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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator LIPMAN

Referred to Committee on State Government, Federal and Interstate Relations and Veterans Affairs

AN ACT concerning the awarding of public contracts *[and]* **[*,*]** ****[**and**]**** ****,**** amending various parts of the statutory law ****and providing for an immediate adjustment of threshold amounts**** **[*and supplementing P. L. 1968, c. 404 (C. 13:17-1 et seq.)*]**.

1 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State

2 of New Jersey:

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1 ******[1. Section 1 of P. L. 1981, c. 447 (C. 5:10-21.1) is amended to 2 read as follows:

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3 1. a. All purchases, contracts, or agreements where the cost or contract price exceeds the sum of [\$4,500.00] \$7,500.00 or, after 4 June 30, 1985, the amount determined pursuant to subsection b. of 5 this section shall, except as otherwise provided in this act, be made, 6 negotiated, or awarded only after public advertisement for bids 7 therefor and shall be awarded to that responsible bidder whose bid, 8 conforming to the invitation for bids, is most advantageous to the 9 10 authority, in its judgment, upon consideration of price and other factors. Any bid may be rejected when the authority determines 11 that it is in the public interest to do so. 12

13 Any purchase, contract, or agreement where the cost or contract price is [\$4,500.00 or less] less than or equal to \$7,500.00 or, after 14 June 30, 1985, the amount determined pursuant to subsection b. of 15 16 this section may be made, negotiated, or awarded by the authority 17 without advertising and in any manner which the authority, in its judgment, deems necessary to serve its unique interests and 18 19 purposes and which promotes, whenever practicable, full and free 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 italies thus is new matter. Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows: -Senate committee amendments adopted July 30, 1984. **--Senate amendments adopted September 13, 1984.

***-Senate amendments adopted June 17, 1985.

**** — Senate amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations December 9, 1985. 20 competition by the acceptance of quotations or proposals or by the21 use of other suitable methods.

22b. Commencing January 1, 1985, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 23 $\mathbf{24}$ of each odd-numbered year, adjust the threshold amount set forth in subsection a. of this section, or subsequent to 1985 the threshold 2526amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in 27direct proportion to the rise or fall of the consumer price index 28 for all urban consumers in the New York City and the Philadelphia 29 areas as reported by the United States Department of Labor. The Governor shall, no later than June 1 of each odd-numbered year, 30 31 notify the authority of the adjustment. The adjustment shall 32become effective on July 1 of each odd-numbered year.

1 2. Section 2 of P. L. 1981, c. 447 (C. 5:10-21.2) is amended to 2 read as follows:

3 2. Any purchase, contract or agreement where the cost or con-4 tract price exceeds [\$4,500.00] the amount set forth in, or after $\mathbf{5}$ June 30, 1985 the amount calculated by the Governor pursuant to, section 1 of P. L. 1981, c. 447 (C. 5:10-21.1) may be made, negotiated, 6 7 or awarded by the authority without advertisement for bids when the subject matter is that described in section 3 of this act or when 8 the purchase, contract, or agreement is made, negotiated, or 9 awarded under the circumstances described in section 4 of this act. 10 In any such instance, the authority may make, negotiate, or award 11 12 the purchase, contract, or agreement in any manner which the au-13 thority deems necessary to serve its unique interests and purposes 14 and which promotes, whenever practicable, full and free competition 15 by the acceptance of quotations or proposals or by the use of other 16 suitable methods.]**

[3.] **1.** N. J. S. 18A:39-3 is amended to read as follows: 1 2 18A:39-3. a. No contract for the transportation of pupils to and 3 from school shall be made, when the amount to be paid during the school year for such transportation shall exceed [\$4,500.00] 4 \$7,500.00 or****[, after June 30, ***[1985]*** ***1986***,]**** $\mathbf{5}$ the amount determined pursuant to subsection b. of this section and 6 7 have the approval of the county superintendent of schools, unless the board of education making such contract shall have first pub-8 9 licly advertised for bids therefor in a newspaper published in the 10 district or, if no newspaper is published therein, in a newspaper circulating in the district once, at least 10 days prior to the date 11 fixed for receiving proposals for such transportation, and shall 1213 have awarded the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

14 Nothing in this chapter shall require the advertisement and let-15 ting on proposals or bids of annual extensions, approved by the 16 county superintendent, of any contract for transportation entered 17 into through competitive bidding when—

18 [(a)] (1) Such annual extensions impose no additional cost upon
19 the board of education; or

20 [(b)] (2) The increase in the original contractual amount as a 21 result of such extensions does not exceed 30% thereof; except in 22 cases where a student rider is newly assigned to a route during the 23 school year and extra mileage is necessary. Any such arrangement 24 shall be approved by the county superintendent of schools and shall 25 be bid for the next school year.

26 [(c)] (3) (Deleted by amendment, P. L. 1982, c. 74.)

b. **** [Commencing January 1, *** [1985] *** *** 1986 ***, the] 27**** ****The**** Governor, in consultation with the Department 2829 of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 of each *** [odd-numbered]*******[***even-numbered****]******odd-numbered**** 30 31 year, adjust the threshold amount set forth in subsection a. of this section, or subsequent to *** [1985] *** **** [***1986***] **** **** 3233 1985**** the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection **** or section 17 of P.L., c. ... (now pend-34ing before the Legislature as this bill)****, in direct proportion to 3536 the rise or fall of the consumer price index for all urban consumers in the New York City and the Philadelphia areas as reported by 37 the United States Department of Labor. The Governor shall, no 38later than June 1 of each *** [odd-numbered] **** **** [**** even-39 numbered****]**** *****odd-numbered***** year, notify all local 40 school districts of the adjustment. The adjustment shall become 41 effective on July 1 of each *** [odd-numbered] *** **** [**** even-42 numbered****]**** ****odd-numbered**** year. 43

1 **[4.]** **2.** Section 5 of P. L. 1972, c. 29 (C. 26:2I-5) is 2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. Powers of authority. The authority shall have power:

4 a. To adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the con-

5 duct of its business and to alter and revise such bylaws from time6 to time at its discretion.

7 b. To adopt and have an official seal and alter the same at 8 pleasure.

9 c. To maintain an office at such place or places within the State 10 as it may designate.

11 d. To sue and be sued in its own name.

12 e. To borrow money and to issue bonds of the authority and to

13 provide for the rights of the holders thereof as provided in this14 act.

f. To acquire, lease as lessee or lessor, hold and dispose of real
and personal property or any interest therein, in the exercise of its
powers and the performance of its duties under this act.

g. To acquire in the name of the authority by purchase or otherwise, on such terms and conditions and in such manner as it may deem proper, any land or interest therein and other property which it may determine is reasonably necessary for any project; and to hold and use the same and to sell, convey, lease or otherwise dispose of property so acquired, no longer necessary for the authority's purposes for fair consideration after public notice.

25h. To receive and accept, from any federal or other public 26agency or governmental entity directly or through the Department 27of Health or any other agency of the State or any participating hospital, grants or loans for or in aid of the acquisition or con-2829 struction of any project, and to receive and accept aid or contributions from any other source, of either money, property, labor or 30 31 other things of value, to be held, used and applied only for the purposes for which such grants, loans and contributions may be made. 32

i. To prepare or cause to be prepared plans, specifications, designs and estimates of costs for the construction and equipment of
hospital projects for participating hospitals under the provisions
of this act, and from time to time to modify such plans, specifications, designs or estimates.

j. By contract or contracts with and for participating hospitals 3839 only, to construct, acquire, reconstruct, rehabilitate and improve, and furnish and equip, hospital projects. The authority, in the 40 exercise of its authority to make and enter into contracts and 41 42agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers, shall adopt standing rules and 43 procedures providing that, except as hereinafter provided, no 44 contract on behalf of the authority shall be entered into for the 45 doing of any work, or for the hiring of equipment or vehicles, where 46 the sum to be expended exceeds the sum of [\$5,000.00] \$7,500.00 47 or****[, after June 30, *** [1985] *** *** 1986***,]**** the amount **4**8 determined as provided in this subsection unless the authority shall 49 50 first publicly advertise for bids therefor, and shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder; provided, however, that such 51 advertising shall not be required where the contract to be entered 52into is one for the furnishing or performing services of a profes-53sional nature or for the supplying of any product or the rendering 54of any service by a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the 55

