 40:55C-58.1)

96 the governing body shall provide in the financial agreement that

97 the annual service charge shall be a sum equal to 2% of the total

98 project cost or total project unit cost determined pursuant to sec-

99 tion 8 of this act (C. 40:55C-47), calculated from the first day of

100 the month following the substantial completion of the project or

101 any unit thereof, if the project is undertaken in units [; provided,

102 however, that in no event shall such payment together with the

103 taxes on the land, in any year after first occupancy of the project

104 be less than the total taxes assessed on all real property in the

105 area covered by the project in the calendar year immediately pre-

106 ceding the acquisition of the said area by the municipality or its

107 agency, or by the private or public owner from whom the urban

108 renewal corporation acquired the land.

The aforesaid payment shall be made annually within 30 days

110 after the close of each calendar year.

111 Against such annual charge the corporation or association, or,

112 in the case of a condominium unit, the unit owner, shall be en-

113 titled to credit for the amount, without interest, of the real estate

114 taxes on land paid by it in the last four preceding quarterly

115 installments.

116 At the end of 20 years from the date of the execution of said

financial agreement or earlier, at the end of 15 years of operation 118 of any unit, if the project is undertaken in units, or the entire 119 project, if it is not undertaken in units, whichever occurs first, the 120 tax exemption upon said unit, if the project is undertaken in units, 121 or upon the entire project, if the project is not undertaken in units, 122 shall cease and the improvements and any other property of the 123 corporation or association as well as the land shall be assessed 124 and taxed, according to general law, like other property in the 125 municipality. In an instance of housing, the exemptions shall cease 126 as provided above at the end of 35 years from the date of execution 127 of the financial agreement or earlier, at the end of 30 years of the 128 operation of any unit, if the project is undertaken in units, or of 129 the entire project, if it is not undertaken in units, whichever first 130 occurs, or if the project is devoted to condominium ownership at 131 the end of 30 years after the recording of the master deed.

- In all cases, the amount of the annual service charge to be 133 paid by an entity shall be the greater of the following: either 134 the amount of the annual service charge determined pursuant to 135 subsection c. of this section or the amount of the minimum annual 136 service charge as determined pursuant to section 10 of this amen-137 datory and supplementary act.
- 138 d. The annual service charge to be paid by the entity for a 139 period of exemption which has been extended pursuant to the 140 provisions of this amendatory and supplementary act shall be 141 determined as follows:
- 142 (1) For projects for which the annual service charge in the 143 initial financial agreement was determined as a percentage of 144 annual gross revenue, the annual service charge in the period of 145 extension shall be as follows: (a) For each of the first five years 146 of the extension period, an amount equal to 16% of the annual 147 gross revenue; (b) for each of the second five years of the ex-148 tension period, an amount equal to 17% of the annual gross 149 revenue; and (c) for each of the final five years of the extension 150 period, an amount equal to 18% of the annual gross revenue.
- 151 (2) For projects for which the annual service charge in the 152 initial financial agreement was determined as a percentage of 153 total project cost, the annual service charge in the period of 154 extension shall be determined as follows: (a) For each of the 155 first five years of the extension period, an amount equal to 4% 156 of the total project cost; (b) for each of the second five years of 157 the extension period, an amount equal to 5% of the total project 158 cost; and (c) for each of the final five years of the extension 159 period, an amount equal to 6% of the total project cost.

160 The annual service charge for these projects shall be further 161 increased in each year of the extended period by an amount as 162 hereinafter determined: For each year following the first year 163 of the extended period, there shall be added to the annual service 164 charge the amount produced by multiplying the annual service 165 charge for the project in the previous year by the percentage 166 that the total tax levy of the municipality for the current tax 167 year has increased over the total tax levy of the municipality for 168 the immediately preceding tax year. For the purposes of this 169 section, "total tax levy" means the total amount the municipality 170 is required to raise by property taxation for municipal, school and 171 county purposes, as shown in the Table of Aggregates prepared 172 pursuant to R. S. 54:4-52 and set forth in Column 12D of the 173 Abstract of Ratables for the county. In any year in which there 174 is no increase \*or a reduction\* in the total tax levy of the munici-175 pality, the amount to be added pursuant to this paragraph shall be 175A zero.

In addition, the annual service charge for these projects shall 177 be further increased by the capital improvements required to 178 be made to those projects pursuant to the provisions of section 8 179 of this amendatory and supplementary act or by any other capital 180 improvement made thereto. The amount of the increase to be 181 added in each year of the extended period pursuant to this para-182 graph shall be determined by multiplying the cost of the capital 183 improvement to the project by the applicable percentage rate as 184 provided in \*[paragraph d. of this section]\* \*this subsection 185 \*\*[d.]\*\*. The amount to be annually added to the annual service 186 charge under the provisions of this paragraph shall first be added 187 in the year in which the affected capital improvement is deemed com-188 pleted by the municipality pursuant to section 8 of this amendatory 189 and supplementary act.

- 190 (3) In the event that the project is divided into units, the an-191 nual service charge for the extension period shall be calculated 192 as set forth in paragraph (1) and (2) above, and distributed 193 pro-rata to each unit on the basis of the relationship that the 194 floor area of the unit bears to the total floor area of all units 195 over which the charge is to be distributed.
- 196 e. All exemptions granted pursuant to P. L. 1961, c. 40 197 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.) or extended pursuant to the provisions 198 of this amendatory and supplementary act shall terminate at 199 the time prescribed herein. In the instance of housing, the exemp-200 tion shall terminate at the end of 25 years from the date of execu-201 tion of the financial agreement or earlier, at the end of 30 years

202 of the operation of any unit, if the project is undertaken in units, 203 whichever first occurs, or if the project is devoted to condominium 204 ownership at the end of 30 years after the recording of the master 205 deed. For all other projects, the exemption shall cease at the 206 earlier of 20 years from the date of the execution of the financial 207 agreement or 15 years from the date of the completion of the 208 project; except that for all projects of any type, for which an 209 executed financial agreement, authorized by the provisions of 210 P. L. 1961, c. 40 (40:55C-40 et seq.), is in force and effect on the 211 date of the enactment of this amendatory and supplementary act 212 and for which an extension of the period of exemption has been 213 granted by the municipality pursuant to the provisions of sec-214 tion 11 of this amendatory and supplementary act, the exemption 215 shall terminate 15 years from the date of the termination of the 216 financial agreement in force and effect on the date of the enact-217 ment of this amendatory and supplementary act.

