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- NJSA: 46:15-6 (Realty transfer fee)
- BILL NO: A3709 (Substituted for S2665)

SPONSOR(S): Cryan

- DATE INTRODUCED: June 16, 2003
- COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY Budget

SENATE: ----

- AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No
- DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY: June 30, 2003

SENATE: June 30, 2003

DATE OF APPROVAL: July 1, 2003

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Assembly Committee Substitute to Assembly Committee Substitute enacted) (Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

A3709

SPONSORS STATEMENT: (Begins on page	Yes	
COMMITTEE STATEMENT:	ASSEMBLY:	Yes <u>6-19-2003</u> <u>7-1-2003</u>
	SENATE:	No
FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:		No
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:		No
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE:		Yes
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S2665

SPONSORS STATEMENT: (Begins on page 5 of original bill) Yes Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to A3709

COMMITTEE STATEMENT:	ASSEMBLY:	No	
	SENATE:	Yes	
FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:		No	
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:		No	

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE:				

<u>Yes</u>

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"Transfer tax hiked," 7-2-2003 Courier Post, p.3A

No

P.L. 2003, CHAPTER 113, *approved July 1, 2003* Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly, No. 3709

1 AN ACT establishing a supplemental realty transfer fee, amending and 2 supplementing P.L.1968, c.49 and amending P.L.1975, c.176. 3 4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-6) is amended to read as follows: 8 9 2. In addition to other prerequisites for recording, no deed 10 evidencing transfer of title to real property shall be recorded in the office of any county recording officer unless it satisfies one of the 11 12 following requirements: a. If the transfer is subject to the additional fee as provided in 13 section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 [, s.3] (C.46:15-7) or to the supplemental 14 15 fee as provided in section 2 of P.L., c. (C.)(now pending before 16 the Legislature as this bill), a statement of the true consideration for the transfer is contained in (1) the deed, or (2) the acknowledgment, 17 or (3) the proof of the execution, or (4) an appended affidavit by one 18 19 of the parties to the deed or that party's legal representative. 20 b. If the transfer is exempt from the additional fee required by section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 [, s.3] (C.46:15-7), or from the 21 22 supplemental fee as provided in section 2 of P.L., c. (C.)(now 23 pending before the Legislature as this bill), an affidavit stating the basis for the exemption is appended to the deed. 24 (cf: P.L.1991, c.308, s.3) 25 26 27 2. (New section) a. For each conveyance or transfer of property, 28 the grantor shall pay a supplemental fee of: 29 (1) (a) \$0.25 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part 30 thereof not in excess of \$150,000.00 recited in the 31 deed; (b) \$0.85 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part 32 thereof in excess of \$150,000.00 but not in excess of 33 34 \$200,000.00 recited in the deed; and 35 (c) \$1.40 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof in excess of \$200,000.00 recited in the deed, plus 36 37 (2) for a transfer described in subsection (b) of section 4 of 38 P.L.1975, c.176 (C.46:15-10.1), an additional \$1.00 for each

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\$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof not in excess of \$150,000.00 recited in the deed

3 which fee shall be collected by the county recording officer at the time

4 the deed is offered for recording, except as provided by subsection b.

5 of this section.

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b. The supplemental fee imposed by subsection a. of this section
shall not be imposed on a conveyance or transfer that is made by a
deed described in section 6 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-10) or on a
transfer described in paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) of subsection (a)
of section 4 of P.L.1975, c.176 (C.46:15-10.1).

11 c. The proceeds of the supplemental fees collected by the county 12 recording officer pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be 13 accounted for and remitted to the county treasurer. An amount equal 14 to \$0.25 of the supplemental fee for each \$500.00 of consideration or 15 fractional part thereof recited in the deed so collected pursuant to this section shall be retained by the county treasurer for the purposes set 16 17 forth in subsection d. of this section, and the balance shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for deposit to the Extraordinary Aid Account, 18 which shall be established as an account in the General Fund. 19 20 Payments shall be made to the State Treasurer on the tenth day of each 21 month following the month of collection.

22 d. From the proceeds of the supplemental fees collected by the 23 county recording officer pursuant to subsection a. of this section and 24 retained by the county treasurer pursuant to subsection c. of this 25 section, a county that received funding in State fiscal year 2003 for the 26 support of public health services pursuant to the provisions of the 27 Public Health Priority Funding Act of 1977, P.L.1966, c.36 (C.26:2F-28 1 et seq.) shall, at a minimum, fund its priority health services under 29 that act in subsequent years at the same level as the level at which 30 those services were funded in State fiscal year 2003 pursuant to the 31 annual appropriations act for that fiscal year as the Commissioner of 32 the Department of Health and Senior Services shall determine. In any 33 county, amounts of supplemental fees retained that are in excess of the 34 amounts required to be used for the funding of the county's priority 35 health services under this subection shall be used by the county for 36 general county purposes.

e. The Legislature shall annually appropriate the entire balance of
the Extraordinary Aid Account for the purposes of providing
extraordinary special education aid pursuant to section 19 of
P.L.1996, c.138 (C.18A:7F-19) and "Municipal Property Tax Relief
Act" extraordinary aid pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1991, c.63
(C.52:27D-118.35).

f. Every deed subject to the supplemental fee required by this
section, which is in fact recorded, shall be conclusively deemed to have
been entitled to recording, notwithstanding that the amount of the
consideration shall have been incorrectly stated, or that the correct

amount of the supplemental fee, if any, shall not have been paid, and no such defect shall in any way affect or impair the validity of the title conveyed or render the same unmarketable; but the person or persons required to pay that supplemental fee at the time of recording shall be and remain liable to the county recording officer for the payment of the proper amount thereof.

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8 3. Section 4 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-8) is amended to read as 9 follows:

10 4. The proceeds of the fees collected by the county recording 11 officer, as authorized by [this act] P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-5 et seq.), 12 shall be accounted for and remitted to the county treasurer. An amount equal to 28.6% of the proceeds from the first \$1.75 for each 13 14 \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof recited in the deed 15 [so] collected pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) shall be retained by the county treasurer for the use of the county and 16 17 the balance shall be paid to the State Treasurer for the use of the 18 State; provided however, that on and after the tenth day following a 19 certification by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting 20 in the Department of the Treasury pursuant to subsection b. of section 21 2 of P.L.1992, c.148 (C.46:15-10.2), 100.0% of the proceeds from the 22 first \$0.50 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof 23 recited in the deed so collected shall be retained by the county treasurer for the use of the county and no amount shall be paid to the 24 25 State Treasurer for the use of the State. Payments shall be made to 26 the State Treasurer on the tenth day of each month following the 27 month of collection. Amounts, not in excess of \$25,000,000, paid 28 during the State fiscal year to the State Treasurer from the payment of 29 fees collected by the county recording officer other than the additional fee of \$0.75 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part 30 31 thereof recited in the deed in excess of \$150,000.00 collected pursuant 32 to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) shall be credited to the 33 "Shore Protection Fund" created pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1992, 34 c.148 (C.13:19-16.1), in the manner established under that section. 35 All amounts paid to the State Treasurer in payment of the additional fee of \$0.75 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part 36 37 thereof recited in the deed in excess of \$150,000.00 collected pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) shall be credited to the 38 39 Neighborhood Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et al.), in the manner 40 41 established under section 20 thereof (C.52:27D-320). 42 (cf: P.L.1999, c.71, s.1) 43