56Public Utilities Commission and tariffs and schedules of the charges, made, charged, or exacted by the public utility for any 57such products to be supplied or services to be rendered are filed 58 with said commission. **** [Commencing January 1, *** [1985] *** 59***1986***, the **** **** The **** Governor, in consultation with 60 the Department of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 of 61 each *** [odd-numbered] *** **** [*** even-numbered ***]**** **** 62odd-numbered**** year, adjust the threshold amount set forth in 63 this subsection, or subsequent to *** [1985]*** **** [*** 1986***] 64 **** **** 1985**** the threshold amount resulting from any adjust-65ment under this subsection **** or section 17 of P.L., c. 66 (now pending before the Legislature as this bill)****, in direct pro-67 portion to the rise or fall of the consumer price index for all urban 68 consumers in the New York City and the Philadelphia areas as 69 69A reported by the United States Department of Labor. The Governor 69B shall, no later than June 1 of each *** [odd-numbered] *** **** [*** 69c even-numbered****]**** ****odd-numbered**** year, notify the 69D authority of the adjustment. The adjustment shall become effective 69E July 1 of each *** [odd-numbered] *** **** [*** even-numbered ***] **** ****odd-numbered**** year. 69f

70k. To determine the location and character of any project to be undertaken, subject to the provisions of this act, and subject to 71State Health and environmental laws, to construct, reconstruct, 72maintain, repair, lease, as lessee or lessor, and regulate the same 73and operate the same in the event of default by a participating 7475hospital of its obligations and agreements with the authority; to enter into contracts for any or all such purposes; and to enter into 76contracts for the management and operation of a project in the 77event of default as herein provided. The authority shall use its 78best efforts to conclude its position as an operator as herein pro-79 vided as soon as is practicable. 80

81 l. To establish rules and regulations for the use of a project or
82 any portion thereof and to designate a participating hospital as
83 its agent to establish rules and regulations for the use of a project
84 undertaken by such a participating hospital.

m. Generally to fix and revise from time to time and to charge 85 and collect rates, rents, fees and other charges for the use of and 86 for the services furnished or to be furnished by a project or any 87 88 portion thereof and to contract with holders of its bonds and with any other person, party, association, corporation or other body, 89 public or private, in respect thereof, subject to the provisions of the 90 91 Health Care Facilities Planning Act, P. L. 1971, c. 136 (C. 26:2H-1 92 et seq.).

n. To enter into agreements or contracts, execute any and all
instruments, and do and perform any and all acts or things necessary, convenient or desirable for the purpose of the authority or
to carry out any power expressely given in this act.

97 o. To invest any moneys held in reserve or sinking funds, or
98 any moneys not required for immediate use or disbursement, at
99 the discretion of the authority, in such obligations as are authorized
100 by resolution of the authority.

101 p. To obtain, or aid in obtaining, from any department or agency 102 of the United States any insurance or guarantee as to, or of or for 103 the payment or repayment of interest or principal, or both, or any 104 part thereof, on any loan or any instrument evidencing or securing 105 the same, made or entered into pursuant to the provisions of this 106 act; and notwithstanding any other provisions of this act to enter 107 into agreement, contract or any other instrument whatsoever with 108 respect to any such insurance or guarantee, and accept payment in 109 such manner and form as provided therein in the event of default 110 by the borrower.

q. To obtain from any department or agency of the United States or a private insurance company any insurance or guarantee as to, or of, or for the payment or repayment of interest or principal, the or both, or any part thereof, on any bonds, issued by the authority pursuant to the provisions of this act; and notwithstanding any the other provisions of this act to enter into any agreement, contract or any other instrument whatsoever with respect to any such insurance or guarantee except to the extent that such action would in any way impair or interfere with the authority's ability to perform and fulfill the terms of any agreement made with the holders of the bonds of the authority.

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122 r. To receive and accept, from any department or agency of the 123 United States or of the State or from any other entity, any grant, 124 appropriation or other moneys to be used for or applied to any 125 corporate purpose of the authority, including without limitation 126 the meeting of debt service obligations of the authority in respect 127 of its bonds.

1 ** **[**5. Section 1 of P. L. 1968, c. 459 (C. 27:12B-5.2) is amended to 2 read as follows:

1. a. The New Jersey Highway Authority, in the exercise of its authority to make and enter into contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers, shall adopt standing operating rules and procedures providing that, except as hereinafter provided, no contract on behalf of the authority shall be entered into for the doing of any

9 work, or for the hiring of equipment or vehicles, where the sum to 10 be expended exceeds the sum of [\$2,500.00] \$7,500.00 or, after 11 June 30, 1985, the amount determined pursuant to subsection b. 12of this section unless the authority shall first publicly advertise for bids therefor, and shall award the contract to the lowest responsible 13 14 bidder; provided, however, that such advertising shall not be required where the contract to be entered into is one for the furnish-15 ing or performing services of a professional nature or for the 16 supplying of any product or the rendering of any service by a 17 public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public 18 19 Utility Commissioners of this State and tariffs and schedules of 20the charges, made, charged, or exacted by the public utility for any such products to be supplied or services to be rendered are filed 2122with the said board.

23This [section] subsection shall not prevent the authority from having any work done by its own employees, nor shall it apply to 2425repairs, or to the furnishing of materials, supplies or labor, or the 26 hiring of equipment or vehicles, when the safety or protection of its 27or other public property or the public convenience require, or the 28exigency of the authority's service will not admit of such advertise-29ment. In such case the authority shall, by resolution, passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of its members, declare the exigency 30 31 or emergency to exist, and set forth in the resolution the nature 32thereof and the approximate amount to be so expended.

b. Commencing January 1, 1985, the Governor, in consultation 33 34 with the Department of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 of each odd-numbered year, adjust the threshold amount set forth 35 in subsection a. of this section, or subsequent to 1985 the threshold 36 37 amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the consumer price index for 38 39 all urban consumers in the New York City and the Philadelphia 40 areas as reported by the United States Department of Labor. The 41 Governor shall, no later than June 1 of each odd-numbered year, 42notify the authority of the adjustment. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of each odd-numbered year.]** 43

**[6. Section 1 of P. L. 1968, c. 462 (C. 27:12C-11.1) is amended
 to read as follows:

1. a. The New Jersey Expressway Authority, in the exercise of 4 its authority to make and enter into contracts and agreements 5 necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the 6 execution of its powers, shall adopt standing operating rules and 7 procedures providing that, except as hereinafter provided, no con-8 tract on behalf of the authority shall be entered into for the doing

9 of any work, or for the hiring of equipment or vehicles, where the 10 sum to be expended exceeds the sum of [\$2,500.00] \$7,500.00 or, after June 30, 1985, the amount determined pursuant to subsection 11 12 b. of this section unless the authority shall first publicly advertise 13 for bids therefor, and shall award the contract to the lowest 14 responsible bidder; provided, however, that such advertising shall 15not be required where the contract to be entered into is one for the 16 furnishing or performing services of a professional nature or for 17 the supplying of any product or the rendering of any service by a 18 public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utility Commissioners of this State and tariffs and schedules of 19 20 the charges, made, charged, or exacted by the public utility for any 21 such products to be supplied or services to be rendered are filed with 22the said board.

23This [section] subsection shall not prevent the authority from 24 having any work done by its own employees, nor shall it apply to 25repairs, or to the furnishing of materials, supplies or labor, or the 26hiring of equipment or vehicles, when the safety or protection of its or other public property or the public convenience require, or 2728 the exigency of the authority's service will not admit of such advertisement. In such case the authority shall, by resolution, 29passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of its members, declare 30 the exigency or emergency to exist, and set forth in the resolution 31 32the nature thereof and the approximate amount to be so expended. b. Commencing January 1, 1985, the Governor, in consultation 33 34 with the Department of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 35of each odd-numbered year, adjust the threshold amount set forth 36 in subsection a. of this section, or subsequent to 1985 the threshold 37 amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in 38 direct proportion to the rise or fall of the consumer price index for 39 all urban consumers in the New York City and the Philadelphia areas as reported by the United States Department of Labor. The 40 Governor shall, no later than June 1 of each odd-numbered year, 41 notify the authority of the adjustment. The adjustment shall be-42 come effective on July 1 of each odd-numbered year.]** 43

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1 ** [7.] ** **3.** R. S. 27:2-1 is amended to read as follows:

2 27:2-1. a. When the cost of constructing, reconstructing or re-3 surfacing any State, county or municipal road, street or highway, or 4 portion thereof, will exceed [\$2,500.00] \$7,500.00 or****[, after 5 June 30, ***[1985]*** ***1986***,]**** the amount determined 6 pursuant to subsection b. of this section, the specifications and their 7 adoption and the award of the contract therefor shall be subject 8 to the provisions of this chapter.