- Upon the termination of any exemption granted pursuant to 219 P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.) or any exemption extended 220 pursuant to the provisions of this amendatory and supplementary 221 act, the project, all affected parcels, and all improvements made 222 thereto shall be assessed and subject to taxation as are other 223 taxable properties in the municipality.
- [At the same date] After the date of termination, all restric-225 tions and limitations upon the [corporation or association] entity 226 shall terminate and be at an end upon the [corporation's or asso-227 ciation's] entity's rendering its final account to and with the 228 municipality.
- 4. Section 28 of P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-67) is amended 2 to read as follows:
- to read as follows: 28. [The] Except as otherwise provided in section 11 \*and section 3 4 18\* of this amendatory and supplementary act, tax exemption provided herein shall apply only so long as the urban renewal corporation or association and its project remain subject to the provisions of this act but in no event longer than 20 years from the date of the execution of the financial agreement, except in the instance 8 of housing the tax exemption to the extent of such use shall apply 9 for 35 years from said date. Any corporation or association 10 organized hereunder may, at any time after the expiration of 11 12one year from the completion date of the project, notify the governing body of the municipality with which it has entered into 13

a financial agreement that, as of a certain date designated in

the notice, it relinquishes its status hereunder. As of the date so

16 set, the tax exemption, the service charges and the profit and 17 dividend restriction shall terminate. Upon any termination of such 18 tax exemption, obligations and restrictions, whether by affirmative 19 action of the corporation or association as above provided or by 20the provisions of this act or pursuant to the financial agreement made hereunder the date of such termination shall be deemed to 2122 be the end of the fiscal year of said corporation or association. Within 90 days after the date of such termination, the corporation 23 24 or association shall pay to the municipality a sum equal to the 25 amount of the reserve, if any, maintained pursuant to section 27 26 of this act (C. 40:55C-66), as well as the excess profit, if any, 27 payable pursuant to said section 27 by reason of the treatment of 28 such date as the end of a fiscal year.

5. Section 21 of P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-97) is amended to read as follows:

3 21. The improvements made in the development or redevelop-4 ment of a blighted area, pursuant to this act, shall be exempt from taxation for a limited period of not more than 25 years from the date of the execution of a financial agreement for the develop-6 ment or redevelopment of the property upon which the improve-7 8 ments are to be made pursuant to a financial agreement entered into with the municipality in which said area is situate] as here-9 10 inafter provided. Any such exemption shall be claimed and allowed in the same or a similar manner as in the case of other real 11 property exemptions and no such claim shall be allowed unless 12 the municipality wherein said property is situated shall certify 13 that a financial agreement with an urban renewal nonprofit cor-14 15 poration for the development or the redevelopment of the property has been entered into and is in effect as required by the 16 provisions of this act. In the event that an exemption status 17 18 changes during a tax year, the procedure for the apportionment of the taxes for said year shall be the same as in the case of 19 other changes in tax exemption status during the tax year. 20

21 a. The duration of the exemption shall be as follows: for all projects, a term of not more than 25 years from the date of the 22 execution of the financial agreement; except that all projects of 23 24any type, for which an executed financial agreement, authorized by the provisions of P. L. 1965 c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.), is 25 in force and effect on the date of enactment of this amendatory 26 and supplementary act, shall be eligible for an additional term 27 of 15 years from the date of the termination of that existing 28 financial agreement. 29

30 b. During the term of any exemption, in lieu of any taxes to be 31 paid on the improvements of the project, the entity shall make 32 payment to the municipality of an annual service charge as here-33 inafter provided.

34 c. The annual service charge to be paid by the entity for any 35 period of exemption, other than a period of exemption which has 36 been extended pursuant to the provisions of this amendatory and 37 supplementary act, shall be determined as follows:

38 [The] (1) With respect to any projects or portions of any proj-39 ects, the urban renewal nonprofit corporation shall make payment 40 to the municipality of an annual service charge for municipal ser-41 vices applied to said project, in an annual amount equal to 15% of 42 the annual gross revenue from each unit of the project, if the project is undertaken in units, or from the total project, if the **4**3 project is not to be undertaken in units, for each of the years of 44 operation commencing with the date of the completion of such 45unit or of the project, as the case may be. (2) Where because 46 47 of the nature of the development, ownership, use or occupancy 48 of the project or any unit thereof, if the project is to be undertaken in units, the total annual gross rental cannot be reasonably **4**9 ascertained under the provisions of section 9 of this act, the 50 governing body shall provide in the financial agreement that the 51annual service charge shall be a sum equal to 2% of the total 52project cost or total project unit cost determined pursuant to 53 section 8 of this act, calculated from first day of the month fol-54lowing the substantial completion of the project or any unit 55 thereof, if the project is to be undertaken in units [; provided, 56 57 however, that in no event shall such payment together with the taxes on the land, in any year after first occupancy of the project 58 be less than the total taxes assessed on all real property in the 59 area covered by the project in the calendar year immediately 60 preceding the acquisition of the said area by the municipality or 61 its agency, or by the private owner from whom the urban renewal 6263 corporation acquired the land.

The aforesaid payment shall be made annually within 30 days after the close of each such calendar year.

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Against such annual charge the corporation shall be entitled to credit for the amount, without interest, of the real estate taxes on land paid by it in the last 4 preceding quarterly installments.

