

52:27F-16.1 to 52:27F-16.3

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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(Energy preparedness-require periodic review by Dept of Energy)

LAWS OF: 1983

CHAPTER: 559

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APPROVED 1-17-87ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
ASSEMBLY, No. 562STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED MARCH 3, 1983

By Assemblyman FRANKS

A SUPPLEMENT to the "Department of Energy Act," approved July 11, 1977 (P. L. 1977, c. 146; C. 52:27F-1 et seq.).

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

1 1. The Legislature finds and determines that the prospects of  
2 the occurrence of periodic energy emergencies due to the volatility  
3 and unpredictability of energy markets necessitates the systematic  
4 preparation for such emergencies; that the Department of Energy  
5 possesses the expertise and ability to plan for such emergencies;  
6 and that formulation of energy emergency preparedness plans will  
7 contribute to the security of the State of New Jersey in energy  
8 matters.

9 The Legislature, therefore, declares it to be in the best interest  
10 of the citizens of this State to require the Department of Energy  
11 to periodically review the situation with regard to the energy pre-  
12 paredness of the State and to prepare and submit a report thereon  
13 to the Governor and the Legislature.

1 2. In order to evaluate the energy preparedness of the State, the  
2 commissioner shall, within 1 year of the effective date of this act  
3 and at least once every 3 years thereafter, prepare and submit to  
4 the Governor and the Legislature a comprehensive report on the  
5 status of the emergency allocation plan adopted pursuant to section  
6 14 of P. L. 1977, c. 146 (C. 52:27F-16). The report shall provide for:

7 a. A means to identify, monitor and evaluate situations and con-  
8 ditions which may give rise to a critical energy shortage, which  
9 shall include but not be limited to methods of evaluating supply  
10 and demand conditions which may trigger a critical energy short-  
11 age;

12 b. The evaluation of various emergency response measures,  
13 based on the relative technical and economic impact and effective-  
14 ness of each;

15 c. The evaluation of existing emergency response plans of other  
16 agencies and instrumentalities of the State government, including  
17 the Board of Public Utilities. The commissioner shall have the  
18 authority to require these plans to conform with the conclusions  
19 and recommendations of the report, and to require the development  
20 or modification of those plans or portions thereof which do not  
21 comply with the report;

22 d. A means for establishing a comprehensive energy information  
23 service to function during an energy emergency;

24 e. The development, in advance of and during an energy emer-  
25 gency, of a coordinated public and private sector plan to mitigate  
26 the effects of an energy emergency.

1 3. In order to implement the responsibilities required by section  
2 2 of this act, the commissioner shall:

3 a. Review and evaluate, every 3 years, existing State programs  
4 and policies concerning energy emergency preparedness; and

5 b. Hold public hearings, as the commissioner deems necessary,  
6 concerning energy supply shortages, energy emergency prepared-  
7 ness and related matters.

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY, No. 562

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1982 SESSION

By Assemblymen FRANKS, HARDWICK and SMITH

AN ACT concerning energy supply shortages and supplementing the  
"Department of Energy Act," approved July 11, 1977, P. L. 1977,  
c. 146 (C. 52:27F-1 et seq.).

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

1 1. There is established in the department the Energy Emer-  
2 gency Preparedness Committee (hereinafter referred to as the  
3 "committee"), which shall consist of the commissioner, the  
4 Treasurer, the Commissioners of Community Affairs, Education,  
5 and Transportation, and eight residents of this State, no more than  
6 four of whom shall be of the same political party, to be appointed  
7 by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Mem-  
8 bers appointed by the Governor shall include persons representa-  
9 tive of industrial management, commercial management, labor  
10 organizations, the academic community, local governments, and  
11 residential energy users.

12 The commissioner shall serve as chairman of the committee,  
13 which shall elect a vice-chairman and secretary from its member-  
14 ship. Of the members first appointed, three shall serve for terms  
15 of 2 years, three for terms of 3 years and two for terms of 4 years.  
16 Thereafter all appointments shall be made for terms of 4 years.  
17 Members shall serve after the expiration of their terms until their  
18 respective successors are appointed and shall qualify, and any  
19 vacancy occurring in the membership of the committee, by expira-  
20 tion of term or otherwise, shall be filled in the same manner as the  
21 original appointment for the unexpired term only.

22 Members of the committee shall serve without compensation but  
23 shall be reimbursed for expenses actually incurred in attending  
24 meetings of the committee and in performance of their duties as  
25 members thereof. The committee shall meet at least four times  
26 each year, at the call of its chairman, and at such other times as  
27 he deems necessary.

- 1 2. The committee is empowered to:
- 2 a. Request from the commissioner such energy information as it
- 3 may deem necessary;
- 4 b. Consider any matter relating to any existing or impending
- 5 energy supply shortage;
- 6 c. Review and evaluate existing State programs and policies
- 7 concerning energy emergency preparedness;
- 8 d. Hold public hearings concerning energy supply shortages or
- 9 energy emergency preparedness; and,
- 10 e. Submit to the commissioner any recommendations which it
- 11 deems necessary to insure adequate energy emergency prepared-
- 12 ness.
- 1-2 3. The committee shall, within 180 days of this act:
- 3 a. Review the emergency allocation plan adopted pursuant to
- 4 section 14 of the act to which this act is a supplement
- 5 (C. 52:27F-16), and recommend such revisions thereto as it may
- 6 deem appropriate; and
- 7 b. Prepare and submit to the commissioner recommendations
- 8 concerning priorities and procedures for departmental action to
- 9 be taken in the event of the proclamation of an energy supply
- 10 shortage pursuant to section 15 of the act to which this act is a
- 11 supplement (C. 52:27F-17).
- 1 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

This bill would create an Energy Emergency Preparedness Committee to advise the Commissioner of Energy concerning the allocation of scarce energy supplies and the actions to be taken in the event of an energy supply shortage.

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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE STATEMENT TO  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

**ASSEMBLY, No. 562**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 3, 1983

As introduced, Assembly Bill No. 562 created an Energy Emergency Preparedness Committee to advise the Commissioner of Energy concerning the allocation of scarce energy supplies and the actions to be taken in the event of an energy supply shortage in this State. At the request of the sponsor, the committee considered an amendment to the bill which directs the Commissioner to prepare an energy preparedness report.

The Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 562 requires the Commissioner of Energy to evaluate the status of the Department of Energy's emergency allocation plan and the emergency response plans of the other instrumentalities and agencies with respect to energy emergency preparedness every three years and to prepare and submit a comprehensive report to the Governor and the Legislature thereon. In developing the report, the commissioner is authorized to ensure that the other State Government units, including the Board of Public Utilities, conform their energy emergency preparedness plans and activities to the conclusion and recommendations in the report.

SENATE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 562**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 8, 1983

Assembly Bill No. 562 requires the Department of Energy to review and evaluate the emergency energy preparedness of the State, and to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature within one year of the effective date of this bill and once every three years thereafter. The report would constitute a status report on the emergency allocation report which the department has adopted pursuant to the "Department of Energy Act" P. L. 1977, c. 146 (52:27F-1 et seq.). The report would include an evaluation of existing energy emergency response plans of other agencies of the State and the Commissioner of the Department of Energy is authorized to require that these plans be conformed to the department's report.