9 b. **** [Commencing January 1, *** [1985] *** *** 1986***, the **** ****The**** Governor, in consultation with the Department 10of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 of each **** [odd-num-11 bered]*** **** [*** even-numbered****]**** **** odd-numbered**** 1213year, adjust the threshold amount set forth in subsection a. of this section, or subsequent to *** [1985] *** **** [***1986***] **** 14****1985**** the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment 15under this subsection **** or section 17 of P.L., c. (now 16pending before the Legislature as this bill)****, in direct propor-1718 tion to the rise or fall of the consumer price index for all urban 19 consumers in the New York City and the Philadelphia areas as 20 reported by the United States Department of Labor. The Governor shall, no later than June 1 of each *** [odd-numbered] *** **** [*** 21even-numbered****]**** *****odd-numbered**** year, notify every 22 governing body in charge of approving contracts for work on public 2324 thoroughfares specified in subsection a. of this section of the ad-25justment. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of each 26*** [odd-numbered] *** **** [*** even-numbered ***]**** **** odd-27numbered**** year.

1 ****[8.]** ****4.****** R. S. 27:16–16 is amended to read as follows:

27:16-16. If the cost of the improvement contemplated by section $\mathbf{2}$ 3 27:16-15 of this Title exceeds [\$2,500.00] the amount set forth in, or **** [after June 30, *** [1985] *** *** 1986***] **** the amount 4 calculated by the Governor pursuant to R. S. 27:2-1, bids shall be $\mathbf{5}$ 6 invited for the performance thereof by publication in one or more 7 newspapers in the county, for two weeks prior to the time appointed for receiving the bids. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest 8 9 responsible bidder, who shall furnish good and sufficient security for the performance thereof, to the satisfaction of the board of 10 chosen freeholders. 11

****[**9.**]** ****5.****** R. S. 27:19–35 is amended to read as follows:

27:19-35. a. The commission shall award no contract or agreement $\mathbf{2}$ 3 for the construction, reconstruction, repair, enlargement, extension, renewal, replacement or equipment of such bridges exceeding in 4 amount the sum of [twenty-five hundred dollars] \$7,500.00 $\mathbf{5}$ or****[, after June 30, ***[1985]*** ***1986***,]**** the amount 6 determined pursuant to subsection b. of this section without ad-7 vertisement for bids, which shall be opened publicly, and an award 8 9 made to the lowest responsible bidder, with power in the commission to reject any or all bids. Contracts for the purchase of bridges 10may be made and executed without advertisement. 11

b. **** [Commencing January 1, *** [1985] *** ***1986***, the]
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14 of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 of each *** [odd-numbered]*** ****[***even-numbered****]**** **** odd-numbered**** 15 year, adjust the threshold amount set forth in subsection a. of this 16 section, or subsequent to *** [1985] *** **** [*** 1986***] **** 17 ****1985**** the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment 18 under this subsection **** or section 17 of P.L., c. (now 19 20 pending before the Legislature as this bill)****, in direct propor-21 tion to the rise or fall of the consumer price index for all urban 22consumers in the New York City and the Philadelphia areas as 23 reported by the United States Department of Labor. The Governor 24 even-numbered****]**** ***** odd-numbered***** year, notify each 2526 commission of the adjustment. The adjustment shall become effec-27tive on July 1 of each *** [odd-numbered] *** **** [*** even-nubbered****]**** ****odd-numbered**** year. 28

**[10. Section 1 of P. L. 1968, c. 461 (C. 27:23-6.1) is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 1. a. The New Jersey Turnpike Authority, in the exercise of its 4 authority to make and enter into contracts and agreements neces-5 sary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution 6 of its powers, shall adopt standing operating rules and procedures providing that, except as hereinafter provided, no contract on 7 behalf of the authority shall be entered into for the doing of any 8 9 work, or for the hiring of equipment or vehicles, where the sum to be expended exceeds the sum of [\$2,500.00] \$7,500.00 or, after 10 11 June 30, 1985, the amount determined pursuant to subsection b. of 12this section unless the authority shall first publicly advertise for 13 bids therefor, and shall award the contract to the lowest responsible 14 bidder; provided, however, that such advertising shall not be required where the contract to be entered into is one for the furnish-1516 ing or performing services of a professional nature or for the sup-17 plying of any product or the rendering of any service by a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utility 18 19 Commissioners of this State and tariffs and schedules of the charges, made, charged, or exacted by the public utility for any 20 such products to be supplied or services to be rendered are filed 2122with the said board.

This [section] subsection shall not prevent the authority from having any work done by its own employees, nor shall it apply to repairs, or to the furnishing of materials, supplies or labor, or the hiring of equipment or vehicles, when the safety or protection of its or other public property or the public convenience require, or the exigency of the authority's service will not admit of such advertise29 ment. In such case the authority shall, by resolution, passed by the
30 affirmative vote of a majority of its members, declare the exigency
31 or emergency to exist, and set forth in the resolution the nature
32 thereof and the approximate amount to be so expended.

33 b. Commencing January 1, 1985, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 34 35 of each odd-numbered year, adjust the threshold amount set forth in subsection a. of this section, or subsequent to 1985 the threshold 36 amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in 37 38 direct proportion to the rise or fall of the consumer price index for 39 all urban consumers in the New York City and the Philadelphia areas as reported by the United States Department of Labor. The 40 Governor shall, no later than June 1 of each odd-numbered year, 41 42 notify the authority of the adjustment. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of each odd-numbered year.]** 43

[11.] **6.** Section 3 of P. L. 1971, c. 198 (C. 40A:11-3) is
amended to read as follows:

3. a. Purchases, contracts or agreements not required to be adver-3 4 tised. Any purchase, contract or agreement for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of materials or supplies, $\mathbf{5}$ 6 the cost or price of which, together with any other sums expended or to be expended for the performance of any work or services in 7 connection with the same immediate program, undertaking, activity 8 or project or the furnishing of similar materials or supplies during 9 10 the same fiscal year paid with or out of public funds, does not exceed in the fiscal year the total sum of [\$4,500.00 in the fiscal year] 11 \$7,500.00 or *****[, after June 30, ****[1985]*** ****1986****,]**** 12the amount determined pursuant to subsection b. of this section, 13 14 may be made, negotiated or awarded by a contracting agent when 15so authorized by resolution of the governing body of the contract-16ing unit without public advertising for bids. Such authorization may be granted for each purchase, contract or agreement or by a 17general delegation of the power to make, negotiate or award such 18 19purchases, contracts or agreements pursuant to this section.

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Any purchase, contract or agreement made pursuant to this section may be awarded for a period of 12 consecutive months, notwithstanding that such 12-month period does not coincide with the fiscal year. The Division of Local Government Services shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations concerning the methods of accounting for all contracts that do not coincide with the fiscal year.

b. **** [Commencing January 1, *** [1985] *** *** 1986 ***, the]
**** **** The**** Governor, in consultation with the Department

of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 of each *** [odd-nub-29bered]*** ****[***even-numbered***]**** ****odd-numbered****] 30 year, adjust the threshold amount set forth in subsection a. of this 31 32section, or subsequent to *** [1985]*** **** [*** 1986***]**** ****1985**** the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment 33 under this subsection **** or section 17 of P. L., c. (now 34pendling before the Legislatrue as this bill)****, in direct propor-35tion to the rise or fall of the consumer price index for all urban 36 37consumers in the New York City and the Philadelphia areas as 38reported by the United States Department of Labor. The Governor shall, no later than June 1 of each *** [odd-numbered] *** **** 39[****even-numbered****]**** ****odd-numbered**** year, notify 4041 each governing body of the adjustment. The adjustment shall be-42come effective on July 1 of each **** [odd-numbered] *** ****[*** even-numbered****]**** ****odd-numbered**** year. 43

1 **[12.]** **7.** Section 4 of P. L. 1971, c. 198 (C. 40A:11-4) is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. Contracts and agreements required to be advertised. Every 4 contract or agreement, for the performance of any work or the $\mathbf{5}$ furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the cost or the contract price whereof is to be paid with or out of public funds, not 6 7 included within the terms of section 3 of this act, shall be made or awarded only by the governing body of the contracting unit after 8 9 public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, except as is pro-10vided otherwise in this act or specifically by any other law. No work, materials or supplies shall be undertaken, acquired or fur-11 lished for a sum exceeding in the aggregate [\$7,500.00] the amount 12set forth in, or **** [after June 30, *** [1985] *** *** 1986 ***] **** 13the amount calculated by the Governor pursuant to, section 3 of 14 P. L. 1971, c. 198 (C. 40A:11-3), except by contract or agreement. 15**[13.]** **8.** Section 6 of P. L. 1971, c. 198 (C. 40A:11-6) is 1 $\mathbf{2}$ amended to read as follows:

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3 6. Emergency purchases and contracts. Any purchase, contract 4 or agreement may be made, negotiated or awarded for a contracting unit without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor not- $\mathbf{5}$ withstanding that the cost or contract price will exceed [\$7,500.00] 6 the amount set forth in, or **** [after June 30, *** [1985] *** *** 7 1986***"]**** the amount calculated by the Governor pursuant to, 8 section 3 of P. L. 1971, c. 198 (C. 40A:11-3), when an emergency 9affecting the public health, saftey or welfare requires the immed-10 ate delivery of the articles or the performance of the service, pro-11 vided that the awarding or making of such purchases, contracts 12or agreements are made in the following manner: 13

14a. A written requisition for the performance of such work or labor, or the furnishing of materials, supplies or services is filed 15with the contracting agent or his deputy in charge describing the 1617nature of the emergency, the time of its occurrence and the need for invoking this section, certified by the officer or director in charge 1819 of the department wherein the emergency occurred, or such other 20officer or employee as may be authorized to act in place of said 21officer or director, and the contracting agent or his deputy in charge, 22being satisfied that the emergency exists, is hereby authorized to award a contract for said work or labor, materials, supplies or 2324services.

25b. Upon the furnishing of such work or labor, materials, supplies or services, in accordance with the terms of the contract or 2627*** [supplies or services, shall be entitled to be paid therefor and the agreement, the contractor furnishing such work or labor, ma-28terials,]*** ***agreement, the contractor furnishing such work or 29labor, materials, supplies or services, shall be entitled to be paid 30 therefor and *** the contracting unit shall be obligated for said $\mathbf{31}$ 31A payment. The governing body of the contracting unit shall take 31B such action as shall be required to provide for the payment of the 31c contract price.

32 c. The governing body of the contracting unit may prescribe
33 additional rules and procedures to implement the requirements of
34 this section.

1 ******[14.]** **9.** Section 7 of P. L. 1971, c. 198 (C. 40A:11-7) is 2 amended to read as follows:

3 7. Contracts not to be divided. No purchase, contract or agreement, which is single in character or which necessarily or by reason 4 of the quantities required to effectuate the purpose of the purchase, $\mathbf{\tilde{5}}$ contract or agreement, includes the furnishing of additional ser-6 vices or buying or hiring of materials or supplies or the doing of 7 additional work, shall be subdivided, so as to bring it or any of 8 the parts thereof under the maximum price or cost limitation of 9 [\$7,500.00] the amount set forth in, or **** [after June 30, 10 *** [1985] *** ***1986 ***] **** the amount calculated by the Gov-11 ernor pursuant to section 3 of P. L. 1971, c. 198 (C. 40A:11-3) 12thus dispensing with the requirement of public advertising and 1314 bidding therefor, and in purchasing or contracting for, or agreeing for the furnishing of, any services, the doing of work or the sup-15plying of any materials or the supplying or hiring of any materials 1617or supplies, included in or incident to the performance or completion of any project, program, activity or undertaking which is 18 19 single in character or inclusive of the furnishing of additional services or buying or hiring of materials or supplies or the doing 20

of additional work, or which requires the furnishing of more than one article of equipment or buying or hiring of materials or supplies, all of the services, materials or property requisite for the completion of such project shall be included in one purchase, contract or agreement.

[15.] **10.** Section 16 of P. L. 1971, c. 198 (C. 40A:11-16)
 2 is amended to read as follows:

3 16. Separate plans for various types of work; bids; contracts. In the preparation of plans and specifications for the erection, 4 alteration or repair of any public building by any contracting unit, $\mathbf{5}$ when the entire cost of the work will exceed [\$7,500.00 in amount] 6 the amount set forth in, or **** [after June 30, *** [1985] *** *** 78 1986***]**** the amount calculated by the Governor pursuant to, section 3 of P. L. 1971, c. 198 (C. 40A:11-3), the architect, engineer 9 or other person preparing the plans and specifications, may pre-10 pare separate plans and specifications for 11

12 (1) The plumbing and gas fitting and all kindred work;

13 (2) Steam power plants, steam and hot water heating and14 ventilating apparatus and all kindred work;

15 (3) Electrical work;

16 (4) Structural steel and ornamental iron work; and

17 (5) All other work required for the completion of the project.

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The contracting unit or its contracting agent shall advertise for 18 and receive, in the manner provided by law, either (a) separate 19 bids for each of said branches of work, or (b) bids for all the work 2021and materials required to complete the building to be included in a single overall contract, or (c) both. There will be set forth in the 2223bid the name or names of, and evidence of performance security from, all subcontractors to whom the bidder will subcontract the $\mathbf{24}$ furnishing of plumbing and gas fitting, and all kindred work, and 25of the steam and hot water heating and ventilating apparatus, 26steam power plants and kindred work, and electrical work, struc-27tural steel and ornamental iron work, each of which subcontractors 28shall be qualified in accordance with this act. 29

30 Contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. In the event that a contract is advertised in accordance with (c) above 3132said contract shall be awarded in the following manner: If the sum total of the amounts bid by the lowest responsible bidder for each 33 branch is less than the amount bid by the lowest responsible bidder 34for all the work and materials, the contracting unit shall award 35separate contracts for each of such branches to the lowest re-36 sponsible bidder therefor, but if the sum total of the amount bid 37by the lowest responsible bidder for each branch is not less than the 38 amount bid by the lowest responsible bidder for all the work and 39

40 materials, the contracting unit shall award a single overall con-41 tract to the lowest responsible bidder for all of such work and 42 materials. In every case in which a contract is awarded under (b) 43 above, all payments required to be made under such contract for 44 work and materials supplied by a subcontractor shall, upon the 45 certification of the contractor of the amount due to the subcontrac-46 tor, be paid directly to the subcontractor.

[16.] **11.** R. S. 40:128-1 is amended to read as follows: 1 40:128-1. a. The council may, in the manner hereinafter provided, $\mathbf{2}$ make contracts at one time or at different times for the doing of 3 4 any or all of the work, or for the furnishing of any or all of the material, necessary for the grading, flagging, macadamizing, pav-ว ing, curbing or guttering of any street, highway or section thereof 6 or for the construction of a sidewalk of any material thereon, which 7 the council may have previously authorized or may thereafter 8 authorize for all or any portion of the then current calendar year. 9 The council shall first adopt a resolution by the unanimous vote of 10 all the members of the council or board of commissioners that it is 11 12to the interest of the town to make a general contract or contracts for the doing of any or all of the work, or for the furnishing of 13any or all of the material necessary for the improvements autho-1415rized or to be authorized for all, or any portion of the then current 16 calendar year. At any time after the passage of said resolution the council may require the clerk to advertise for proposals in the 17 official newspaper of the town and in such other newspapers as it 1819may designate, for the doing of all or any part of the work or the furnishing of all or any part of the materials necessary for such 2021 improvements, as the council may have previously authorized or may thereafter authorize during such portion of the then current 2223calendar year, as the council may determine. Where the sum to be expended exceeds [one thousand dollars] \$7,500.00 or****[, after 24June 30, *** [1985] *** *** 1986 ***,] **** the amount determined 2526pursuant to subsection b. of this section the proposals shall be ad- $\mathbf{27}$ vertised and bids received, and contracts therefor awarded in all 28respects as provided in chapter 50 of this title (§ 40:50-1 et seq.). 29The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, on 30the terms of their proposals, but the council may reject all bids if 31they deem it for the interest of the town so to do, in which case 32they shall again advertise for proposals, and shall proceed in all 33 things as if no proposals had been offered. The council shall require the person contracting with the town to give bonds with 34ample freehold security for the due performance thereof, or may 3536require the bond of a surety company authorized to transact busi-36A ness in this State.