69 **L**At the end of 25 years from the date of the execution of said 70 financial agreement or earlier, at the end of 20 years of operation of any unit, if the project is undertaken in units, or of the entire

project, if it is not undertaken in units, whichever occurs first, the tax exemption upon said unit, if the project is undertaken in 74 units, or upon the entire project, if the project is not undertaken 75 in units, shall cease and the improvements and any other property of the corporation as well as the land shall be assessed and taxed, 76 77 according to general law, like other property in the municipality.] In all cases, the amount of the annual service charge to be 78 79 paid by an entity shall be the greater of the following: either 80 the amount of the annual service charge determined pursuant to subsection c. of this section or the amount of the minimum annual 81 service charge as determined pursuant to section 16 of this amen-

84 d. The annual service charge to be paid by the entity for a 85 period of exemption which has been extended pursuant to the 86 provisions of this amendatory and supplementary act shall be 87 determined as follows:

datory and supplementary act.

- (1) For projects for which the annual service charge in the 88 89 initial financial agreement was determined as a percentage of 90 annual gross revenue, the annual service charge in the period of extension shall be as follows: (a) For each of the first five years 91 of the extension period, an amount equal to 16% of the annual 92 93 gross revenue; (b) for each of the second five years of the extension period, an amount equal to 17% of the annual gross rev-94 enue; and (c) for each of the final five years of the extension 95 period, an amount equal to 18% of the annual gross revenue. 96
- 97 (2) For projects for which the annual service charge in the
  98 initial financial agreement was determined as a percentage of
  99 total project cost, the annual service charge in the period of
  100 extension shall be determined as follows: (a) For each of the
  101 first five years of the extension period, an amount equal to 4%
  102 of the total project cost; (b) for each of the second five years of
  103 the extension period, an amount equal to 5% of the total project
  104 cost; and (c) for each of the final five years of the extension
  105 period, an amount equal to 6% of the total project cost.
- 106 The annual service charge for these projects shall be further 107 increased in each year of the extended period by an amount as 108 hereinafter determined: For each year following the first year 109 of the extended period, there shall be added to the annual service 110 charge the amount produced by multiplying the annual service 111 charge for the project in the previous year by the percentage that 112 the total tax levy of the municipality for the current tax year has 113 increased over the total tax levy of the municipality for the im-

114 mediately preceding tax year. For the purposes of this section, 115 "total tax levy" means the total amount the municipality is re116 quired to raise by property taxation for municipal, school and 117 county purposes, as shown in the Table of Aggregates prepared 118 pursuant to R. S. 54:4-52 and set forth in Column 12D of the 119 Abstract of Ratables for the county. In any year in which there 120 is no increase \*or a reduction\* in the total tax levy of the munici121 pality, the amount to be added pursuant to this paragraph shall be 121A zero.

122 In addition, the annual service charge for these projects shall
123 be further increased by the capital improvements required to
124 be made to those projects pursuant to the provisions of section
125 14 of this amendatory and supplementary act or by another capital
126 improvement made thereto. The amount of the increase to be added
127 in each year of the extended period pursuant to this paragraph
128 shall be determined by multiplying the cost of the capital improve129 ment to the project by the applicable percentage rate as provided
130 in \*[paragraph d. of this section]\* \*this subsection \*\*[d.]\*\*\*. The
131 amount to be annually added to the annual service charge under the
132 provisions of this paragraph shall first be added in the year in
133 which the affected capital improvement is deemed completed by the
134 municipality pursuant to section 14 of this amendatory and supple134A mentary act.

135 (3) In the event that the project is divided into units, the 136 annual service charge for the extension period shall be calculated 137 as set forth in paragraph (1) and (2) above, and distributed pro-138 rata to each unit on the basis of the relationship that the floor 139 area of the unit bears to the total floor area of all units over which 140 the change is to be distributed.

141 e. All exemptions granted pursuant to P. L. 1965, c. 95, 142 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.) or extended pursuant to the provisions 143 of this amendatory and supplementary act shall terminate at the 144 time prescribed herein. For all projects, the exemption shall 145 terminate at the earlier of 25 years from the date of the execu-146 tion of the financial agreement or 20 years from the date of the 147 completion for the project; except that for all projects for which 148 an executed financial agreement, authorized by the provisions of 149 P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.), is in force and effect on 150 the date of the enactment of this amendatory and supplementary 151 act and for which an extension of the period of exemption has 152 been granted by the municipality pursuant to the provisions of 153 section 17 of this amendatory and supplementary act, the exemp-

154 tion shall terminate 15 years from the date of the termination 155 of the financial agreement in force and effect on the date of the 156 enactment of this amendatory and supplementary act.

157 Upon the termination of any exemption granted pursuant to 158 P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.), or any exemption extended 159 pursuant to the provisions of this amendatory and supplementary 160 act, the project, all affected parcels, and all improvements made 161 thereto shall be assessed and subject to taxation as are other 162 other properties in the municipality.

163 [At the same date] After the date of termination, all restric-164 tions and limitations upon the [corporation] entity in regard to 165 the project covered by the agreement shall terminate and be at 166 an end upon the [corporation's] entity's rendering its final ac-167 count [on that project] to and with the municipality.