44 4. Section 4 of P.L.1975, c.176 (C.46:15-10.1) is amended to read 45 as follows:

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6 4. a. The following transfers of title to real property shall be

1 exempt from payment of \$1.25 per \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof of the fee imposed upon grantors by [this act] 2 3 section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7): 4 (1) The sale of any one- or two-family residential premises which 5 are owned and occupied by a senior citizen, blind person, or disabled 6 person who is the seller in such transaction; provided, however, that 7 except in the instance of a husband and wife no exemption shall be 8 allowed if the property being sold is jointly owned and one or more of 9 the owners is not a senior citizen, blind person, or disabled person. 10 (2) The sale of low and moderate income housing. 11 b. Transfers of title to real property upon which there is new 12 construction shall be exempt from payment of \$1.00 for each \$500.00 13 of consideration or fractional part thereof not in excess of \$150,000.00 14 of the fee imposed upon grantors by section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 15 (C.46:15-7). c. The director shall promulgate rules, regulations and forms of 16 certification or otherwise necessary to carry out the provisions of this 17 section. No transfer shall be eligible for more than one exemption 18 19 under this section. All fees imposed pursuant to section 3 of 20 P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) collected on transfers subject to exemption 21 under subsection a. of this section shall be [remitted to] retained by the county treasurer for the use of the county. An amount equal to 66 22 23 2/3% of the proceeds from the fee imposed pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) upon the consideration not in excess of 24 25 \$150,000.00 for transfers of real property upon which there is new 26 construction, and an amount equal to 20% of the proceeds of the 27 \$2.50 [fee] total fees imposed pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 28 (C.46:15-7) upon each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof in excess of \$150,000.00 for transfers of real property upon 29 30 which there is new construction, shall be [remitted to] retained by the county treasurer for the use of the county. 31 32 The balance of the fees collected on transfers subject to d. 33 exemption under subsection b. of this section shall be remitted to the 34 State Treasurer and shall be credited to the Neighborhood 35 Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et al.), to be spent in the manner 36 37 established under section 20 thereof (C.52:27D-320). 38 e. Subsections a. through d. of this section shall be without effect 39 on and after the tenth day following a certification by the Director of 40 the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the 41 Treasury pursuant to subsection b. of section 2 of P.L.1992, c.148 42 (C.46:15-10.2). 43 (cf: P.L.1992, c.148, s.5) 44

45 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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3 Establishes supplemental realty transfer fee on certain transfers.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3709 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 16, 2003

Sponsored by: Assemblyman JOSEPH CRYAN District 20 (Union)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes supplemental realty transfer fee on certain transfers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 c. The proceeds of the supplemental fees collected by the county 2 recording officer pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be 3 accounted for and remitted to the county treasurer. An amount equal 4 to \$0.25 of the supplemental fee for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof recited in the deed so collected pursuant to this 5 6 section shall be retained by the county treasurer for the use of the county and the balance shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for 7 8 deposit to the General Fund. Payments shall be made to the State 9 Treasurer on the tenth day of each month following the month of 10 collection.

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1 exemption under subsection b. of this section shall be remitted to the 2 State Treasurer and shall be credited to the Neighborhood Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund established pursuant to 3 4 P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et al.), to be spent in the manner established under section 20 thereof (C.52:27D-320). 5 6 e. Subsections a. through d. of this section shall be without effect 7 on and after the tenth day following a certification by the Director of 8 the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the 9 Treasury pursuant to subsection b. of section 2 of P.L.1992, c.148 10 (C.46:15-10.2). 11 (cf: P.L.1992, c.148, s.5) 12 13 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003. 14 15 16 **STATEMENT** 17 18 This bill creates a supplementary realty transfer fee for certain 19 transfers of real property. 20 The realty transfer fee is imposed upon the recording of deeds 21 evidencing transfers of title to real property in the State of New 22 Jersey, and is calculated based on the amount of consideration paid. 23 Currently, the basic realty transfer fee is imposed upon the seller at the rate of \$1.75 for each \$500 of consideration (these funds are split 24 25 \$0.50 to the county in which the property is located and \$1.25 to the 26 State); an additional fee of \$0.75 is imposed for each \$500 of 27 consideration in excess of \$150,000 (all of which is State funds). Two types of transfers of real property are exempt from the State portion 28 29 of the basic realty transfer fee (\$1.25 of the \$1.75 for each \$500 of 30 consideration): 1) the sale of one or two-family residential premises which are owned and occupied by a senior citizen 62 years of age or 31 32 older, blind person, or disabled person who is the seller; and 2) the sale of low and moderate income housing. Some transfers (such as 33 34 U.S. government sales, redistributions among current owners or 35 between close relatives, deeds to cemetery plots and transfers pursuant 36 to divorce decrees) are completely exempt. 37 This bill imposes a graduated supplementary fee for each \$500 of 38 consideration. The supplementary fee is \$1.00 for each \$500 of 39 consideration not in excess of \$150,000, plus \$1.75 for each \$500 of 40 consideration in excess of \$150,000 but not in excess of \$200,000, 41 plus \$2.25 for each \$500 of consideration in excess of \$200,000. The county retains \$0.25 of the fee collected for each \$500 consideration. 42 43 The new supplementary fee does not apply to the transfers that are 44 now completely exempt from the current fee and does not apply to the 45 transfers by senior citizens, blind persons, or disabled persons and the transfers of low and moderate income housing that are currently fully 46

47 exempt from the State share of the basic fee.

ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ASSEMBLY, No. 3709

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 19, 2003

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably an Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 3709.

This Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 3709 creates a supplementary realty transfer fee for certain transfers of real property.

The realty transfer fee is imposed upon the recording of deeds evidencing transfers of title to real property in the State of New Jersey, and is calculated based on the amount of consideration paid.

Currently, the basic realty transfer fee is imposed upon the seller at the rate of \$1.75 for each \$500 of consideration (these funds are split \$0.50 to the county in which the property is located and \$1.25 to the State); an additional fee of \$0.75 is imposed for each \$500 of consideration in excess of \$150,000 (all of which is State funds). Two types of transfers of real property are exempt from the State portion of the basic realty transfer fee (\$1.25 of the \$1.75 for each \$500 of consideration): 1) the sale of one or two-family residential premises which are owned and occupied by a senior citizen 62 years of age or older, blind person, or disabled person who is the seller; and 2) the sale of low and moderate income housing. Some transfers (such as U.S. government sales, redistributions among current owners or between close relatives, deeds to cemetery plots and transfers pursuant to divorce decrees) are completely exempt.