37 b. **** [Commencing January 1, *** [1985] *** *** 1986***, the] **** The **** Governor, in consultation with the Department 38 of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 of each **** [odd-num-39 40 bered]*******[***even-numbered****]******odd-numbered**** 41 year, adjust the threshold amount set forth in subsection a. of this section, or subsequent to *** [1985] *** **** [*** 1986***]**** 42****1985**** the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment 43 44 pending before the Legislature as this bill)****, in direct propor-45 **4**6 tion to the rise or fall of the consumer price index for all urban 47 consumers in the New York City and the Philadelphia areas as 48 reported by the United States Department of Labor. The Governor **4**9 shall, no later than June 1 of each *** [odd-numbered] *** **** ***even-numbered****]**** ****odd-numbered**** year, notifying 50 each council or governing body of the adjustment. The adjustment 51shall become effective on July 1 of each ****[odd-numbered]*** 5253****[****even-numbered****]***** *****odd-numbered***** year.

[17.] **12.** Section 22 of P. L. 1967, c. 184 (C. 40:68-48)
 2 is amended to read as follows:

22. a. The district shall award no contract or agreement for the purposes provided for in this act exceeding in amount the sum of [\$2,500.00] \$7,500.00 or****[, after June 30, ***[1985]*** ***1986***,]**** the amount determined pursuant to subsection b. of this section without advertisement for bids, which shall be opened publicly and an award made to the lowest responsibile bidder, with power in the district to reject any or all bids.

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b. **** [Commencing January 1, *** [1985] *** *** 1986***, 10the]**** **** The **** Governor, in consultation with the De-11 partment of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 of each 12*** [odd-numbered] *** **** [**** even-numbered ***]**** **** odd-13 numbered **** year, adjust the threshold amount set forth in 14 subsection a. of this section, or subsequent to ***[1985]*** 15**** [*** 1986***]**** **** 1985**** the threshold amount re-16sulting from any adjustment under this subsection ****or section 1718 17 of P. L., c. ... (now pending before the Legislature as this bill)****, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the con-19 sumer price index for all urban consumers in the New York City 2021and the Philadelphia areas as reported by the United States Department of Labor. The Governor shall, no later than June 1. 22of each *** [odd-numbered] *** **** [**** even-numbered ***] **** 23*****odd-numbered***** year, notify the authority of the adjust- $\mathbf{24}$ ment. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of each 25

26 ***[odd-numbered]*** ****[***even-numbered****]**** ****odd-27 numbered**** year.

[18.] **13.** R. S. 40:62-63 is amended to read as follows: 1 $\mathbf{2}$ 40:62-63. a. Whenever any work to be performed or materials to 3 be furnished under sections 40:62-47 to 40:62-105 of this Title, or any of them, may involve an expenditure of any sum exceed-4 ing [\$2,500.00] \$7,500.00 or****[, after June 30, ***[1985]*** 5 ***1986***,]**** the amount determined pursuant to subsection 6 b. of this section, the governing body shall advertise for bids 7 therefor, and award and execute the contract therefor, as pro-8 vided in chapter 50 of this title (§ 40:50-1 et seq.). The adver-9 tisements shall specify the dimensions and quality of the work 1010A to be done or materials to be furnished.

This [section] subsection shall not be construed to apply to the 11 12compensation of specially retained advisers, or when the exigency of the service, or an emergency threatening the continuity of the 13water supply shall be declared to exist by a resolution passed by 1415an affirmative vote of four-fifths of the body having charge thereof. 16Such resolution shall state the nature of the exigency or emergency, and the approximate cost of the work necessary to be done 17 to meet such exigency or emergency. In such case, it shall not be 18necessary to advertise for bids or to receive proposals or to award 1920a contract therefor.

b. **** [Commencing January 1, *** [1985] *** *** 1986***, 21the T**** **** The **** Governor, in consultation with the De-2223partment of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 of each *** [odd-numbered] *** **** [****even-numbered****] **** ****odd-24numbered**** year, adjust the threshold amount set forth in 25subsection a. of this section, or subsequent to *** [1985] *** 26**** [**** 1986****]**** ***** 1985***** the threshold amount result-27ing from any adjustment under this subsection **** or section 17 28of P. L., c. ... (now pending before the Legislature as 29 this bill)****, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the con-30 31 sumer price index for all urban consumers in the New York City 32and the Philadelphia areas as reported by the United States 33 Department of Labor. The Governor shall, no later than June 1 of each *** [odd-numbered] **** **** [****even-numbered****] **** 34****odd-numbered***** year, notify each governing body of the 3536 adjustment. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of *****[***even-numbered****]**** 37 *** **[**odd-numbered]*** each 38 ****odd-numbered**** year.

1 ****[**19.**]**** ******[****14.** R. S. 58:14-22 is amended to read as 1a follows:

2 58:14-22. a. Whenever any work to be performed or any material 3 to be furnished shall involve an expenditure of money exceeding the sum of [\$4,500.00] \$7,500.00 or, after June 30, *** [1985] *** 4 ***1986***, the amount determined pursuant to subsection b. of this 5 section, the commissioners shall designate the time when they will 6 meet at their usual place of meeting to receive proposals in writing 7 for doing the work and furnishing the material, and the commission-8 ers shall order their clerk to give notice by advertisement, inserted 9 in at least two newspapers printed and circulating, respectively, in 10 two of the counties of the district, at least 10 days before the time 11 of such meeting, of the work to be done and the material to be furn-1213 ished, particular specifications of which they shall cause to be filed in their office at the time of such order. All proposals received shall 14 be publicly opened by the commissioners or the chief administrative 15officer of the commission and the commissioners shall award the 16 contract to the lowest responsible bidder. All contractors shall be 17 required to give bond satisfactory in amount and security to the 1819 commissioners.

b. Commencing January 1, *** [1985]*** *** 1986*** the Gov-20ernor, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, shall, 21 no later than March 1 of each *** [odd-numbered] *** *** even-2223 numbered*** year, adjust the threshold amount set forth in subsection a. of this section, or subsequent to *** [1985]*** *** 1986*** the 24threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this sub-2526section, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the consumer price index for all urban consumers in the New York City and the Phila-2728delphia areas as reported by the United States Department of Labor. The Governor shall, no later than June 1 of each *** [odd-29numbered ******* *** even-numbered *** year, notify the commission of 30 the adjustment. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 31 of each *** [odd-numbered] *** *** even-numbered *** year.] **** 32 **[20.]** ****[**15.**]**** ****14.**** Section 22 of P. L. 1 $\mathbf{2}$ 1981, c. 293 (C. 58:1B-22) is amended to read as follows:

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3 22. a. The authority is hereby authorized to make and enter into contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the perfor-4 mance of its duties and the execution of its powers. No contract on 5 behalf of the authority shall be entered into for the doing of any 6 work, or for the hiring of equipment or vehicles, where the sum to 7 be expended exceeds the sum of [\$4,500.00] \$7,500.00 or****[, 8 after June 30, *** [1985] *** *** 1986 ***,] **** the amount deter-9 mined pursuant to subsection b. of this section unless the authority 10 shall first publicly advertise for bids therefor, and shall award the 11 12contract to the lowest responsible bidder; but advertising shall

not be required where the contract to be entered into is one for 13 14 the furnishing or performing services of a professional nature or for the supplying of any product or the rendering of any ser-15 vice by a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Board 16 17of Public Utilities, and tariffs and schedules of the charges, made, charged, or exacted by the public utility for any such pro-18 19 ducts to be supplied or services to be rendered are filed with This [section] subsection shall not prevent the 20 the board. 21authority from having any work done by its own employees, $\mathbf{22}$ nor shall it apply to repairs, or to the furnishing of materials, 23supplies or labor, or the hiring of equipment or vehicles, when the safety or protection of its or other public property or the $\mathbf{24}$ 25public convenience requires, or the exigency of the authority service 26will not admit of such advertisement. In such case the authority 27 shall, by resolution, passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of its members, declare the exigency or emergency to exist, and 28set forth in the resolution the nature thereof and the approximate 29 30 amount to be expended.

b. **** [Commencing January 1, *** [1985] *** *** 1986***. 31 the]**** ****The**** Governor, in consultation with the De-32 33 partment of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 of each ***[odd-numbered]*** ****[****even-numbered****]**** ****odd-34numbered ***** year, adjust the threshold amount set forth in 3536 subsection a. of this section, or subsequent to *** [1985] *** **** [**** 1986***]**** **** 1985**** the threshold amount result-37 ing from any adjustment under this subsection **** or section 17 38 of P. L., c. ... (now pending before the Legislature as 39 40 this bill)****, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the consumer price index for all urban consumers in the New York City 41 and the Philadelphia areas as reported by the United States 42 Department of Labor. The Governor shall, no later than June 1 43 of each *** [odd-numbered] **** **** [**** even-numbered ****] ***** 44 ****odd-numbered***** year, notify the authority of the adjust-45 ment. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of each 46 ***[odd-numbered]*** *****[****even-numbered****]**** ****odd-47 48 numbered**** year.

