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P.L.1995, CHAPTER 10, approved January 25, 1995
1994 Assembly No. 492

1 AN ACT concerning coastal municipalities and supplementing
2 Title 13 of the Revised Statutes.

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

6 1. The Legislature finds and declares that the New Jersey
7 shore is a valuable environmental and economic resource, and
8 that every effort should be made to ensure the continued viability
9 of the shoreline; that periodic storms threaten to destroy portions
10 of the shore and property located upland of the shore, especially
11 in areas where beach and dune maintenance has been neglected;
12 that although federal shore protection and disaster relief aid has
13 helped to mitigate the adverse effects of subsequent storms on
14 particular beachfronts, many beaches remain ineligible for these
15 types of federal aid due to ignorance of the eligibility
16 requirements; and that many shore municipalities could qualify
17 for federal aid in the future if they implement the basic beach
18 maintenance techniques specified in federal guidelines.

19 The Legislature therefore determines that it is altogether
20 fitting and proper for the State to provide informational and
21 educational services to shore municipalities concerning the
22 eligibility requirements for federal shore protection and disaster
23 relief aid.

24 2. a. The Department of Environmental Protection shall
25 prepare a guidance document which provides information to
26 coastal municipalities on eligibility requirements for receiving
27 federal monies related to shore protection projects and disaster
28 aid. The document shall provide detailed information which
29 describes the policies, programs or other actions required of a
30 municipality to qualify for these federal monies, and shall include
31 a section which explains what a municipality must do to create
32 and maintain an engineered beach.

33 b. Upon completion of the guidance document, the Department
34 of Environmental Protection shall notify all coastal
35 municipalities of the availability of the guidance document. The
36 department shall provide copies of the guidance document to a
37 municipality upon request.

38 c. As used in this act, "coastal municipality" means any
39 municipality located within the coastal area as defined in section
40 4 of P.L.1973, c.185 (C.13:10-4).

41 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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46 Requires DEPE to provide federal aid eligibility information to
47 coastal municipalities.

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In recent years, coastal storms have caused millions of dollars worth of damage to shore communities. While many of these communities have had their beaches restored with the help of federal disaster relief aid, many others have failed to qualify for federal aid for lack of a beach maintenance program which meets federal guidelines.

This bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection to provide information to shore municipalities on the eligibility requirements for receiving federal shore protection and disaster relief aid. With this information in hand, shore municipalities will be better able to take the steps necessary to ensure the future viability of the Jersey shore.

Requires DEPE to provide federal aid eligibility information to coastal municipalities.

ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 492

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 15, 1994

The Assembly Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 492.

This bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection to provide information to shore municipalities on the eligibility requirements for receiving federal shore protection and disaster relief aid.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1994-95 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, TRADE
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 492

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 16, 1994

The Senate Natural Resources, Trade and Economic Development Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 492.

This bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection to provide information to shore municipalities on the eligibility requirements for receiving federal shore protection and disaster relief aid.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1189, which is being reported by this committee concurrently.