This substitute imposes a graduated supplementary fee for each \$500 of consideration. The supplementary fee is:

- \$1.00 for each \$500 of consideration not in excess of \$150,000, plus
- \$1.75 for each \$500 of consideration in excess of \$150,000 but not in excess of \$200,000, plus
- \$2.25 for each \$500 of consideration in excess of \$200,000;

and there is an additional fee of \$1.00 for each \$500 of consideration that is exempt from \$1.00 of the basic fee as "new construction".

Under the substitute the county will retain \$0.25 of the fee collected for each \$500 consideration. The new supplementary fee does not apply to the transfers that are now completely exempt from the current fee and does not apply to the transfers by senior citizens,

blind persons, or disabled persons and the transfers of low and moderate income housing that are currently fully exempt from the State share of the basic fee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

An analysis of the provisions of the substitute by the Office of Management and Budget estimates that the revenue impact will be an annual increase in State realty transfer fees of approximately \$127 million and of county retained fees of approximately \$22 million.

ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ASSEMBLY, No. 3709

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JULY 1, 2003

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably an Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 3709 (ACS).

This Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 3709 (ACS) creates a supplementary realty transfer fee for certain transfers of real property.

Current law. The realty transfer fee is imposed upon the recording of deeds evidencing transfers of title to real property in the State of New Jersey, and is calculated based on the amount of consideration paid. At present, the basic realty transfer fee is imposed upon the seller at the rate of \$1.75 for each \$500 of consideration; these funds are split \$0.50 to the county in which the property is located and \$1.25 to the State. An additional fee of \$0.75 is imposed for each \$500 of consideration in excess of \$150,000; the entire amount of this additional fee is remitted to the State. Two types of transfers of real property are exempt from the State portion of the basic realty transfer fee (\$1.25 of the \$1.75 for each \$500 of consideration): (1) the sale of one or two-family residential premises that are owned and occupied by a senior citizen 62 years of age or older, blind person, or disabled person who is the seller; and (2) the sale of low and moderate income housing. Some transfers (e.g., U.S. government sales, redistributions among current owners or between close relatives, deeds to cemetery plots and transfers pursuant to divorce decrees) are completely exempt.

Supplementary fee. The substitute imposes a graduated supplementary fee for each \$500 of consideration. The supplementary fee is:

- \$0.25 for each \$500 of consideration not in excess of \$150,000, plus
- \$.85 for each \$500 of consideration in excess of \$150,000 but not in excess of \$200,000, plus
- \$1.40 for each \$500 of consideration in excess of \$200,000;

and there is an additional fee of \$1.00 for each \$500 of consideration that is exempt from \$1.00 of the basic fee as "new construction".

Allocation of revenue. Under the substitute the county will retain \$0.25 of the fee collected for each \$500 consideration, and the remainder will remitted to the State. Thus the State will receive no part of the supplementary fee collected with respect to the first \$150,000 of consideration paid, \$.60 per \$500 of consideration paid in excess of \$150,000 up to \$200,000, and \$1.15 per \$500 of consideration paid in excess of \$200,000. The substitute directs counties to use the amounts of the supplementary fee that they retain under the substitute to maintain their funding of public health services under the Public Health Priority Funding Act at levels at least equal to the funding level attained in State fiscal year 2003; amounts retained in excess of such levels may be used for general county purposes.

Transfers fully or partially exempt. The new supplementary fee does not apply to the transfers that are now completely exempt from the current fee and does not apply to the transfers by senior citizens, blind persons, or disabled persons and the transfers of low and moderate income housing that are currently fully exempt from the State share of the basic fee.

FISCAL IMPACT

Based upon information supplied by the Office of Management and Budget, the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the revenue impact of the substitute will be an annual increase in State realty transfer fees of approximately \$55 million and an annual increase in county retained fees of approximately \$22 million.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **ASSEMBLY, No. 3709**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

ADOPTED JUNE 19, 2003

Sponsored by: Assemblyman JOSEPH CRYAN District 20 (Union)

Co-Sponsored by: Senator Kenny

SYNOPSIS

Establishes supplemental realty transfer fee on certain transfers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Substitute as adopted by the Assembly Budget Committee.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 7/1/2003)

AN ACT establishing a supplemental realty transfer fee, amending and 1 2 supplementing P.L.1968, c.49 and amending P.L.1975, c.176. 3 4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-6) is amended to read as 8 follows: 9 2. In addition to other prerequisites for recording, no deed 10 evidencing transfer of title to real property shall be recorded in the 11 office of any county recording officer unless it satisfies one of the 12 following requirements: a. If the transfer is subject to the additional fee as provided in 13 section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 [, s.3] (C.46:15-7) or to the supplemental 14 15 fee as provided in section 2 of P.L., c. (C.)(now pending before the Legislature as this bill), a statement of the true consideration for 16 17 the transfer is contained in (1) the deed, or (2) the acknowledgment, or (3) the proof of the execution, or (4) an appended affidavit by 18 19 one of the parties to the deed or that party's legal representative. 20 b. If the transfer is exempt from the additional fee required by section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 [, s.3] (C.46:15-7), or from the 21 22 supplemental fee as provided in section 2 of P.L., c. (C.)(now 23 pending before the Legislature as this bill), an affidavit stating the 24 basis for the exemption is appended to the deed. (cf: P.L.1991, c.308, s.3) 25 26 27 2. (New section) a. For each conveyance or transfer of property, 28 the grantor shall pay a supplemental fee of: 29 (1) (a) \$1.00 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part 30 thereof not in excess of \$150,000.00 recited in the 31 deed; (b) \$1.75 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part 32 thereof in excess of \$150,000.00 but not in excess of 33 \$200,00.00 recited in the deed; and 34 (c) \$2.25 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part 35 thereof in excess of \$200,000.00 recited in the deed, 36 plus 37 38 (2) for a transfer described in subsection (b) of section 4 of 39 P.L.1975, c.176 (C.46:15-10.1), an additional \$1.00 for each 40 \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof not in 41 excess of \$150,000.00 recited in the deed 42 which fee shall be collected by the county recording officer at the time 43 the deed is offered for recording, except as provided by subsection b.

44 of this section.

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b. The supplemental fee imposed by subsection a. of this section
shall not be imposed on a conveyance or transfer that is made by a
deed described in section 6 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-10) or on a
transfer described in paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) of subsection (a)
of section 4 of P.L.1975, c.176 (C.46:15-10.1).

6 c. The proceeds of the supplemental fees collected by the county recording officer pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be 7 8 accounted for and remitted to the county treasurer. An amount equal 9 to \$0.25 of the supplemental fee for each \$500.00 of consideration or 10 fractional part thereof recited in the deed so collected pursuant to this 11 section shall be retained by the county treasurer for the use of the 12 county and the balance shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for 13 deposit to the Extraordinary Aid Account, which shall be established as an account in the General Fund. Payments shall be made to the 14 15 State Treasurer on the tenth day of each month following the month of collection. 16

d. The Legislature shall annually appropriate the entire balance of
the Extraordinary Aid Account for the purposes of providing
extraordinary special education aid pursuant to section 19 of
P.L.1996, c.138 (C.18A:7F-19) and "Municipal Property Tax Relief
Act" extraordinary aid pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1991, c.63
(C.52:27D-118.35).