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1 ****[**21.**]**** ******[****16.****]****** ****15.**** R. S. 58:5-20 is amend-1A ed to read as follows:

58:5-20. a. Whenever any work to be performed or material to be
furnished involves an expenditure exceeding [\$4,500.00] \$7,500.00
or****[, after June 30, ***[1985]*****1986***,]**** the amount
determined pursuant to subsection b. of this section, the commission shall cause to be prepared and shall approve in public

7 meeting, such form of contract or alternative contracts for the 8 execution of the work or the furnishing of the materials, and pay-9 ment therefor, as will in its judgement secure the execution of the 10 work and the furnishing of the materials most efficiently, economi-10A cally and expeditiously.

This [section] subsection shall not prevent the commission from 11 12having any work done by its own employees, nor shall it apply to repairs, or to the furnishing of materials, supplies or labor, or the 13 hiring of equipment or vehicles, when the safety or protection of its 14or other public property or the public convenience require, or the 15exigency of the commission's service will not admit of such 1617 advertisement. In such case the commission shall, by resolution, passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of its members, declare 18the exigency or emergency to exist, and set forth in the resolution 1920the nature thereof and the approximate amount to be so expended.

21Thereupon the commission shall designate the time when it will meet at its usual place of meeting to receive proposals in writing 22for doing the work or furnishing the materials in accordance with, 23and upon the terms and conditions of, such form of contract or 24alternative contracts, and shall order its clerk to give notice, by 25advertisement inserted at least 10 days before the time of such 26meeting in at least two newspapers printed and circulating in the 27county or counties in which the municipalities in said water supply 28project are situated, of the work to be done and the materials to 29be furnished, particular plans and specifications of which shall, 30at the time of such order, be filed in the office of the commission. 31

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All proposals shall be publicly opened by the commission, which shall award the contract to the lowest responsible and qualified bidder under the form of the contract originally adopted or the form of the alternative contract which shall then be adopted by it as most advantageous.

37 Each contractor shall be required to give bond satisfactory in
38 amount and security to the commission for the faithful performance
39 of his contract.

b. **** [Commencing January 1, *** [1985] *** *** 1986***, 40 the]**** ****The**** Governor, in consultation with the De-41 partment of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 of each 42*** [odd-numbered] *** **** [*** even-numbered ***] **** **** odd-43 numbered**** year, adjust the threshold amount set forth in 44 subsection a. of this section, or subsequent to *** [1985] *** 45 **** [*** 1986***] **** **** 1985**** the threshold amount result-**4**6 ing from any adjustment under this subsection **** or section 17 47 of P. L., c. ... (now pending before the Legislature as 48

this bill)****, in direct proportion to the rise on fall of the con-49 sumer price index for all urban consumers in the New York City 50and the Philadelphia areas as reported by the United States 51Department of Labor. The Governor shall, no later than June 1 52of each *** [odd-numbered] *** **** [**** even-numbered ****] **** 53****odd-numbered**** year, notify each commission of the ad-54 The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of 55justment. each *****[**odd-numbered]*** **** [*** even-numbered***]**** 56**** odd-numbered **** year. 57

[22.] ****[**17.** Section 2 of P. L. 1954, c. 48 (C. 52:34-7)
 2 is amended to read as follows:

2. a. Any such purchase, contract or agreement may be made, 3 negotiated, or awarded by the Director of the Division of Purchase 4 and Property or the Director of the Division of Building and Con-5 6 struction, as the case may be, without advertising, in any manner which he may deem effective to promote full and free competition 7 whenever competition is practicable, if: (1) the aggregate amount 8 9 involved does not exceed [\$2,500.00] \$7,500.00 or, after June 30, *** [1985] *** *** 1986 ***, the amount determined pursuant to sub-10 section b. of this section; or (2) *** Tthe aggregate amount involved 11 does not exceed \$7,500.00 or, after June 30, 1985, the amount deter-12mined pursuant to subsection b. of this section in the case of the pur-13 14 chase of construction materials and supplies when such materials and supplies are not available from contract vendors and are 15 necessary to the State departments or agencies in the erection, con-16 struction, alteration, or repair of State buildings and facilities;]*** 17 *** (Deleted by amendment, P. L. 1985, c. 107)*** or (3) the aggre-18 19 gate amount involved does not exceed \$10,000.00 or, after June 30, 20*** [1985] *** ***1986***, the amount determined pursuant to subsection b. of this section in the case of contracts or agreements for 2122the erection, construction, alteration, or repair of any public build-23 ing or facility.

24 When the aggregate amount involved does not exceed \$10,000.00 or, after June 30, *** [1985] *** *** 1986***, the amount determined 25pursuant to subsection b. of this section in the case of contracts or 26agreements for the erection, construction, alteration, or repair of 27 any public building or facility, the Director of the Division of Build-28ing and Construction may, at his discretion, delegate to the appro-29 29A priate State department or using agency his authority to make, 29B negotiate, or award a contract or agreement without advertising. The Director of the Division of Purchase and Property or the 30Director of the Division of Building and Construction, as the case 31 32may be, shall establish, in accordance with the "Administrative

33 Procedure Act," (P. L. 1968, c. 410; C. 52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and
34 regulations concerning procedural requirements for the making,
35 negotiating or awarding of purchases, contracts or agreements
36 pursuant to this section.

37 b. Commencing January 1, *** [1985]*** *** 1986***, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, shall, 38 no later than March 1 of each *** [odd-numbered] *** *** even-39 numbered*** year, adjust the threshold amount set forth in sub-40 section a. of this section, or subsequent to *** [1985] *** *** 1986*** 41 42 the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this sub-43 section, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the consumer price 44 index for all urban consumers in the New York City and the Phila-45 delphia areas as reported by the United States Department of **46** Labor. The Governor shall, no later than June 1 of each **** [oddnumbered **]***** ***even-numbered*** year, notify the Director of 47 **48**[.] the Division of Purchase and Property and the Director of the **4**9 Division of Building and Construction of the adjustment. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of each *** [odd-50 numbered]*** ***even-numbered*** year.]**** 51

1 **[23.]** ****[**18.**]**** ****16.**** Section 9 of P. L.
 2 1954, c. 48 (C. 52:34-14) is amended to read as follows:

9. Where the State House Commission is empowered to make,
4 award or authorize the award of any agreement or contract, such
5 agreement or contract, may be made, awarded or authorized with6 out publicly advertising for bids therefor when

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7 (a) the cost or contract price involved does not exceed
8 [\$2,500.00] the amounts set forth in, or ****[after June 30,
9 ***[1985]*** ***1986***]**** the amounts calculated by the
10 Governor pursuant to, section 2 of P. L. 1954, c. 48 (C. 52:34-7);
11 or

12 (b) the subject matter thereof is personal or professional ser-13 vices; or

14 (c) the purchase is to be made from, or the contract to be made
15 with, the federal or any State government or any agency or political
16 subdivision thereof; or

17 (d) the subject matter thereof is perishable food or subsistence18 supplies; or

(e) the commission first shall have adopted a resolution that theinterest of the State will be best served by not so advertising.