1 6. Section 23 of P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-99) is amended to read as follows:

 $^{2}$ 3 23. Duration of Tax Exemption, Service Charges and Payments to Municipality. [The] Except as otherwise provided in section 4 17 of this amendatory and supplementary act, the tax exemption 5 6 provided herein shall apply only so long as the urban renewal nonprofit corporation and its projects remain subject to the pro-7 visions of this act but in no event longer than 25 years from the 8 date of the execution of the financial agreement applicable to any project. Any corporation organized hereunder may, at any 10 time after the expiration of one year from the completion date of 11 12 the project, notify the governing body of the municipality with 13 which it has entered into a financial agreement that, as of a certain date designated in the notice, it relinquishes its status with 14 regard to the project covered by the financial agreement here-15 under. As of the date so set, the tax exemption, the service charges 16 and the profit restrictions shall terminate. Upon any termination 17 of such tax exemption, obligations and restrictions, upon a project, 18 19 whether by affirmative action of the corporation as above provided or by the provisions of this act or pursuant to the financial 20 agreement made hereunder the date of such termination shall be 21 \*deemed to be the end of the fiscal year of the project covered by 22 the financial agreement. Within 90 days after the date of such 23 termination, the corporation shall pay to the municipality the sum 24 equal to the amount of the reserve, if any, maintained pursuant to 25 section 22 of this act, as well as the excess profit, if any, applicable 26to that project, payable pursuant to said section by reason of the 27 treatment of such date as the end of a fiscal year.\*

- 1 7. (New section) P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.) is
- 2 supplemented as follows:
- 3 Every urban renewal entity which is a party to a financial
- 4 agreement entered into pursuant to the provisions of P. L. 1961,
- 5 c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.) which is in force and effect on the
- 6 date of the enactment of this amendatory and supplementary act
- 7 shall have the right to apply in writing to the municipality to
- 8 request a new financial agreement which would extend the term
- 9 of the existing tax exemption for that project for a period of
- 10 15 years. The application shall be in the form prescribed by the
- 11 municipality and shall include those certified facts and data the
- 12 municipality may require, including, but not limited to:
- 13 a. A description of the project, including the land area and
- 14 improvements thereon which are to be subject to the new finan-
- 15 cial agreement.
- b. A detailed explanation as to the need for the extension of
- 17 the period of exemption, including the financial impact of the
- 18 extension.
- 19 c. A fiscal plan outlining the expected financial performance
- 20 of the project for the period of the extension, including projections
- 21 of annual gross revenue, estimated expenses for operations and
- 22 maintenance, estimated amounts of capital investment, payments
- 23 for interest and principal on outstanding debt and estimated pay-
- 24 ments of annual service charges and land taxes to the municipality.
- 25 d. A detailed statement of the charges imposed upon and pay-
- 26 ments made by the project, for annual services charges, land
- 27 taxes and any penalties and interest imposed thereon, and any
- 28 other taxes levied by the municipality, for the entire term of the
- 29 initial financial agreement, showing the exact amount of any
- 30 arrears owed to the municipality by the project, with a schedule
- 31 as to when such arrears are to be paid.
- 32 e. A general description of the capital improvements to be
- 33 made pursuant to section 8 of this amendatory and supplementary
- 34 act, their estimated cost and the projected dates when the entity
- 35 intends to make the required investments in those capital in-
- 36 provements to the project.
- 37 An application for an extension shall be submitted to the mu-
- 38 nicipality not more than one year before the date on which the
- 39 financial agreement that is in force and effect on the date of the
- 40 enactment of this amendatory and supplementary act terminates
- 41 nor shall it be submitted to the municipality less than six months
- 42 before the date of the termination of that financial agreement;

except that any entity which is a party to a financial agreement that is scheduled to terminate on or before January 1, 1987 may submit an application for an extension at any time prior to the date on which that financial agreement terminates.

47 The application, together with a copy of the proposed new financial agreement, shall be addressed and submitted to the 48 49 mayor of the municipality. Within 30 days of the receipt of the application and the copy of the proposed new financial agree-50 ment, which has been deemed to be complete and proper as to 51 52 form by the chief legal officer of the municipality, the mayor 53 shall submit it to the governing body along with his recommendations. The governing body shall, by resolution, approve or dis-54approve the application. In the event of disapproval, the govern-55 56 ing body may suggest any changes it may deem necessary in order to secure its approval. An application may be revised and 57 resubmitted. No application may be considered or approved for 58 59 any project, however, if the tax collector of the municipality shall 60 determine that there exists any financial arrears or outstanding financial obligations owed to the municipality for that project 6162 under the terms of the financial agreement in force and effect on the date of the enactment of this amendatory and supple-63 64 mentary act.

1 8. (New section) P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.) is 2 supplemented as follows:

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No application for an extension shall be approved unless the application shall provide that the entity shall, during the extended period, invest in capital improvements to the project in an amount equal to not less than 5% of total project cost during each five year segment of the extended period, except that the investment for the third five year segment of the extended period shall be made no later than the twelfth year of the extended period.

Every capital improvement undertaken pursuant to the pro-10 visions of this section shall be reported to the municipality, along 11 with a certified financial statement as to its cost, no later than 1290 days after its completion. As used in this section, the term 13 "completion of a capital improvement" means the date on which 14 15 the enforcing agency pursuant to P. L. 1975, c. 217 (C. 52:27D-119 et seq.) determines the capital improvements to have been com-16 pleted. The term "cost of capital improvement," as used in this 17 section, means the aggregate total of the following items: a. All 18 fees paid or due to architects, engineers and attorneys by the 19 entity for any work in connection with the capital improvement; 20

b. All surveying and testing charges associated with the capital 21 22improvement; c. All actual costs of the construction of the capital improvement, as certified to by the architect responsible for su-23pervising the construction, including but not limited to all aspects 24of site preparation as well as all aspects of the construction of 25the actual capital improvement; d. All costs of insurance, financ-2627 ing and interest incurred in relation to the capital improvement; 28 and e. The developer's overhead calculated at the rate of 5% of the aggregate total of the amounts reported and certified 29 30 pursuant to subsections a. through d. of this section. The cost of the capital improvement shall be certified to the municipality 31 by a certified public accountant on behalf of the entity not more 32 than 90 days following the date of completion of the capital im-33 34 provement. No capital improvement shall be deemed to have been made during the extended period if the permit for that improve-35 ment was issued by the enforcing agency pursuant to P. L. 1975, 36 37 c. 217 (C. 52:27D-119 et seq.) prior to the date on which the 38 extension, granted by the municipality pursuant to section 11 of 39 this amendatory and supplementary act, shall commence.