23 e. Every deed subject to the supplemental fee required by this 24 section, which is in fact recorded, shall be conclusively deemed to have 25 been entitled to recording, notwithstanding that the amount of the 26 consideration shall have been incorrectly stated, or that the correct 27 amount of the supplemental fee, if any, shall not have been paid, and no such defect shall in any way affect or impair the validity of the title 28 29 conveyed or render the same unmarketable; but the person or persons 30 required to pay that supplemental fee at the time of recording shall be and remain liable to the county recording officer for the payment of 31 32 the proper amount thereof.

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34 3. Section 4 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-8) is amended to read as 35 follows:

36 4. The proceeds of the fees collected by the county recording 37 officer, as authorized by [this act] P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-5 et seq.), 38 shall be accounted for and remitted to the county treasurer. An 39 amount equal to 28.6% of the proceeds from the first \$1.75 for each 40 \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof recited in the deed [so] collected pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) 41 42 shall be retained by the county treasurer for the use of the county and 43 the balance shall be paid to the State Treasurer for the use of the 44 State; provided however, that on and after the tenth day following a 45 certification by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury pursuant to subsection b. of section 46

1 2 of P.L.1992, c.148 (C.46:15-10.2), 100.0% of the proceeds from the 2 first \$0.50 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof recited in the deed so collected shall be retained by the county 3 treasurer for the use of the county and no amount shall be paid to the 4 State Treasurer for the use of the State. Payments shall be made to 5 6 the State Treasurer on the tenth day of each month following the 7 month of collection. Amounts, not in excess of \$25,000,000, paid 8 during the State fiscal year to the State Treasurer from the payment of 9 fees collected by the county recording officer other than the additional 10 fee of \$0.75 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part 11 thereof recited in the deed in excess of \$150,000.00 collected pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) shall be credited to the 12 13 "Shore Protection Fund" created pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1992, 14 c.148 (C.13:19-16.1), in the manner established under that section. 15 All amounts paid to the State Treasurer in payment of the additional fee of \$0.75 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part 16 17 thereof recited in the deed in excess of \$150,000.00 collected pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) shall be credited to the 18 19 Neighborhood Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund established 20 pursuant to P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et al.), in the manner 21 established under section 20 thereof (C.52:27D-320). 22 (cf: P.L.1999, c.71, s.1) 23 24 4. Section 4 of P.L.1975, c.176 (C.46:15-10.1) is amended to read 25 as follows: 26 4. a. The following transfers of title to real property shall be 27 exempt from payment of \$1.25 per \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof of the fee imposed upon grantors by [this act] 28 29 section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7): (1) The sale of any one- or two-family residential premises which 30 31 are owned and occupied by a senior citizen, blind person, or disabled 32 person who is the seller in such transaction; provided, however, that 33 except in the instance of a husband and wife no exemption shall be 34 allowed if the property being sold is jointly owned and one or more of 35 the owners is not a senior citizen, blind person, or disabled person. 36 (2) The sale of low and moderate income housing. 37 b. Transfers of title to real property upon which there is new 38 construction shall be exempt from payment of \$1.00 for each \$500.00 39 of consideration or fractional part thereof not in excess of \$150,000.00 40 of the fee imposed upon grantors by section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 41 (C.46:15-7). 42 c. The director shall promulgate rules, regulations and forms of 43 certification or otherwise necessary to carry out the provisions of this 44 section. No transfer shall be eligible for more than one exemption 45 under this section. All fees imposed pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) collected on transfers subject to exemption 46

under subsection a. of this section shall be [remitted to] retained by 1 2 the county treasurer for the use of the county. An amount equal to 66 3 2/3% of the proceeds from the fee imposed pursuant to section 3 of 4 P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) upon the consideration not in excess of 5 \$150,000.00 for transfers of real property upon which there is new construction, and an amount equal to 20% of the proceeds of the 6 \$2.50 [fee] total fees imposed pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 7 8 (C.46:15-7) upon each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part 9 thereof in excess of \$150,000.00 for transfers of real property upon 10 which there is new construction, shall be [remitted to] retained by the county treasurer for the use of the county. 11 12 d. The balance of the fees collected on transfers subject to 13 exemption under subsection b. of this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer and shall be credited to the Neighborhood 14 Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund established pursuant to 15 P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et al.), to be spent in the manner 16 17 established under section 20 thereof (C.52:27D-320). 18 e. Subsections a. through d. of this section shall be without effect 19 on and after the tenth day following a certification by the Director of

the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of theTreasury pursuant to subsection b. of section 2 of P.L.1992, c.148

22 (C.46:15-10.2).

23 (cf: P.L.1992, c.148, s.5)

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5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ASSEMBLY, No. 3709

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

ADOPTED JUNE 30, 2003

Sponsored by: Assemblyman JOSEPH CRYAN District 20 (Union)

Co-Sponsored by: Senator Kenny

SYNOPSIS

Establishes supplemental realty transfer fee on certain transfers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Substitute as adopted by the Assembly Budget Committee.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 7/1/2003)

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AN ACT establishing a supplemental realty transfer fee, amending and 1 2 supplementing P.L.1968, c.49 and amending P.L.1975, c.176. 3 4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-6) is amended to read as 8 follows: 9 2. In addition to other prerequisites for recording, no deed 10 evidencing transfer of title to real property shall be recorded in the 11 office of any county recording officer unless it satisfies one of the 12 following requirements: a. If the transfer is subject to the additional fee as provided in 13 14 section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 [, s.3] (C.46:15-7) or to the supplemental 15 fee as provided in section 2 of P.L., c. (C.)(now pending before the Legislature as this bill), a statement of the true consideration for 16 17 the transfer is contained in (1) the deed, or (2) the acknowledgment, or (3) the proof of the execution, or (4) an appended affidavit by one 18 19 of the parties to the deed or that party's legal representative. 20 b. If the transfer is exempt from the additional fee required by section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 [, s.3] (C.46:15-7), or from the 21 22 supplemental fee as provided in section 2 of P.L., c. (C.)(now 23 pending before the Legislature as this bill), an affidavit stating the 24 basis for the exemption is appended to the deed. (cf: P.L.1991, c.308, s.3) 25 26 27 2. (New section) a. For each conveyance or transfer of property, 28 the grantor shall pay a supplemental fee of: 29 (1) (a) \$0.25 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part 30 thereof not in excess of \$150,000.00 recited in the 31 deed; (b) \$0.85 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part 32 33 thereof in excess of \$150,000.00 but not in excess of \$200,000.00 recited in the deed; and 34 35 (c) \$1.40 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof in excess of \$200,000.00 recited in the deed, plus 36 (2) for a transfer described in subsection (b) of section 4 of 37 P.L.1975, c.176 (C.46:15-10.1), an additional \$1.00 for each 38 39 \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof not in 40 excess of \$150,000.00 recited in the deed 41 which fee shall be collected by the county recording officer at the time 42 the deed is offered for recording, except as provided by subsection b. 43 of this section.

