

20:4-3.1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 20:4-3.1 (Relocation assistance funds to persons displaced by fire)

LAWS 1981 CHAPTER 491

Bill No. S3055

Sponsor(s) Musto and others

Date Introduced Jan. 26, 1981

Committee: Assembly -----

Senate County and Municipal Government

Amended during passage Yes ~~No~~ Amendments denoted by asterisks
according to Governor's recommendations:

Date of Passage: Assembly June 11, 1981 Re-enacted 1-11-82

Senate March 23, 1981 Re-enacted 12-3-81

Date of approval Jan. 12, 1982

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement Yes ~~No~~ (Below)

Committee Statement: Assembly Yes ~~No~~

Senate Yes ~~No~~

Fiscal Note Yes ~~No~~

Veto Message Yes ~~No~~

Message on signing Yes ~~No~~

Following were printed:

Reports Yes ~~No~~

Hearings Yes ~~No~~

Sponsors' statement:

This bill would authorize the disbursement of relocation assistance funds to tenants displaced from their dwellings as a result of fire or other emergency.

(over)

6/22/81

Recommendation for change in legislation:

974.90 New Jersey. Bureau of Housing and Renewal Services.
H842 A staff review and assessment of the relocation
1979h program in New Jersey, 1967-1978. July 5, 1979.
Trenton, 1979.

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SENATE, No. 3055

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 26, 1981

By Senators MUSTO, SHEIL, RODGERS and GALDIERI

Referred to Committee on County and Municipal Government

A SUPPLEMENT to the "Relocation Assistance Act," approved December 21, 1971 (P. L. 1971, c. 362; C. 20:4-1 et seq.).

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

1 1. ***[** Any law, rule or regulation to the contrary notwithstand-
2 ing,**]*** **A municipality may provide by resolution that** where a
3 tenant residing in a structure of two dwelling units or more, is
4 displaced from his dwelling by fire or other emergency, and the
4A damage resulting from the fire or other emergency in the judgment
5 of the housing inspector or other official charged with equivalent
6 responsibility is such as to render the dwelling uninhabitable, the
7 tenant shall be deemed a displaced person under the "Relocation
8 Assistance Act" and shall be eligible for relocation assistance as
9 afforded persons displaced as a result of code enforcement
10 activities. **State appropriations of relocation assistance shall not*
11 *be used for this purpose unless specifically permitted by language*
12 *in the annual appropriations act.**

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

SENATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3055

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 1981

Senate Bill 3055 would authorize the disbursement of relocation assistance funds to tenants displaced from their dwellings as a result of fire or other emergency. The bill applies only to tenants residing in structures of two or more dwelling units. The housing inspector would be required to make a determination that the dwelling has been rendered uninhabitable.

Currently, the "Relocation Assistance Act" is available only to persons displaced by State or local land acquisition programs, building code enforcement, or voluntary rehabilitation programs under governmental supervision.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

November 12, 1981

SENATE BILL NO. 3055

To the Senate:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14(b) of the Constitution, I herewith return Senate Bill No. 3055 with my objections for reconsideration.

This bill would require municipalities to provide relocation assistance to tenants who are displaced by fire or other emergency which renders their dwellings uninhabitable. In these times of fiscal constraints I am concerned that this bill will place a heavy burden upon many municipalities. Accordingly, I recommend that the bill be amended to permit municipalities to offer such relocation assistance without mandating that they do so. I also suggest that the bill be clarified to assure that State relocation assistance continue to be used in situations where the assistance is mandatory, not optional.

Therefore, I am returning Senate Bill No. 3055 for reconsideration and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Page 1, Section 1, line 1: Delete in its entirety and insert
"A municipality may provide by
resolution that"

Page 1, Section 1, line 10: Add "State appropriations of relocation
assistance shall not be used for this
purpose unless specifically permitted by
language in the appropriations act."

Respectfully,

/s/ Brendan Byrne

GOVERNOR

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Attest:

/s/ Harold L. Hodes

CHIEF OF STAFF, SECRETARY