- 1 9. (New section) P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.) is sup-2 plemented as follows:
- Every extension granted by a municipality pursuant to the provisions of section 11 of this amendatory and supplementary act shall be evidenced by a new financial agreement between the municipality and the entity. The agreement shall be prepared as to form by the entity, subject to the approval of the municipality, and submitted as part of the entity's application for that extension pursuant to section 7 of this amendatory and supplementary act.
- The new financial agreement shall be in the form of a contract requiring full performance and shall have a term of 15 years, commencing on the day following the day on which the financial agreement in force and effect on the date of enactment of this amendatory and supplementary act terminates.
- 16 The new financial agreement shall include, but not be limited 17 to, the following provisions:
- a. That the profits of and dividends payable by the entity shall be limited as provided by P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.);
  b. That the improvements to the project which were exempt from taxation under the terms of the financial agreement in force and effect on the date of the enactment of this amendatory and supplementary act shall continue to be exempt during the period of extension;

- 25 c. That the entity shall make timely payments of both the
- 26 annual service charge and land taxes as are provided for by
- 27 P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.) or this amendatory and
- 28 supplementary act;
- 29 d. That the entity shall submit annually within 90 days after
- 30 the close of its fiscal year, a certified audit report of its financial
- 31 condition to the mayor and governing body of the municipality;
- 32 e. That the entity shall, upon request, permit inspection of
- 33 property, equipment, buildings and other facilities of the entity
- 34 and also permit examination and audit of its books, contracts,
- 35 records, documents and papers by authorized representatives of
- 36 the municipality;
- 37 f. That in the event of any dispute between the parties, the
- 38 matters in controversy shall be resolved by arbitration in the
- 39 manner provided therein;
- 40 g. That operation under the financial agreement shall be ter-
- 41 minable by the entity in the manner provided by section 28 of
- 42 P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-67);
- 43 h. That the entity shall at all times prior to the termination
- 44 of the agreement remain bound by the provisions of P. L. 1961,
- 45 c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.) and the provisions of this amendatory
- 46 and supplementary act;
- i. That the provisions of Sections 21, 22 and 23 of P. L. 1961,
- 48 c. 40 (C. 40:55C-60 through 62, inclusive), as are applicable to
- 49 the period of extension, shall remain in force and effect;
- 50 j. That the entity shall make the capital investments and im-
- 51 provements to the project during the term of the agreement as
- 52 are required by the provisions of section 8 of this amendatory
- 53 and supplementary act and set forth in the application for the
- 54 extension pursuant to section 7 of this amendatory and supple-
- 55 mentary act;
- 56 k. That the entity shall in an accurate and timely manner report
- 57 to the municipality on all capital improvements completed during
- 58 the extended period, including certified statements of cost;
- 59 l. That all annual service charges shall be paid quarterly on
- 60 the same due dates as required by general law for the payment
- 61 of real property taxes, and that in the event of any delinquency
- 62 in any payment due to the municipality, the municipality shall
- 63 impose penalties and interest charges on the delinquent amounts
- 64 at the same rates as are then in force and effect for penalties
- 65 and interest for delinquent real property taxes; and
- 66 m. That for all obligations to the municipality arising out of

- 67 the project, including the annual service charge, any taxes
- 68 assessed against any property or land, and any interest and
- 69 penalties pursuant thereto, the municipality shall have the same
- 70 rights, priorities, duties and powers of enforcement and collection
- 71 as may be provided in general law for the collection and enforce-
- 72 ment of real property taxes.
- 1 10. (New section) P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.) is
- 2 supplemented as follows:
- 3 Any other provisions of P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.)
- 4 to the contrary notwithstanding, whenever the minimum amount
- 5 of the annual service charge for the project, as determined pur-
- 6 suant to this section, shall exceed the amount which otherwise
- 7 would be due as the annual service charge, the amount deter-
- 8 mined pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be the amount
- 9 of the annual service charge.
- 10 For any project, the minimum annual service charge shall be
- 11 the amount of the total taxes assessed against all real property
- 12 in the area covered by the project in the calendar year immediately
- 13 preceding the year in which that area was acquired by the mu-
- 14 nicipality or its agency, or by the private or public owner from
- 15 whom the urban renewal entity acquired the land.
- 1 11. (New section) P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.) is
- 2 supplemented as follows:
- 3 Any other provisions of P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.)
- 4 to the contrary notwithstanding, a municipality may grant an
- 5 extension of the period of exemption for any project for which
- 6 an executed financial agreement, authorized pursuant to the pro-
- 7 visions of P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.), is in force and
- 8 effect on the date of the enactment of this amendatory and sup-
- 9 plementary act. Such extension shall be for a period of 15 years,
- 10 commencing on the day following the termination of the financial
- 11 agreement in force and effect on the date of the enactment of this
- 12 amendatory and supplementary act. At the conclusion of that
- 13 period of extension, no further extension shall be permitted.
- 14 Any such extension shall be granted at the sole discretion of
- 15 the municipality and shall be subject to the provisions of P. L.
- 16 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.) and the provisions of this
- 17 amendatory and supplementary act. No extension shall be granted
- 18 to any project for which an executed financial agreement, autho-
- 19 rized pursuant to the provisions of P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40
- 20 et seq.), is not in force and effect on the date of the enactment
- 21 of this amendatory and supplementary act.