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1 b. The supplemental fee imposed by subsection a. of this section 2 shall not be imposed on a conveyance or transfer that is made by a 3 deed described in section 6 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-10) or on a 4 transfer described in paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) of subsection (a) 5 of section 4 of P.L.1975, c.176 (C.46:15-10.1).

6 c. The proceeds of the supplemental fees collected by the county 7 recording officer pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be 8 accounted for and remitted to the county treasurer. An amount equal 9 to \$0.25 of the supplemental fee for each \$500.00 of consideration or 10 fractional part thereof recited in the deed so collected pursuant to this 11 section shall be retained by the county treasurer for the purposes set forth in subsection d. of this section, and the balance shall be remitted 12 13 to the State Treasurer for deposit to the Extraordinary Aid Account, which shall be established as an account in the General Fund. 14 15 Payments shall be made to the State Treasurer on the tenth day of each month following the month of collection. 16

17 d. From the proceeds of the supplemental fees collected by the 18 county recording officer pursuant to subsection a. of this section and 19 retained by the county treasurer pursuant to subsection c. of this 20 section, a county that received funding in State fiscal year 2003 for the 21 support of public health services pursuant to the provisions of the 22 Public Health Priority Funding Act of 1977, P.L.1966, c.36 (C.26:2F-23 1 et seq.) shall, at a minimum, fund its priority health services under 24 that act in subsequent years at the same level as the level at which 25 those services were funded in State fiscal year 2003 pursuant to the 26 annual appropriations act for that fiscal year as the Commissioner of 27 the Department of Health and Senior Services shall determine. In any county, amounts of supplemental fees retained that are in excess of the 28 29 amounts required to be used for the funding of the county's priority 30 health services under this subection shall be used by the county for 31 general county purposes.

32 e. The Legislature shall annually appropriate the entire balance of the Extraordinary Aid Account for the purposes of providing 33 34 extraordinary special education aid pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1996, c.138 (C.18A:7F-19) and "Municipal Property Tax Relief 35 Act" extraordinary aid pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1991, c.63 36 37 (C.52:27D-118.35).

38 f. Every deed subject to the supplemental fee required by this 39 section, which is in fact recorded, shall be conclusively deemed to have 40 been entitled to recording, notwithstanding that the amount of the 41 consideration shall have been incorrectly stated, or that the correct 42 amount of the supplemental fee, if any, shall not have been paid, and 43 no such defect shall in any way affect or impair the validity of the title 44 conveyed or render the same unmarketable; but the person or persons 45 required to pay that supplemental fee at the time of recording shall be and remain liable to the county recording officer for the payment of 46

1 the proper amount thereof.

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3 3. Section 4 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-8) is amended to read as 4 follows:

5 4. The proceeds of the fees collected by the county recording officer, as authorized by [this act] P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-5 et seq.), 6 7 shall be accounted for and remitted to the county treasurer. An 8 amount equal to 28.6% of the proceeds from the first \$1.75 for each 9 \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof recited in the deed 10 [so] collected pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) shall be retained by the county treasurer for the use of the county and 11 12 the balance shall be paid to the State Treasurer for the use of the 13 State; provided however, that on and after the tenth day following a 14 certification by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury pursuant to subsection b. of section 15 2 of P.L.1992, c.148 (C.46:15-10.2), 100.0% of the proceeds from the 16 17 first \$0.50 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof 18 recited in the deed so collected shall be retained by the county 19 treasurer for the use of the county and no amount shall be paid to the State Treasurer for the use of the State. Payments shall be made to 20 21 the State Treasurer on the tenth day of each month following the 22 month of collection. Amounts, not in excess of \$25,000,000, paid 23 during the State fiscal year to the State Treasurer from the payment of 24 fees collected by the county recording officer other than the additional 25 fee of \$0.75 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof recited in the deed in excess of \$150,000.00 collected pursuant 26 27 to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) shall be credited to the "Shore Protection Fund" created pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1992, 28 29 c.148 (C.13:19-16.1), in the manner established under that section. 30 All amounts paid to the State Treasurer in payment of the additional 31 fee of \$0.75 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part 32 thereof recited in the deed in excess of \$150,000.00 collected pursuant 33 to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) shall be credited to the 34 Neighborhood Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et al.), in the manner 35 established under section 20 thereof (C.52:27D-320). 36 37 (cf: P.L.1999, c.71, s.1)

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39 4. Section 4 of P.L.1975, c.176 (C.46:15-10.1) is amended to read
40 as follows:

4. a. The following transfers of title to real property shall be
42 exempt from payment of \$1.25 per \$500.00 of consideration or
43 fractional part thereof of the fee imposed upon grantors by [this act]
44 section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7):

45 (1) The sale of any one- or two-family residential premises which46 are owned and occupied by a senior citizen, blind person, or disabled

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1 person who is the seller in such transaction; provided, however, that 2 except in the instance of a husband and wife no exemption shall be allowed if the property being sold is jointly owned and one or more of 3 4 the owners is not a senior citizen, blind person, or disabled person. (2) The sale of low and moderate income housing. 5 6 b. Transfers of title to real property upon which there is new construction shall be exempt from payment of \$1.00 for each \$500.00 7 8 of consideration or fractional part thereof not in excess of \$150,000.00 9 of the fee imposed upon grantors by section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 10 (C.46:15-7). 11 c. The director shall promulgate rules, regulations and forms of 12 certification or otherwise necessary to carry out the provisions of this 13 section. No transfer shall be eligible for more than one exemption 14 under this section. All fees imposed pursuant to section 3 of 15 P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) collected on transfers subject to exemption under subsection a. of this section shall be [remitted to] retained by 16 the county treasurer for the use of the county. An amount equal to 66 17 18 2/3% of the proceeds from the fee imposed pursuant to section 3 of 19 P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) upon the consideration not in excess of 20 \$150,000.00 for transfers of real property upon which there is new 21 construction, and an amount equal to 20% of the proceeds of the 22 \$2.50 [fee] total fees imposed pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 23 (C.46:15-7) upon each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof in excess of \$150,000.00 for transfers of real property upon 24 which there is new construction, shall be [remitted to] retained by the 25 26 county treasurer for the use of the county. 27 d. The balance of the fees collected on transfers subject to 28 exemption under subsection b. of this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer and shall be credited to the Neighborhood 29 30 Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et al.), to be spent in the manner 31 32 established under section 20 thereof (C.52:27D-320). 33 e. Subsections a. through d. of this section shall be without effect on and after the tenth day following a certification by the Director of 34 35 the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the 36 Treasury pursuant to subsection b. of section 2 of P.L.1992, c.148 37 (C.46:15-10.2). 38 (cf: P.L.1992, c.148, s.5) 39 40 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

