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NJSA: 17:22-6.74 (Transfers \$8,000,000 from New Jersey Surplus Lines Insurance Guaranty Fund to General

Fund.)

BILL NO: A5005 (Substituted for S3328)

SPONSOR(S) Burzichelli and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 6/19/2017

COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY: Budget

SENATE: ---

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY: 6/29/2017

SENATE: 7/4/2017

DATE OF APPROVAL: 7/4/2017

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Introduced version of bill enacted)
Yes

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SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes

SENATE: No

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: No

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P.L.2017, CHAPTER 97, *approved July 4, 2017*Assembly, No. 5005

1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Surplus Lines Insurance 2 Guaranty Fund and amending P.L.1984, c.101.

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

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 - (2) Be deemed the insurer to the extent of its obligation on the covered claims and to such extent shall have all rights, duties, and obligations of the insolvent insurer as if the insurer had not become insolvent;
 - (3) Assess member insurers in accordance with section 6 of this act in amounts necessary to pay:
 - (a) Obligations of the fund under paragraph (1) of this subsection,
 - (b) Expenses of handling covered claims,
 - (c) Any other expenses incurred in the implementation of the provisions of this act;
 - (4) Investigate claims brought against the fund; and adjust, compromise, settle, and pay covered claims to the extent of the fund's obligation; and deny all other claims; and may review settlements, releases and judgments to which the insolvent insurer

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- 1 or its policyholders were parties to determine the extent to which 2 the settlements, releases and judgments may be properly contested;
 - (5) Notify those persons as the commissioner directs under section 8 of this act;
 - (6) Handle claims through the association's employees or representatives, or through one or more insurers or other persons designated as servicing facilities;
 - (7) Pay the other expenses of the association in administering the provisions of this act; and
- 10 (8) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2004, c.165.)
- (9) [Within 60 days of the enactment of P.L.2009, c.75 11
- (C.26:2H-18.58i et al.), transfer to the Health Care Subsidy Fund 12
- 13 \$60,000,000 as provided by section 8 of that act. I (Deleted by
- 14 amendment, P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this 15 bill.)
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- (10) On or before June 30, 2017, transfer \$8,000,000 to the 17 General Fund.
 - b. The fund may:
 - (1) Sue or be sued;
- 20 (2) Negotiate and become a party to those contracts which are 21 necessary to carry out the purpose of this act;
 - (3) Perform those other acts which are necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purpose of this act;
 - (4) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2002, c.30.)
- 25 (5) With the approval of the commissioner, borrow and 26 separately account for moneys from any source, including but not
- 27 limited to the New Jersey Property-Liability Insurance Guaranty
- Association and the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund, in such 28
- amounts and on such terms as the New Jersey Property-Liability 29
- 30 Insurance Guaranty Association may determine are necessary or
- 31 appropriate to effectuate the purposes of P.L.2003, c.89 (C.17:30A-
- 32 2.1 et al.) in accordance with the association's plan of operation;
- 33 and
- 34 (6) Make loans, in such amounts and on such terms as the
- 35 association may determine are necessary or appropriate, to the New
- 36 Jersey Property-Liability Insurance Guaranty Association in
- 37 accordance with the provisions of the "New Jersey Property-
- Liability Insurance Guaranty Association Act," P.L.1974, c.17 38
- 39 (C.17:30A-1 et seq.) and the "Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment
- 40 Fund Law," P.L.1952, c.174 (C.39:6-61 et seq.).
- 41 (cf: P.L.2009, c.75, s.6)

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1	STATEMENT
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4	Insurance Guaranty Fund (SLIGF) to the General Fund on or before
5	June 30, 2017. The SLIGF provides a safety net for policyholders and
6	claimants of insolvent surplus lines companies by providing statutory
7	benefits to insureds and claimants of such insolvent companies
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9	insurers licensed in the State and which must be purchased from a non-
10	admitted carrier. Since June 25, 2002, the SLIGF only provides
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13	four dwelling units.
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19	Guaranty Fund to General Fund.