- 1 12. (New section) P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.) is
- 2 supplemented as follows:
- 3 "Urban renewal entity" means any urban renewal nonprofit
- 4 corporation as defined herein or in this amendatory and supple-
- 5 mentary act. The term "entity" when used in P. L. 1965, c. 95
- 6 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.) or in this amendatory and supplementary
- 7 act shall be understood to be a contraction of the term "urban
- 8 renewal entity."
- 1 13. (New section) P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.) is
- 2 supplemented as follows:
- 3 Every urban renewal entity which is a party to a financial
- 4 agreement entered into pursuant to the provisions of P. L. 1965,
- 5 c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.) which is in force and effect on the
- 6 date of the enactment of this amendatory and supplementary act
- ' shall have the right to apply in writing to the municipality to
- 8 request a new financial agreement which would extend the term
- 9 of the existing tax exemption for that project for a period of
- 10 15 years. The application shall be in the form prescribed by the
- 11 municipality and shall include those certified facts and data the
- 12 municipality may require, including, but not limited to:
- 13 a. A description of the project, including the land area and
- 14 improvements thereon which are to be subject to the new financial
- 15 agreement.
- 16 b. A detailed explanation as to the need for the extension of
- 17 the period of exemption, including the financial impact of the
- 18 extension.
- 19 c. A fiscal plan outlining the expected financial performance
- 20 of the project for the period of the extension, including projections
- 21 of annual gross revenue, estimated expenses for operations and
- 22 maintenance, estimated amounts of capital investment, payments
- 23 for interest and principal on outstanding debt and estimated pay-
- 24 ments of annual service charges and land taxes to the municipality.
- 25 d. A detailed statement of the charges imposed upon and pay-
- 26 ments made by the project, for annual services charges, land taxes
- 27 and any penalties and interest imposed thereon, and any other
- 28 taxes levied by the municipality, for the entire term of the initial
- 29 financial agreement, showing the exact amount of any arrears
- 30 owed to the municipality by the project, with a schedule as to
- 31 when such arrears are to be paid.
- 32 e. A general description of the capital improvements to be
- 33 made pursuant to section 14 of this amendatory and supple-
- 34 mentary act, their estimated cost and the projected dates when

35 the entity intends to make the required investments in those 36 capital improvements to the project.

37 An application for an extension shall be submitted to the municipality not more than one year before the date on which the 38 **3**9 financial agreement that is in force and effect on the date of the **4**0 enactment of this amendatory and supplementary act terminates nor shall it be submitted to the municipality less than six months 41 42before the date of the termination of that financial agreement; 43except that any entity which is a party to a financial agreement that is scheduled to terminate on or before January 1, 1987 may 44 submit an application for an extension at any time prior to the 45 date on which that financial agreement terminates. 46

47 The application, together with a copy of the proposed new 48 financial agreement, shall be addressed and submitted to the mayor of the municipality. Within 30 days of the receipt of the 49 application and the copy of the proposed new financial agree-50 ment, which has been deemed to be complete and proper as to 5152form by the chief legal officer of the municipality, the mayor 53shall submit it to the governing body along with his recommendations. The governing body shall, by resolution, approve or dis-54 55 approve the application. In the event of disapproval, the gov-56erning body may suggest any changes it may deem necessary in 57 order to secure its approval. An application may be revised and resubmitted. No application may be considered or approved for 58 any project, however, if the tax collector of the municipality 59 shall determine that there exists any financial arrears or out-60 standing financial obligations owed to the municipality for that 61 62project under the terms of the financial agreement in force and 63 effect on the date of the enactment of this amendatory and sup-64plementary act.

1 14. (New section) P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.) is 2 supplemented to read as follows:

No application for an extension shall be approved unless the application shall provide that the entity shall, during the extended period, invest in capital improvements to the project in an amount equal to not less than 5% of total project cost during each five year segment of the extended period, except that the investment for the third five year segment of the extended period shall be made no later than the twelfth year of the extended period.

Every capital improvement undertaken pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be reported to the municipalty, along 13 with a certified financial statement as to its cost, no later than 90 days after its completion. As used in this section, the term "completion of a capital improvement" means the date on which 15 the enforcing agency pursuant to P. L. 1975, c. 217 (C. 52:27D-119 16 17 et seg.) determines the capital improvements to have been completed. The term "cost of capital improvement," as used in this 18 section, means the aggregate total of the following items: a. All 19 20 fees paid or due to architects, engineers and attorneys by the 21 entity for any work in connection with the capital improvement; 22 b. All surveying and testing charges associated with the capital 23 improvement; c. All actual costs of the construction of the capital improvement, as certified to by the architect responsible for super-24vising the construction, including but not limited to all aspects 25 26of site preparation as well as all aspects of the construction of the actual capital improvement; d. All costs of insurance, financ-27 ing and interest incurred in relation to the capital improvement; 2829 and e. The developer's overhead calculated at the rate of 5% of the aggregate total of the amounts reported and certified pur-30 suant to subsections a. through d. of this section. The cost of 31 the capital improvement shall be certified to the municipality 3233 by a certified public accountant on behalf of the entity not more 34than 90 days following the date of completion of the capital improvement. No capital improvement shall be deemed to have 35been made during the extended period if the permit for that **3**6 37 improvement was issued by the enforcing agency pursuant to P. L. 1975, c. 217 (C. 52:27D-119 et seq.) prior to the date on 38 which the extension, granted by the municipality pursuant to 39 section 17 of this amendatory and supplementary act, shall 40 41 commence.

1 15. (New section) P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.) is 2 supplemented as follows:

Every extension granted by a municipality pursuant to the provisions of section 17 of this amendatory and supplementary act shall be evidenced by a new financial agreement between the municipality and the entity. The agreement shall be prepared as to form by the entity, subject to the approval of the municipality, and submitted as part of the entity's application for that extension pursuant to section 13 of this amendatory and supplementary act.