SENATE, No. 2665 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 12, 2003

Sponsored by: Senator BERNARD F. KENNY, JR. District 33 (Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes supplemental realty transfer fee of \$1.75 per \$500 consideration in excess of \$150,000 on certain transfers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



AN ACT establishing a supplemental realty transfer fee, amending and 1 2 supplementing P.L.1968, c.49 and amending P.L.1975, c.176. 3 4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-6) is amended to read as 8 follows: 9 2. In addition to other prerequisites for recording, no deed 10 evidencing transfer of title to real property shall be recorded in the 11 office of any county recording officer unless it satisfies one of the 12 following requirements: a. If the transfer is subject to the additional fee as provided in 13 section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 [, s.3] (C.46:15-7) or to the supplemental 14 15 fee as provided in section 2 of P.L., c. (C.)(now pending before the Legislature as this bill), a statement of the true 16 17 consideration for the transfer is contained in (1) the deed, or (2) the 18 acknowledgment, or (3) the proof of the execution, or (4) an appended 19 affidavit by one of the parties to the deed or that party's legal 20 representative. 21 b. If the transfer is exempt from the additional fee required by section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 [, s.3] (C.46:15-7), or from the 22 23 supplemental fee as provided in section 2 of P.L., c. (C.)(now 24 pending before the Legislature as this bill), an affidavit stating the 25 basis for the exemption is appended to the deed. (cf: P.L.1991, c.308, s.3) 26 27 28 2. (New section) a. For each conveyance or transfer of property for 29 which the consideration recited in the deed exceeds \$150,000.00, the 30 grantor shall pay a supplemental fee of \$1.50 for each \$500.00 of 31 consideration or fractional part thereof in excess of \$150,000.00 32 recited in the deed, which fee shall be collected by the county 33 recording officer at the time the deed is offered for recording, except 34 as provided by subsection b. of this section. 35 b. The supplemental fee imposed by subsection a. of this section 36 shall not be imposed on a conveyance or transfer that is made by a deed described in section 6 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-10) or to a 37 38 transfer described in paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) of subsection a. 39 of section 4 of P.L.1975, c.176 (C.46:15-10.1). 40 c. The proceeds of the supplemental fees collected by the county 41 recording officer pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be 42 accounted for and remitted to the county treasurer. An amount equal 43 to \$0.25 of the \$1.75 supplemental fee for each \$500.00 of

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1 consideration or fractional part thereof recited in the deed so collected 2 pursuant to this section shall be retained by the county treasurer for the use of the county and the balance shall be remitted to the State 3 4 Treasurer for deposit to the General Fund. Payments shall be made to the State Treasurer on the tenth day of each month following the 5 6 month of collection. d. Every deed subject to the supplemental fee required by this 7 8 section, which is in fact recorded, shall be conclusively deemed to have 9 been entitled to recording, notwithstanding that the amount of the

10 consideration shall have been incorrectly stated, or that the correct 11 amount of the supplemental fee, if any, shall not have been paid, and 12 no such defect shall in any way affect or impair the validity of the title 13 conveyed or render the same unmarketable; but the person or persons 14 required to pay that supplemental fee at the time of recording shall be 15 and remain liable to the county recording officer for the payment of 16 the proper amount thereof.

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3. Section 4 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-8) is amended to read asfollows:

20 4. The proceeds of the fees collected by the county recording 21 officer, as authorized by [this act] P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-5 et seq.), 22 shall be accounted for and remitted to the county treasurer. An 23 amount equal to 28.6% of the proceeds from the first \$1.75 for each 24 \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof recited in the deed 25 [so] collected pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) shall be retained by the county treasurer for the use of the county and 26 27 the balance shall be paid to the State Treasurer for the use of the State; provided however, that on and after the tenth day following a 28 29 certification by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting 30 in the Department of the Treasury pursuant to subsection b. of section 31 2 of P.L.1992, c.148 (C.46:15-10.2), 100.0% of the proceeds from the 32 first \$0.50 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof 33 recited in the deed so collected shall be retained by the county 34 treasurer for the use of the county and no amount shall be paid to the State Treasurer for the use of the State. Payments shall be made to 35 the State Treasurer on the tenth day of each month following the 36 37 month of collection. Amounts, not in excess of \$25,000,000, paid 38 during the State fiscal year to the State Treasurer from the payment of 39 fees collected by the county recording officer other than the additional 40 fee of \$0.75 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part 41 thereof recited in the deed in excess of \$150,000.00 collected pursuant 42 to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) shall be credited to the 43 "Shore Protection Fund" created pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1992, 44 c.148 (C.13:19-16.1), in the manner established under that section. 45 All amounts paid to the State Treasurer in payment of the additional fee of \$0.75 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part 46

1 thereof recited in the deed in excess of \$150,000.00 collected pursuant 2 to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) shall be credited to the 3 Neighborhood Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund established 4 pursuant to P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et al.), in the manner established under section 20 thereof (C.52:27D-320). 5 6 (cf: P.L.1999, c.71, s.1) 7 8 4. Section 4 of P.L.1975, c.176 (C.46:15-10.1) is amended to read 9 as follows: 10 4. a. The following transfers of title to real property shall be 11 exempt from payment of \$1.25 per \$500.00 of consideration or 12 fractional part thereof of the fee imposed upon grantors by [this act] 13 section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7): 14 (1) The sale of any one- or two-family residential premises which 15 are owned and occupied by a senior citizen, blind person, or disabled person who is the seller in such transaction; provided, however, that 16 17 except in the instance of a husband and wife no exemption shall be 18 allowed if the property being sold is jointly owned and one or more of 19 the owners is not a senior citizen, blind person, or disabled person. 20 (2) The sale of low and moderate income housing. 21 b. Transfers of title to real property upon which there is new 22 construction shall be exempt from payment of \$1.00 for each \$500.00 23 of consideration or fractional part thereof not in excess of \$150,000.00 24 of the fee imposed upon grantors by section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 25 <u>(C.46:15-7)</u>. 26 c. The director shall promulgate rules, regulations and forms of 27 certification or otherwise necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. No transfer shall be eligible for more than one exemption 28 under this section. All fees imposed pursuant to section 3 of 29 30 P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) collected on transfers subject to exemption 31 under subsection a. of this section shall be [remitted to] retained by 32 the county treasurer for the use of the county. An amount equal to 66 33 2/3% of the proceeds from the fee imposed pursuant to section 3 of 34 P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) upon the consideration not in excess of 35 \$150,000.00 for transfers of real property upon which there is new construction, and an amount equal to 20% of the proceeds of the 36 \$2.50 [fee] total fees imposed pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 37 38 (C.46:15-7) upon each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part 39 thereof in excess of \$150,000.00 for transfers of real property upon 40 which there is new construction, shall be [remitted to] retained by the 41 county treasurer for the use of the county. 42 d. The balance of the fees collected on transfers subject to 43 exemption under subsection b. of this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer and shall be credited to the Neighborhood 44