****17. (New section) The Governor shall adjust immediately
 the threshold amounts set forth in this 1985 amendatory and
 supplementary act in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the
 Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers in the New York

5 City and the Philadelphia areas as reported by the United States
6 Department of Labor. The immediate adjustments shall become
7 effective on the 30th day after the Administrator of the General
8 Services Administration in the Department of the Treasury notifies
9 the appropriate public entities.****
1 **[*24.]** ***[**19.** R. S. 52:25-23 is amended to read as

1 L 24. L 13. 10. 5. 52.25-25 is amended to read as 1A follows:

 $\mathbf{2}$ 52:25-23. The Director of the Division of Purchase and Prop-3 erty may, by written order, permit purchases to be made by any 4 using agency directly whenever it shall appear to his satisfaction that by reason of the excess of transportation costs, a lower price 5 with equal quality can be obtained by the using agency, or as in 6 7 the case of fresh food products and the like perishable articles, where there are nearby local markets. In direct purchases of 8 9 fresh milk and as a condition thereof, the director shall require each vendor to certify in writing that he purchased during the 10immediately preceding year fresh milk produced within the State 11 at least equal in amount to the amount he seeks to furnish to the 12using agency, and, in addition, to agree to purchase during the 13 year in which he proposes to furnish such milk to the using agency 14 15an amount of fresh milk produced within the State at least equal to the amount he proposes to furnish to the using agency plus an 16 amount equal to the amount, if any, he shall be required to furnish 17 to any other using agency. Such permission shall be revocable and 18 shall be issued for a fixed amount only and not in excess of \$2,500.00 19 20and prescribe the articles to be purchased, and shall be operative 21for any stated period within a fiscal year. At the expiration of such period, the authority shall lapse and an additional direct purchase 2223order shall be requisite for any such purchases. Such using agencies receiving such permission shall report in a manner to be 24 25prescribed by the director their acts and expenditures under such orders with proper evidence that competition has been secured 26 27delegate purchasing authority to the using agencies for purchases 28or contracts not in excess of \$7,500.00; except that:

a. Purchases or contracts shall not be divided to circumvent the
dollar limit imposed by this section;

b. Prior to issuing purchase orders pursuant to this section, a
using agency shall verify the existence of funds for the purchase
or contract; and

c. All purchases made or contracts negotiated under this section
shall be reported to the Director of the Division of Purchase and
Property by the using agency, in a manner prescribed by the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property, which report shall

38 include proper proof that the purchase or contract was made or 39 negotiated competitively, where competition is practicable.]**

1 ** [25. (New section) a. All purchases, contracts, or agreements 2 where the cost or contract price exceeds the sum of \$7,500.00 or, 3 after June 30, 1985, the amount determined pursuant to subsection 4 b. of this section shall be made, negotiated, or awarded only after 5 public advertisement for bids therefor and shall be awarded to that responsible bidder whose bid, conforming to the invitation for 6 7 bids, is most advantageous to the Hackensack Meadowlands De-8 velopment Commission, in its judgment, upon consideration of price 9 and other factors. Any bid may be rejected when the commission 10 determines that it is in the public interest to do so.

11 Any purchase, contract, or agreement where the cost or contract 12 price is less than or equal to \$7,500.00 or, after June 30, 1985, the 13 amount determined pursuant to subsection b. of this section may 14 be made, negotiated, or awarded by the commission without advertising and in any manner which the commission in its judg-15 ment, deems necessary to serve it unique interests and purposes 16 and which promotes, whenever practicable, full and free competi-17 18 tion by the acceptance of quotations or proposals or by the use of 19 other suitable methods.

20b. Commencing January 1, 1985, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 21 22of each odd-numbered year, adjust the threshold amount set forth 23 in subsection a. of this section, or subsequent to 1985 the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, 24 25 in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the consumer price index for all urban consumers in the New York City and the Philadelphia 26 areas as reported by the United States Department of Labor. The 27 Governor shall, no later than June 1 of each odd-numbered year, 28 notify the commission of the adjustment. The adjustment shall 29 30 become effective on July 1 of each odd-numbered year.*]**

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1 *[24.]* **[*26.*]** ***[**20.**]*** ****[***19.***]**** 2 ****18.**** This act shall take effect immediately.

33 Procedure Act," (P. L. 1968, c. 410; C. 52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and
34 regulations concerning procedural requirements for the making,
35 negotiating or awarding of purchases, contracts or agreements
36 pursuant to this section.

37 b. Commencing January 1, 1985, the Governor, in consultation 38 with the Department of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 39 of each odd-numbered year, adjust the threshold amount set forth **4**0 in subsection a. of this section, or subsequent to 1985 the threshold 41 amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the consumer price index **4**2 43 for all urban consumers in the New York City and the Philadelphia areas as reported by the United States Department of Labor. The **4**4 Governor shall, no later than June 1 of each odd-numbered year, 45 46 notify the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property and the Director of the Division of Building and Construction of the 47 adjustment. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of each 48 odd-numbered year. 49

1 23. Section 9 of P. L. 1954, c. 48 (C. 52:34-14) is amended to 2 read as follows:

9. Where the State House Commission is empowered to make, 4 award or authorize the award of any agreement or contract, such 5 agreement or contract, may be made, awarded or authorized with-6 out publicly advertising for bids therefor when

7-8 (a) the cost or contract price involved does not exceed
9 [\$2,500.00] the amounts set forth in, or after June 30, 1985 the
10 amounts calculated by the Governor pursuant to, section 2 of P. L.
11 1954, c. 48 (C. 52:34-7); or

12 (b) the subject matter thereof is personal or professional ser-13 vices; or

(c) the purchase is to be made from, or the contract to be made
with, the federal or any State government or any agency or political
subdivision thereof; or

17 (d) the subject matter thereof is perishable food or subsistence18 supplies; or

(e) the commission first shall have adopted a resolution that theinterest of the State will be best served by not so advertising.

1 24. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill increases the bid threshold amount to \$7,500.00 or to an adjusted amount calculated by the Governor, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury. The bill provides that the

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Governor shall adjust the threshold amount in consultation with the Department of the Treasury every two years commencing January 1, 1985 in proportion to the rise or fall of the New York City/Philadelphia Consumer Price Index. The Governor is required under this bill to adjust the bid threshold amount no later than March 1, 1985 and every odd-numbered year thereafter. The bill further provides that the Governor shall notify the appropriate bodies of the adjusted bid threshold no later than June 1 of 1985 and every odd-numbered year thereafter.

This bill raises the bid threshold for laws governing the following: 1) New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority; 2) local school boards transportation contracts; 3) New Jersey Health Care Facilities Authority; 4) New Jersey Highway Authority; 5) New Jersey Expressway Authority; 6) county contracts for road improvements; 7) county bridge commissions; 8) New Jersey Turnpike Authority; 9) contracts for materials or services purchased by counties, municipalities and other local governing bodies; 10) municipal contracts for street improvements; 11) Beach Erosion Control Districts; 12) municipal and county-owned water supplies; 13) Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission; 14) New Jersey Water Supply Authority; 15) North and South Jersey Water Supply Districts; and 16) State purchasing law.

The purposes of this bill include making bid ceilings reflect current expenses; providing a faster response to the economy; and providing continuous flexibility without the need for new bills.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL AND INTERSTATE RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1744

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JULY 30, 1984

This bill increases the bid threshold amount to \$7,500.00 or to an adjusted amount calculated by the Governor, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury. The bill provides that the Governor shall adjust the threshold amount in consultation with the Department of the Treasury every two years commencing January 1, 1985 in proportion to the rise or fall of the New York City/Philadelphia Consumer Price Index. The Governor is required under this bill to adjust the bid threshold amount no later than March 1, 1985 and every odd-numbered year thereafter. The bill further provides that the Governor shall notify the appropriate bodies of the adjusted bid threshold no later than June 1 of 1985 and every odd-numbered year thereafter.

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This bill raises the bid threshold for the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority; local school board transportation contracts; the New Jersey Health Care Facilities Authority; the New Jersey Highway Authority; the New Jersey Expressway Authority; county road improvements contracts; county bridge commissions; the New Jersey Turnpike Authority; contracts for materials or services purchased by counties; municipalities and other local governing bodies; municipal street improvement contracts; Beach Erosion Control Districts; muuicipal and county-owned water supplies; the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission; the New Jersey Water Supply Authority; the North and South Jersey Water Supply Districts; and the State purchasing law.

The purpose of this bill is to make bid ceilings reflect current expenses and to provide flexibility in setting bid threshold amounts.

The bill was amended to include the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission and to provide the Division of Purchase and Property with the ability to delegate purchasing authority.



Senate ____ Amendments (Proposed by Senator Lipman)

to

Senate ____ Bill No. 1744 (OCR)

(Sponsored by Senator Lipman)

Amend:

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Page	Sec.	Line		
21-22	25	1-30	Omit	
22	26	· 1	Omit "26." insert "20."	
			STATEMENT	
			These amendments remove the sections of the	
	[bill concerning the Sports and Exposition Authority,	
			the Highway Authority, the Expressway Authority, the	
			Turnpike Authority and the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission. Those sections were already	
			enacted by P.L. 1984, c. 128 (Assembly Bill No. 2096)	
			in identical form.	
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

November 12, 1985

SENATE BILL NO. 1744 (3rd OCR)

To the Senate:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 1, Paragraph 14 of the Constitution, I herewith return Senate Bill No. 1744 (3rd OCR) with my recommendations for reconsideration.