The new financial agreement shall be in the form of a contract requiring full performance and shall have a term of 15 years, commencing on the day following the day on which the financial 14 agreement in force and effect on the date of enactment of this

- 15 amendatory and supplementary act terminates.
- 16 The new financial agreement shall include, but not be limited
- 17 to, the following provisions:
- a. That the profits of and dividends payable by the entity shall
- 19 be limited as provided by P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.);
- 20 b. That the improvements to the project which were exempt
- 21 from taxation under the terms of the financial agreement in force
- 22 and effect on the date of the enactment of this amendatory and
- 23 supplementary act shall continue to be exempt during the period
- 24 of extension;
- 25 c. That the entity shall make timely payments of both the
- 26 annual service charge and land taxes as are provided for by
- 27 P. L. 1965, c. \*\* [96] \*\* \*\*95\*\* (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.) or this amenda-
- 28 tory and supplementary act;
- 29 d. That the entity shall submit annually within 90 days after
- 30 the close of its fiscal year, a certified audit report of its financial
- 31 condition to the mayor and governing body of the municipality;
- 32 e. That the entity shall, upon request, permit inspection of
- 33 property, equipment, buildings and other facilities of the entity
- 34 and also permit examination and audit of its books, contracts,
- 35 records, documents and papers by authorized representatives of
- 36 the municipality;
- 37 f. That in the event of any dispute between the parties, the
- 38 matters in controversy shall be resolved by arbitration in the
- 39 manner provided therein;
- 40 g. That operation under the financial agreement shall be
- 41 terminable by the entity in the manner provided by section 23
- 42 of P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-99);
- 43 h. That the entity shall at all times prior to the termination
- 44 of the agreement remain bound by the provisions of P. L. 1965,
- 45 c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.) and the provisions of this amen-
- 46 datory and supplementary act;
- i. That the provisions of Sections 17, 18 and 19 of P. L. 1965,
- 48 c. 95 (C. 40:55C-93 through 95, inclusive) as are applicable to
- 49 the period of extension, shall remain in force and effect;
- 50 j. That the entity shall make the capital investments and im-
- 51 provements to the project during the term of the agreement as
- 52 are required by the provisions of section 14 of this amendatory
- 53 and supplementary act and set forth in the application for the
- 54 extension pursuant to section 13 of this amendatory and sup-
- 55 plementary act;
- 56 k. That the entity shall in an accurate and timely manner re-

- port to the municipality on all capital improvements completed
- during the extended period, including certified statements of cost; 58
- 59 l. That all annual service charges shall be paid quarterly on
- the same due dates as required by general law for the payment 60
- of real property taxes, and that in the event of any delinquency 61
- in any payment due to the municipality, the municipality shall 62
- 63 impose penalties and interest charges on the delinquent amounts
- at the same rates as are then in force and effect for penalties
- and interest for delinquent real property taxes; and 65
- 66 m. That for all obligations to the municipality arising out of
- the project, including the annual service charge, any taxes assessed 67
- against any property or land, and any interest and penalties 68
- pursuant thereto, the municipality shall have the same rights, 69
- priorities, duties and powers of enforcement and collection as 70
- may be provided in general law for the collection and enforce-71
- 72 ment of real property taxes.
- 16. (New section) P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.) is 1
- $\mathbf{2}$ supplemented as follows:
- 3 Any other provisions of P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.)
- to the contrary notwithstanding, whenever the minimum amount 4
- of the annual service charge for the project, as determined pur-
- suant to this section, shall exceed the amount which otherwise
- would be due as the annual service charge, the amount deter-
- mined pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be the amount 8
- of the annual service charge. 9
- For any project, the minimum annual service charge shall be 10
- the amount of the total taxes assessed against all real property 11
- in the area covered by the project in the calendar year immediately 12
- preceding the year in which that area was acquired by the mu-13
- nicipality or its agency, or by the private or public owner from 14
- whom the urban renewal entity acquired the land. 15
- 17. (New section) P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.) is 1
- supplemented as follows:  $\mathbf{2}$
- Any other provisions of P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.) 3
- to the contrary notwithstanding, a municipality may grant an 4
- extension of the period of exemption for any project for which 5
- an executed financial agreement, authorized pursuant to the pro-
- visions of P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.), is in force and 7
- effect on the date of the enactment of this amendatory and sup-8 plementary act. Such extension shall be for a period of 15 years,
- 9 commencing on the day following the termination of the financial
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12 this amendatory and supplementary act. At the conclusion of
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- 13 that period of extension, no further extension shall be permitted.
- 14 Any such extension shall be granted at the sole discretion of
- 15 the municipality and shall be subject to the provisions of P. L.
- 16 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.) and the provisions of this
- 17 amendatory and supplementary act. No extension shall be granted
- 18 to any project for which an executed financial agreement, autho-
- 19 rized pursuant to the provisions of P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77
- 20 et seq.), is not in force and effect on the date of the enactment
- 21 of this amendatory and supplementary act.
- 1 \*18. (New section) P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.) is
- 2 supplemented as follows:
- 3 Any other provisions of P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.)
- 4 to the contrary notwithstanding, a municipality may grant an addi-
- 5 tional period of exemption of 15 years for any project which meets
- 6 the requirements of this section. In order to qualify for considera-
- 7 tion for approval by the municipality pursuant to this section, the
- 8 project must meet all of the following:
- 9 a. The project must be the subject of an executed financial agree-
- 10 ment authorized pursuant to the provisions of P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C.
- 11 40:55C-40 et seq.), the termination date of which occurs after
- 12 December 31, 1985 and before January 1, 1987.
- 13 b. Prior to December 31, 1986, the project must make written ap-
- 14 plication to the municipality for the additional period of exemption.
- 15 The application must be in the same form and subject to the same
- 16 requirements as set forth in section 7 of this amendatory and sup-
- 17 plementary act, except for the time for submission of the applica-
- 18 tion.
- 19 Any project qualified for consideration pursuant to this section
- 20 for which an application is approved by the municipality in accor-
- 21 dance with this amendatory and supplementary act shall be evi-
- 22 denced by a new financial agreement between the municipality and
- 23 the entity. That agreement shall be in the same form and subject
- 24 to the same conditions as set forth in section 9 of this amendatory
- 25 and supplementary act, except that the term of the new agreement
- 26 shall be for 15 years, beginning on the day following the approval
- 27 by the municipality.
- 28 Any project for which an additional period of exemption is
- 29 granted pursuant to this section shall also be subject to the same
- 30 requirements for any project for which an extended period of ex-
- 31 emption is approved as are set forth in sections 3, 8 and 10 of
- 32 this amendatory and supplementary act.\*
- 1 \*[18.]\* \*19.\* This act shall take effect immediately.