45 Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund established pursuant to

1 P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et al.), to be spent in the manner 2 established under section 20 thereof (C.52:27D-320). e. Subsections a. through d. of this section shall be without effect 3 4 on and after the tenth day following a certification by the Director of 5 the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury pursuant to subsection b. of section 2 of P.L.1992, c.148 6 (C.46:15-10.2). 7 8 (cf: P.L.1992,c.148,s.5) 9 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003. 10 11 12 13 **STATEMENT** 14 15 This bill creates a supplementary realty transfer fee of \$1.75 for each \$500 of consideration in excess of \$150,000 on certain transfers. 16 The realty transfer fee is imposed upon the recording of deeds 17 18 evidencing transfers of title to real property in the State of New 19 Jersey, and is calculated based on the amount of consideration paid 20 Currently, the basic realty transfer fee is imposed upon the seller at 21 the rate of \$1.75 for each \$500 of consideration (these funds are split 22 \$0.50 to the county in which the property is located and \$1.25 to the State); an additional fee of \$0.75 is imposed for each \$500 of 23 consideration in excess of \$150,000 (all of which is State funds). Two 24 25 types of transfers of real property are exempt from the State portion 26 of the basic realty transfer fee (\$1.25 of the \$1.75 for each \$500 of 27 consideration): (1) the sale of one or two-family residential premises which are owned and occupied by a senior citizen (62 years of age or 28 29 older), blind person, or disabled person who is the seller; and (2) the 30 sale of low and moderate income housing. Some transfers (such as 31 U.S. government sales, redistributions among current owners, between 32 close relatives, deeds to cemetery plots and transfers pursuant to 33 divorce decrees) are completely exempt. 34 This bill imposes a supplementary fee of \$1.75 for each \$500 of consideration in excess of \$150,000. The fee is split \$0.25 to the 35 county in which the property is located and \$1.50 to the State. The 36 37 new fee does not apply to the transfers that are now completely 38 exempt from the current fee and does not apply to the transfers by 39 senior citizens, blind persons, or disabled persons and the transfers of

40 low and moderate income housing that are currently exempt from the41 State share of the regular fee.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE, No. 2665

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 30, 2003

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably a committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 2665.

This substitute bill creates a supplementary realty transfer fee for certain transfers of real property.

Current law. The realty transfer fee is imposed upon the recording of deeds evidencing transfers of title to real property in the State of New Jersey, and is calculated based on the amount of consideration paid. At present, the basic realty transfer fee is imposed upon the seller at the rate of \$1.75 for each \$500 of consideration; these funds are split \$0.50 to the county in which the property is located and \$1.25 to the State. An additional fee of \$0.75 is imposed for each \$500 of consideration in excess of \$150,000; the entire amount of this additional fee is remitted to the State. Two types of transfers of real property are exempt from the State portion of the basic realty transfer fee (\$1.25 of the \$1.75 for each \$500 of consideration): (1) the sale of one or two-family residential premises that are owned and occupied by a senior citizen 62 years of age or older, blind person, or disabled person who is the seller; and (2) the sale of low and moderate income housing. Some transfers (e.g., U.S. government sales, redistributions among current owners or between close relatives, deeds to cemetery plots and transfers pursuant to divorce decrees) are completely exempt.

Supplementary fee. The substitute imposes a graduated supplementary fee for each \$500 of consideration. The supplementary fee is:

- \$0.25 for each \$500 of consideration not in excess of \$150,000, plus
- \$.85 for each \$500 of consideration in excess of \$150,000 but not in excess of \$200,000, plus
- \$1.40 for each \$500 of consideration in excess of \$200,000;

and there is an additional fee of \$1.00 for each \$500 of consideration that is exempt from \$1.00 of the basic fee as "new construction".

Allocation of revenue. Under the substitute the county will retain \$0.25 of the fee collected for each \$500 consideration, and the remainder will remitted to the State. Thus the State will receive no

part of the supplementary fee collected with respect to the first \$150,000 of consideration paid, \$.60 per \$500 of consideration paid in excess of \$150,000 up to \$200,000, and \$1.15 per \$500 of consideration paid in excess of \$200,000. The bill directs counties to use the amounts of the supplementary fee that they retain under the bill to maintain their funding of public health services under the Public Health Priority Funding Act at levels at least equal to the funding level attained in State fiscal year 2003; amounts retained in excess of such levels may be used for general county purposes.

Transfers fully or partially exempt. The new supplementary fee does not apply to the transfers that are now completely exempt from the current fee and does not apply to the transfers by senior citizens, blind persons, or disabled persons and the transfers of low and moderate income housing that are currently fully exempt from the State share of the basic fee.

FISCAL IMPACT

Based upon information supplied by the Office of Management and Budget, the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the revenue impact of the bill will be an annual increase in State realty transfer fees of approximately \$55 million and an annual increase in county retained fees of approximately \$22 million.

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE, No. 2665

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

ADOPTED JUNE 30, 2003

Sponsored by: Senator BERNARD F. KENNY, JR. District 33 (Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes supplemental realty transfer fee on certain transfers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Substitute as adopted by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



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AN ACT establishing a supplemental realty transfer fee, amending and 1 2 supplementing P.L.1968, c.49 and amending P.L.1975, c.176. 3 4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-6) is amended to read as 8 follows: 9 2. In addition to other prerequisites for recording, no deed 10 evidencing transfer of title to real property shall be recorded in the 11 office of any county recording officer unless it satisfies one of the 12 following requirements: a. If the transfer is subject to the additional fee as provided in 13 section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 [, s.3] (C.46:15-7) or to the supplemental 14 15 fee as provided in section 2 of P.L., c. (C.)(now pending before the Legislature as this bill), a statement of the true consideration for 16 17 the transfer is contained in (1) the deed, or (2) the acknowledgment, or (3) the proof of the execution, or (4) an appended affidavit by one 18 19 of the parties to the deed or that party's legal representative. 20 b. If the transfer is exempt from the additional fee required by section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 [, s.3] (C.46:15-7), or from the 21 22 supplemental fee as provided in section 2 of P.L., c. (C.)(now 23 pending before the Legislature as this bill), an affidavit stating the 24 basis for the exemption is appended to the deed. (cf: P.L.1991, c.308, s.3) 25 26 27 2. (New section) a. For each conveyance or transfer of property, 28 the grantor shall pay a supplemental fee of: 29 (1) (a) \$0.25 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part 30 thereof not in excess of \$150,000.00 recited in the 31 deed: (b) \$0.85 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part 32 33 thereof in excess of \$150,000.00 but not in excess of 34 \$200,000.00 recited in the deed; and 35 (c) \$1.40 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof in excess of \$200,000.00 recited in the deed, plus 36 (2) for a transfer described in subsection (b) of section 4 of 37 38 P.L.1975, c.176 (C.46:15-10.1), an additional \$1.00 for each 39 \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof not in 40 excess of \$150,000.00 recited in the deed 41 which fee shall be collected by the county recording officer at the time 42 the deed is offered for recording, except as provided by subsection b. 43 of this section.