ASSEMBLY, No. 5005

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 19, 2017

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOHN J. BURZICHELLI District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem) Senator PAUL A. SARLO District 36 (Bergen and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Transfers \$8,000,000 from New Jersey Surplus Lines Insurance Guaranty Fund to General Fund.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 7/5/2017)

1 **AN ACT** concerning the New Jersey Surplus Lines Insurance 2 Guaranty Fund and amending P.L.1984, c.101.

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 - (2) Be deemed the insurer to the extent of its obligation on the covered claims and to such extent shall have all rights, duties, and obligations of the insolvent insurer as if the insurer had not become insolvent;
 - (3) Assess member insurers in accordance with section 6 of this act in amounts necessary to pay:
 - (a) Obligations of the fund under paragraph (1) of this subsection,
 - (b) Expenses of handling covered claims,
 - (c) Any other expenses incurred in the implementation of the provisions of this act;
 - (4) Investigate claims brought against the fund; and adjust, compromise, settle, and pay covered claims to the extent of the fund's obligation; and deny all other claims; and may review settlements, releases and judgments to which the insolvent insurer or its policyholders were parties to determine the extent to which the settlements, releases and judgments may be properly contested;
 - (5) Notify those persons as the commissioner directs under section 8 of this act;

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- 1 (6) Handle claims through the association's employees or 2 representatives, or through one or more insurers or other persons 3 designated as servicing facilities;
- (7) Pay the other expenses of the association in administering 4 5 the provisions of this act; and
 - (8) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2004, c.165.)
- (9) [Within 60 days of the enactment of P.L.2009, c.75 7 8 (C.26:2H-18.58i et al.), transfer to the Health Care Subsidy Fund 9 \$60,000,000 as provided by section 8 of that act. I (Deleted by 10 amendment, P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this 11 bill.)
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- (3) Perform those other acts which are necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purpose of this act;
 - (4) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2002, c.30.)
- (5) With the approval of the commissioner, borrow and separately account for moneys from any source, including but not limited to the New Jersey Property-Liability Insurance Guaranty Association and the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund, in such amounts and on such terms as the New Jersey Property-Liability Insurance Guaranty Association may determine are necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes of P.L.2003, c.89 (C.17:30A-2.1 et al.) in accordance with the association's plan of operation; and
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ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5005

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 26, 2017

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5005.

This bill transfers \$8.0 million from the New Jersey Surplus Lines Insurance Guaranty Fund to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2017.

The Surplus Lines Insurance Guaranty Fund provides a safety net for policyholders and claimants of insolvent surplus lines companies by providing statutory benefits to insureds and claimants of such insolvent companies. Surplus lines insurance is insurance coverage that is not available from insurers licensed in the State and which must be purchased from a non-admitted carrier. Since June 25, 2002, the fund only provides benefits to claimants of medical malpractice liability insurance and property insurance covering owner occupied dwellings of less than four dwelling units.

The Surplus Lines Insurance Guaranty Fund is held and administered by the New Jersey Property-Liability Insurance Guaranty Association. The association is a private, nonprofit, legal entity given certain statutory obligations to act as a safety net for policyholders and claimants in the property and casualty insurance marketplace pursuant to N.J.S.A.17:30A-1 et seq.

According to the association's annual report for calendar year 2015 (the most recent report available), surplus lines insurance membership totaled 200 eligible insurers on December 31, 2015. In calendar year 2015, fund disbursements, including administrative expenditures, totaled \$108,624, and fund revenue totaled \$1.15 million with \$1.04 million in excess revenue over disbursements. As of December 31, 2015, the fund carried a balance of \$12.2 million with a combined indemnity and loss adjustment expenses reserves of \$1.3 million.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The transfer provided by the bill will result in a one-time State revenue increase of \$8.0 million in fiscal year 2017.

SENATE, No. 3328

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 15, 2017

Sponsored by: Senator PAUL A. SARLO District 36 (Bergen and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Transfers \$8,000,000 from New Jersey Surplus Lines Insurance Guaranty Fund to General Fund.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3328

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 26, 2017

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3328.

This bill transfers \$8.0 million from the New Jersey Surplus Lines Insurance Guaranty Fund to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2017.