### TAXATION—PROPERTY

Permits municipalities to grant 15 year extensions of certain existing property tax exemptions.

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#### STATEMENT

This bill permits municipalities to extend the term of certain tax exemptions which were originally granted under the provisions of the "Urban Renewal Corporation and Association Law of 1961," P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.) and under the provisions of the "Urban Renewal Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1964," P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.).

Under the provisions of the bill, urban renewal entities seeking an extension of an existing tax exemption must apply in writing to the municipality. If the application is approved by the municipality, the existing tax exemption may be extended for a term of 15 years. The bill also requires that any extension granted by a municipality must be evidenced by a new financial agreement between the municipality and the urban renewal entity. Among the provisions which must be included as part of that new financial agreement are requirements that the urban renewal entity must make additional capital improvements to the project accorded the extended tax exemption period and that the urban renewal entity must pay higher annual service charges to the municipality.

### TAXATION—PROPERTY

Permits municipalities to grant 15 year extensions of certain existing property tax exemptions.

#### ASSEMBLY MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

## ASSEMBLY, No. 1898

with Assembly committee amendments

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 6, 1986

The Assembly Municipal Government Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 1898 Aca.

This bill amends and supplements the "Urban Renewal Corporation and Association Law of 1961," P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.), popularly known as the Fox/Lance act, and the "Urban Renewal Non-profit Corporation Law of 1964," P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.) so as to allow municipalities to extend the terms of certain tax exemptions granted to urban renewal entities.

The duration of the extension permitted by this bill is 15 years from the date of the termination of the financial agreement in existance on the effective date of this bill, except for financial agreements terminating in 1986. If the financial agreement terminates in 1986, the extension shall be for 15 years beginning on the day following the municipality's approval of the extension.

As a condition of the extension, a new financial agreement shall be made between the municipality and the urban renewal entity. The bill provides that the new financial agreement shall provide for an increase of the current 15% service charge payable to the municipality to 16% of the project's annual gross revenue for the first five years, 17% for the next five years and 18% for the final five years of the extension. However, if the service charge is calculated on a percentage of the total project cost, it shall be increased from the current 2% of the total project cost to 4% for the first five years, 5% for the next five years and 6% for the final five years.

In addition, the annual service charge shall be increased after the first year of the extension by the percentage that the total tax levy increases over the preceding year's total tax levy.

The bill also requires the urban renewal entity to make capital improvements of not less than 5% of the total project cost during each five year segment of the extension.

At the conclusion of the 15 year period of extension permitted by this bill, no further extensions shall be permitted.

The committee amended section 6 of the bill so as to restore language of the original law which was inadvertently omitted in the original draft. Section 5 was amended to clarify the sponsor's intent that a reduction of the municipal tax levy in any year would not result in a reduction of the annual service charge. The committee also added a new section 18 which would allow an urban renewal entity whose financial agreement expired in 1986, before enactment of the bill, to apply for and receive an extension of their exemption despite the fact that section 7 of the bill requires an existing financial agreement as a condition of eligibility for application for an extension of a tax abatement.

### ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 1898

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**DATED: MARCH 13, 1986** 

The committee favorably reported this bill.

Assembly Bill No. 1898 (OCR) amends and supplements the "Urban Renewal Corporation and Association Law of 1961" popularly known as the Fox/Lance Act, and the "Urban Renewal Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1964," to allow municipalities to extend for 15 years the terms of certain property tax exemptions granted to urban renewal entities.

As a condition of the extension, the urban renewal entity shall pay increased annual service charges in lieu of property taxes to the municipality. Charges based on the gross revenues of rental property shall increase from the current 15% to 16% for the first five years, 17% for the next five years and 18% for the final five years of the extension. Charges based on total project cost (the method of calculation for nonrental property) shall be increased from the current 2% to 4% for the first five years, 5% for the next five years and 6% for the final five years.

In addition, the annual service charge shall be increased after the first year of the extension by the percentage that the total tax levy increases over the preceeding year's total tax levy. The bill also requires the urban renewal entity to make capital improvements of not less than 5% of the total project cost during each five year segment of the extension.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

There would be no direct fiscal impact to State government. At the local level, this would help prevent business and industry from leaving the urban area after a tax abatement has ended.

# SENATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

## ASSEMBLY, No. 1898

[Official Copy Reprint] with Senate committee amendments

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 19, 1986

The Senate County and Municipal Government Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1898 OCR.

Assembly Bill No. 1898 OCR Sca amends and supplements the "Urban Renewal Corporation and Association Law of 1961," P. L. 1961, c. 40 (C. 40:55C-40 et seq.), popularly known as the Fox-Lance Act, and the "Urban Renewal Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1964," P. L. 1965, c. 95 (C. 40:55C-77 et seq.) to allow municipalities to extend the terms of certain tax exemptions granted to urban renewal entities.

The duration of the extension permitted by this bill is 15 years from the date of the termination of the financial agreement in existence on the effective date of this bill, except for financial agreements terminating in 1986. If the financial agreement terminates in 1986, the extension shall be for 15 years beginning on the day following the municipality's approval of the extension.

As a condition of the extension, a new financial agreement shall be made between the municipality and the urban renewal entity. The bill provides that the new financial agreement shall provide for an increase of the current 15% service charge payable to the municipality to 16% of the project's annual gross revenue for the first five years, 17% for the next five years and 18% for the final five years of the extension. However, if the service charge is calculated on a percentage of the total project costs, it shall be increased from the current 2% of the total project cost to 4% for the first five years, 5% for the next five years and 6% for the final five years.

In addition, the annual service charge shall be increased after the first year of the extension by the percentage that the total tax levy increases over the preceding year's total tax levy.

The bill also requires the urban renewal entity to make capital improvements of not less than 5% of the total project cost during each five year segment of the extension.

At the conclusion of the 15 year period of extension permitted by this bill, no further extensions shall be permitted.

The committee amendments corrected legal cites within the bill in order to make the bill identical to Senate Bill No. 1867 Sca.