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 underlined <u>thus</u> is new matter.

b. The supplemental fee imposed by subsection a. of this section
shall not be imposed on a conveyance or transfer that is made by a
deed described in section 6 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-10) or on a
transfer described in paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) of subsection (a)
of section 4 of P.L.1975, c.176 (C.46:15-10.1).

6 c. The proceeds of the supplemental fees collected by the county 7 recording officer pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be 8 accounted for and remitted to the county treasurer. An amount equal 9 to \$0.25 of the supplemental fee for each \$500.00 of consideration or 10 fractional part thereof recited in the deed so collected pursuant to this 11 section shall be retained by the county treasurer for the purposes set forth in subsection d. of this section, and the balance shall be remitted 12 13 to the State Treasurer for deposit to the Extraordinary Aid Account, which shall be established as an account in the General Fund. 14 15 Payments shall be made to the State Treasurer on the tenth day of each month following the month of collection. 16

17 d. From the proceeds of the supplemental fees collected by the 18 county recording officer pursuant to subsection a. of this section and 19 retained by the county treasurer pursuant to subsection c. of this 20 section, a county that received funding in State fiscal year 2003 for the 21 support of public health services pursuant to the provisions of the 22 Public Health Priority Funding Act of 1977, P.L.1966, c.36 (C.26:2F-23 1 et seq.) shall, at a minimum, fund its priority health services under 24 that act in subsequent years at the same level as the level at which 25 those services were funded in State fiscal year 2003 pursuant to the 26 annual appropriations act for that fiscal year as the Commissioner of 27 the Department of Health and Senior Services shall determine. In any 28 county, amounts of supplemental fees retained that are in excess of the 29 amounts required to be used for the funding of the county's priority 30 health services under this subection shall be used by the county for 31 general county purposes.

e. The Legislature shall annually appropriate the entire balance of
the Extraordinary Aid Account for the purposes of providing
extraordinary special education aid pursuant to section 19 of
P.L.1996, c.138 (C.18A:7F-19) and "Municipal Property Tax Relief
Act" extraordinary aid pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1991, c.63
(C.52:27D-118.35).

38 f. Every deed subject to the supplemental fee required by this 39 section, which is in fact recorded, shall be conclusively deemed to have 40 been entitled to recording, notwithstanding that the amount of the 41 consideration shall have been incorrectly stated, or that the correct 42 amount of the supplemental fee, if any, shall not have been paid, and 43 no such defect shall in any way affect or impair the validity of the title 44 conveyed or render the same unmarketable; but the person or persons 45 required to pay that supplemental fee at the time of recording shall be and remain liable to the county recording officer for the payment of 46

the proper amount thereof.

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> 3 3. Section 4 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-8) is amended to read as 4 follows:

5 4. The proceeds of the fees collected by the county recording officer, as authorized by [this act] P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-5 et seq.), 6 7 shall be accounted for and remitted to the county treasurer. An 8 amount equal to 28.6% of the proceeds from the first \$1.75 for each 9 \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof recited in the deed 10 [so] collected pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) shall be retained by the county treasurer for the use of the county and 11 12 the balance shall be paid to the State Treasurer for the use of the 13 State; provided however, that on and after the tenth day following a 14 certification by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury pursuant to subsection b. of section 15 2 of P.L.1992, c.148 (C.46:15-10.2), 100.0% of the proceeds from the 16 17 first \$0.50 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof 18 recited in the deed so collected shall be retained by the county 19 treasurer for the use of the county and no amount shall be paid to the State Treasurer for the use of the State. Payments shall be made to 20 21 the State Treasurer on the tenth day of each month following the 22 month of collection. Amounts, not in excess of \$25,000,000, paid 23 during the State fiscal year to the State Treasurer from the payment of 24 fees collected by the county recording officer other than the additional 25 fee of \$0.75 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof recited in the deed in excess of \$150,000.00 collected pursuant 26 27 to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) shall be credited to the "Shore Protection Fund" created pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1992, 28 29 c.148 (C.13:19-16.1), in the manner established under that section. 30 All amounts paid to the State Treasurer in payment of the additional 31 fee of \$0.75 for each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part 32 thereof recited in the deed in excess of \$150,000.00 collected pursuant 33 to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) shall be credited to the 34 Neighborhood Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et al.), in the manner 35 established under section 20 thereof (C.52:27D-320). 36 37 (cf: P.L.1999, c.71, s.1)

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39 4. Section 4 of P.L.1975, c.176 (C.46:15-10.1) is amended to read
40 as follows:

4. a. The following transfers of title to real property shall be
exempt from payment of \$1.25 per \$500.00 of consideration or
fractional part thereof of the fee imposed upon grantors by [this act]
section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7):

45 (1) The sale of any one- or two-family residential premises which46 are owned and occupied by a senior citizen, blind person, or disabled

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1 person who is the seller in such transaction; provided, however, that 2 except in the instance of a husband and wife no exemption shall be allowed if the property being sold is jointly owned and one or more of 3 4 the owners is not a senior citizen, blind person, or disabled person. (2) The sale of low and moderate income housing. 5 6 b. Transfers of title to real property upon which there is new construction shall be exempt from payment of \$1.00 for each \$500.00 7 8 of consideration or fractional part thereof not in excess of \$150,000.00 9 of the fee imposed upon grantors by section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 10 (C.46:15-7). 11 c. The director shall promulgate rules, regulations and forms of 12 certification or otherwise necessary to carry out the provisions of this 13 section. No transfer shall be eligible for more than one exemption 14 under this section. All fees imposed pursuant to section 3 of 15 P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) collected on transfers subject to exemption under subsection a. of this section shall be [remitted to] retained by 16 the county treasurer for the use of the county. An amount equal to 66 17 18 2/3% of the proceeds from the fee imposed pursuant to section 3 of 19 P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) upon the consideration not in excess of 20 \$150,000.00 for transfers of real property upon which there is new construction, and an amount equal to 20% of the proceeds of the 21 22 \$2.50 [fee] total fees imposed pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 23 (C.46:15-7) upon each \$500.00 of consideration or fractional part thereof in excess of \$150,000.00 for transfers of real property upon 24 which there is new construction, shall be [remitted to] retained by the 25 26 county treasurer for the use of the county. 27 d. The balance of the fees collected on transfers subject to 28 exemption under subsection b. of this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer and shall be credited to the Neighborhood 29 30 Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et al.), to be spent in the manner 31 32 established under section 20 thereof (C.52:27D-320). 33 e. Subsections a. through d. of this section shall be without effect 34 on and after the tenth day following a certification by the Director of 35 the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the 36 Treasury pursuant to subsection b. of section 2 of P.L.1992, c.148 37 (C.46:15-10.2). 38 (cf: P.L.1992, c.148, s.5) 39 40 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.