Senate Bill No. 1744 (3rd OCR) would raise the advertised bidding threshold to \$7,500.00 on contracts awarded by various public agencies. Commencing January 1, 1986, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, would be required, no later than March 1 of each even-numbered year, to adjust the advertised bidding thresholds in direct proportion to a rise or fall in the Consumer Price Index. The Governor also would be required to notify the appropriate public agency of any adjustment by June 1 of each even-numbered year. The adjustments will take effect on July 1 of each

I support the concept expressed within Senate Bill No. 1744 (3rd OCR). I am advised that the current advertised bidding thresholds do not reflect the economic condition of the marketplace and have impeded the various public agencies in the performance of their duties. Raising the advertised bidding threshold to \$7,500.00 will result in a monetary savings and will ease the administrative burden for the public agencies affected by this bill.

Despite my support for the concept expressed within Senate Bill No. 1744 (3rd OCR), I must return the bill so that technical amendments can be made to conform the bill to current law.

Section 14 of Senate Bill No. 1744 (3rd OCR) and R.S. 58:14-22, as amended by P.L. 1984, c. 220, amend the advertised bidding threshold within the law governing the Passaic Valley Sewerage District. Both bills raise the advertised bidding threshold to \$7,500.00, but conflict on when the threshold will be adjusted in the future. R.S. 58:14-22 provides for odd-numbered year adjustments commencing in 1985, and section 14 of Senate Bill No. 1744 (3rd OCR) provides for even-numbered year adjustments commencing in 1986. I recommend that section 14 of Senate Bill No. 1744 (3rd OCR) be deleted from the bill, so that R.S. 58:14-22, as amended by P.L. 1984, c. 220, will remain unchanged. Page 3, Section 1, Line 27: Delete "Commencing January 1, 1986, the" insert "The" Page 3, Section 1, Lines 29-30: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered" Page 3, Section 1, Line 31: Delete "1986" insert "1985" Page 3, Section 1, Line 33: After "section" insert "or section 17 of P.L. , c. (now pending before the Legislature as this bill)" Page 3, Section 1, Line 37: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered" Page 3, Section 1, Line 39: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered" Page 4, Section 2, Line 47-48: Delete ", after June 30, 1986," Page 5, Section 2, Lines 58-59: Delete "Commencing January 1, 1986, the" insert "The" Page 5, Section 2, Line 61: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered" Page 5, Section 2, Line 63: Delete "1986" insert "1985" Page 5, Section 2, Line 64: After "subsection" insert "or section 17 (now pending before the of P.L. , c. Legislature as this bill)" Page 5, Section 2, Line 68: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered" Page 5, Section 2, Lines 69A-69B: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered" Page 8, Section 3, Lines 4-5: Delete ", after June 30, 1986," Page 8, Section 3, Line 9: Delete "Commencing January 1, 1986, the" insert "The" Page 9, Section 3, Lines 11-12: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered" Page 9, Section 3, Line 13: Delete "1986" insert "1985" After "subsection" insert "or section 17 Page 9, Section 3, Line 14: of P.L. , c. (now pending before the Legislature as this bill)" Page 9, Section 3, Line 19: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered" Page 9, Section 3, Line 23: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered" Page 9, Section 4, Line 4: Delete "after June 30, 1986" Page 9, Section 5, Lines 5-6: Delete ", after June 30, 1986," Page 9, Section 5, Line 12: Delete "Commencing January 1, 1986, the" insert "The" Page 9, Section 5, Lines 14-15: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered" Page 9, Section 5, Line 16: Delete "1986" insert "1985"

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After "section" insert "or section 17 of P.L., c. (now pending before Page 9, Section 5, Line 18: the Legislature as this bill)" Page 10, Section 5, Line 22: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered" Page 10, Section 5, Line 24: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered" Page 11, Section 6, Line 12: Delete ", after June 30, 1986," Page 11, Section 6, Line 27: Delete "Commencing January 1, 1986, the" insert "The" Delete "even-numbered" insert Page 11, Section 6, Lines 29-30: "odd-numbered" Page 11, Section 6, Line 31: Delete "1986" insert "1985" ÷ After "subsection" insert "or section 17 Page 11, Section 6, Line 33: of P.L. , c. (now pending before the Legislature as this bill)" Page 11, Section 6, Line 37: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered" Page 12, Section 6, Line 39: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered" Page 12, Section 7, Line 13: Delete "after June 30, 1986" Page 12, Section 8, Line 7: Delete "after June 30, 1986" Page 13, Section 9, Lines 10-11: Delete "after June 30, 1986" Page 13, Section 10, Line 7: Delete "after June 30, 1986" Page 15, Section 11, Lines 24-25: Delete ", after June 30, 1986," Page 15, Section 11, Line 37: Delete "Commencing January 1, 1986, the" insert "The" Page 15, Section 11, Lines 39-40: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered" Page 15, Section 11, Line 41: Delete "1986" insert "1985" Page 15, Section 11, Line 43: After "subsection" insert "or section 17 (now pending before of P.L. , c. the Legislature as this bill) Page 16, Section 11, Line 47: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered" Page 16, Section 11, Lines 49-50: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered" Page 16, Section 12, Line 5: Delete ", after June 30, 1986," Delete "Commencing January 1, 1986, the" Page 16, Section 12, Line 10: insert "The" Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered" Page 16, Section 12, Lines 12-13: Page 16, Section 12, Line 14: Delete "1986" insert "1985"

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Page 16, Section 12, Line 16:	After "section" insert "or section 17 of P.L. , c. (now pending before the Legislature as this bill)"
Page 16, Section 12, Line 20:	Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered"
Page 16, Section 12, Line 22:	Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered"
Page 16, Section 13, Line 5:	Delete ", after June 30, 1986,"
Page 17, Section 13, Line 21:	Delete "Commencing January 1, 1986, the" insert "The"
Page 17, Section 13, Lines 23-	-24: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered"
Page 17, Section 13, Line 25:	Delete "1986" insert "1985" 🔒
Page 17, Section 13, Line 27:	After "subsection" insert "or section 17 of P.L. , c. (now pending before the Legislature as this bill)"
Page 17, Section 13, Line 31:	Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered"
Page 17, Section 13, Line 33:	Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered"
Pages 17-18, Section 14, Lines	s 1-32: Delete in its entirety
Page 18, Section 15, Line 1:	Delete "15." insert "14."
Page 18, Section 15, Lines 8-9	: Delete ", after June 30, 1986,"
Page 18, Section 15, Line 31:	Delete "Commencing January 1, 1986, the" insert "The"
Page 18, Section 15, Lines 33-	-34: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered"
Page 18, Section 15, Line 35:	Delete "1986" insert "1985"
Page 19, Section 15, Line 37:	After "section" insert "or section 17 of P.L. , c. (now pending before the Legislature as this bill)"
Page 19, Section 15, Line 41:	Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered"
Page 19, Section 15, Line 43:	Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered"
Page 19, Section 16, Line 1:	Delete "16." insert "15."
Page 19, Section 16, Line 4:	Delete ", after June 30, 1986,"
Page 20, Section 16, Line 40:	Delete "Commencing January 1, 1986, the" insert "The"
Page 20, Section 16, Lines 42-	-43: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered"
Page 20, Section 16, Line 44:	Delete "1986" insert "1985"
Page 20, Section 16, Line 46:	After "section" insert "or section 17 of P.L. , c. (now pending before the Legislature as this bill)"

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<u>Page 20, Section 16, Line 50</u>: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered"
<u>Page 20, Section 16, Line 52</u>: Delete "even-numbered" insert "odd-numbered"
<u>Pages 20-21, Section 17, Lines 1-51</u>: Delete in its entirety
<u>Page 21, Section 18, Line 1</u>: Delete "18." insert "16."
<u>Page 21, Section 18, Lines 9-10</u>: Delete "after June 30, 1986"
<u>Page 22, Section 18, After Line 20</u>: Insert new section as follows:

"17. (new section) The Governor shall adjust immediately the threshold amounts set forth in this 1985 amendatory and supplementary act in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers in the New York City and the Philadelphia areas as reported by the United States Department of Labor. The immediate adjustments shall become effective on the 30th day after the Administrator of the General Services Administration in the Department of the Treasury notifies the appropriate public entities."

Page 23, Section 19, Line 1: Delete "19." insert "18."

Respectfully, /s/ Thomas H. Kean GOVERNOR

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Attest: /s/ W. Cary Edwards Chief Counsel