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Governor Christie Signs Final Balanced Budget, Delivering 2 Full Terms of Unprecedented Pension Stability, Fiscal Responsibility, & Tax Relief

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Tags: Shutdown







Trenton, NJ – Fully delivering on his promise to create fiscal stability, economic growth opportunities and a lower tax burden during the entirety of his two terms, Governor Chris Christie today signed into law his eighth balanced New Jersey budget with broad-based tax relief and no new taxes. The Governor's action ends a three day closure of state government.

The Governor's Fiscal Year 2018 State Budget meets all fiscal obligations, while spending nearly \$2 billion less in discretionary spending than his Democrat predecessor's last budget in Fiscal Year 2008. This \$34.7 billion budget makes the largest-ever state aid commitment for public schools for the seventh straight year, makes a record-high

investment in New Jersey's transportation infrastructure and again makes the highest pension payment in New Jersey history — all three of which provide an unprecedented sum of billions of dollars in real property tax relief.

"My Fiscal Year 2018 budget completes eight straight years of instilling fiscal sanity in Trenton, accomplished by making the difficult choices too many of my predecessors were afraid to do in the face of strong political pressures. This balanced budget, like the seven before it, sets up New Jersey for a year of economic growth and improved quality of life, highlighted by a reduced tax burden for residents and employers. This budget will improve public education and transportation infrastructure, while meeting the needs of our most-vulnerable citizens," Governor Christie said. "Beyond all of that, I am proud many of the pro-taxpayer, pro-family initiatives in this budget will persist, and benefit people, for years to come. New Jersey is unquestionably better than we found it eight years ago."

Key Priorities Delivered by Governor Christie's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget include:

A seventh consecutive year of record-high funding for Pre-K through Grade 12 public education. Fiscal Year 2018 spending including lottery revenues totals nearly \$14 billion on education, an increase of \$683.1 million from Fiscal Year 2017.

The highest-ever annual investment in New Jersey's transportation infrastructure, \$2 billion, which is in place for seven more years plus federal matching funds. Implementing the first year of https://doi.org/10.1001/jhistoric broad-based tax relief plan will make roads, bridges and mass transit lines safer, create more jobs, foster economic growth and improve the quality of life.

The <u>largest pension payment in New Jersey history</u> with \$2.5 billion in combined contributions to the State's defined benefit funds from the State budget and net Lottery proceeds. This brings Governor Christie's total contributions by the Christie Administration to \$8.8 billion, more than two and a half times the combined total contributions of all New Jersey governors since 1995.

This also marks the first time Lottery revenues, under a proposal the Governor announced in February, will be dedicated to the state pension system, immediately elevating the system's Funded Ratio from 45 percent to 59 percent, while reducing the General Fund obligation to the system. The move establishes new stability for the pension system, and is projected to elevate the entire Retirement System's Funded Ratio to approximately 90 percent by Fiscal Year 2047, years earlier than immediate full-funding of the actuarially determined contributions. It should lower the state's borrowing costs.

Nearly \$900 million in direct property tax relief programs including the Homestead Rebate and Senior Freeze programs.

An ongoing commitment to make <u>New Jersey the leading state</u> in the fight against America's most deadly public health crisis since HIV/AIDS, by investing \$452 million in state and federal funds to advance drug addiction prevention, treatment, recovery and re-entry programs and services.

Steady resources for higher education in New Jersey, to the tune of \$2.3 billion in Fiscal Year 2018.

BILL SIGNINGS:

A-5001/S-3327 (Schaer/Sarlo) - Amends and supplements various language provisions in Fiscal Year 2017 annual State appropriations act.

A-5005/S-3328 (Burzichelli/Sarlo) - Transfers \$8,000,000 from New Jersey Surplus Lines Insurance Guaranty Fund to General Fund.

S-3312/A-5003 (Sarlo, Bucco, Oroho/Schaer, O'Scanlon, Greenwald) - Transfers State Lottery Enterprise to TPAF, PERS, and PFRS.

S-2/A-5129 (Vitale/Prieto, Muoio, Vainieri Huttle, Mukherji, Caputo) - Clarifies role of health service corporations, revises membership of board of directors, regulates surplus, and requires timely publication of certain information by DOBI.

A-5000/S-18 (Schaer/Sarlo) - Appropriates State budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. (with line item veto of language)

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