

ASSEMBLY, No. 1

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

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1 17. The department may petition any Federal, State, municipal or other
2 authority, administrative, judicial or legislative, having jurisdiction in the
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4 change in method, rate or system of handling freight, warehousing, dock-
5 ing, lightering or transfer of freight or the transportation of passengers
6 and baggage which the commissioner may find desirable to improve or facili-
7 tate commerce in and through the State, or to improve terminal and trans-
8 portation facilities therein. The commissioner may intervene in any pro-
9 ceeding affecting the commerce of the State, but nothing herein shall impair
10 the powers of any municipality or ad hoc authority to develop, improve or
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PHYSICAL PLANNING, HOUSING URBAN REHABILITATION

1 18. The department shall prepare and perfect from time to time a State
2 master plan for the physical development of the State and prepare and keep
3 current a proposed long term development program of major State improve-
4 ments. The Economic Council shall hold public hearings on such plan or
5 plans and shall transmit to the Governor and the Legislature such plans as

6 it may agree upon. When approved by the Legislature, such plan or plans
7 shall be known as the official State plan.

8 The department shall among other things:

9 a. Advise with the various State departments, agencies and instru-
10 mentalities, and with local authorities and individuals with a view to
11 the co-ordination of all physical development plans, including plans for
12 highways, airways and air terminals, parkways, parks, water supply de-
13 velopment, flood control, land use, recreation areas and forest reserva-
14 tions that are related to an economical and comprehensive development
15 of the State.

16 b. Make studies of rural land utilization with a view to the deter-
17 mination of the areas suitable for field crops, for reforestation, for
18 watershed protection, for reclamation, for recreation, for summer resi-
19 dence and for industrial and urban expansion.

20 c. Investigate living, dwelling and housing conditions and into the
21 means and methods of improving such conditions; determine where slum
22 areas exist or where there is a shortage of decent, safe and sanitary
23 dwelling accommodations for persons of low income; make studies and
24 recommendations relating to the problem of clearing, replanning and re-
25 constructing of slum areas, and the problem of providing dwelling accom-
26 modations for persons of low income; and co-operate with any public
27 body in action taken in connection with such problems; and engage in
28 research, studies and experimentation on the subject of housing.

29 d. The department shall enforce compliance with the laws relating
30 to local housing authorities, and shall succeed to all the functions,
31 powers and duties of the State Housing Authority and of its director
32 under chapters fourteen-A and fifteen of Title 55 of the Revised Statutes.

1 19. All State departments, agencies and instrumentalities, before enter-
2 ing upon any major public improvement or any project involving the ac-
3 quisition of lands for public use, or before requesting a change of use or
4 disposition of real property owned by the State or in which the State has an

5 interest, shall give written notice to the commissioner of such contemplated
6 or proposed action, and he shall have a reasonable opportunity to study
7 and make recommendations thereon.

1 20. The department may prepare and make maps, planning studies and
2 surveys for the collection and presentation of data pertaining to the physical
3 development of the State and of its political subdivisions, and for this pur-
4 pose may enter upon public and private lands to make surveys, photographs
5 and tests.

1 21. The department shall co-operate with county, municipal and regional
2 planning boards for the purpose of aiding and encouraging an orderly and
3 co-ordinated development of the State.

1 22. Within the department there shall be a "public housing and develop-
2 ment authority" a body politic and corporate, with power to sue and be sued,
3 to have a seal, and to have corporate succession, hereinafter referred to as
4 "the authority." The powers and duties of this authority shall be vested in
5 and may be exercised by the commissioner.

1 23. The authority shall have full power to undertake and operate any
2 slum clearance or housing project for slum dwellers and families of low
3 income and to manage and control its projects.

1 24. In addition to the powers hereinabove specifically granted, the
2 authority shall have the following powers:

3 a. To acquire property, real, personal or mixed, or any interest
4 therein by purchase, lease, gift, bequest, devise, exchange or eminent
5 domain; to hold and improve property; to operate, lease, sell or exchange
6 property; to construct or contract for the construction of projects and
7 community facilities; to borrow money and secure the same by bonds or
8 mortgages upon property held or to be held by it; but nothing herein con-
9 tained shall be deemed to authorize the authority to pledge the credit
10 of this State or to constitute any bonds or mortgages so issued by it
11 obligations of this State.

12 b. To receive any grant or grants to be made by the Federal,

13 State, county, municipal or other governments, or from any other
14 sources.

15 c. If, for any of the purposes hereunder, the authority shall find it
16 necessary or convenient for it to acquire title to, or any lesser interest
17 in, real property in this State, then the authority may acquire title to
18 such property by purchase, lease or condemnation, and shall have the
19 right to acquire realty by eminent domain in accordance with the pro-
20 visions of chapter one of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes.

21 d. To make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations for the
22 effectuation of its powers and purposes.

1 25. Upon the completion of any housing project constructed by the
2 authority, the authority shall have full power to maintain and operate the
3 same at such scale of rentals as in the judgment of the authority shall be
4 proper in the premises, but the maximum average rental in cities of the first
5 class shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) and in other municipalities eight dollars
6 (\$8.00). Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the scale of
7 rentals to be charged by any public housing corporation as provided by chap-
8 ter fifteen of Title 55 of the Revised Statutes.

1 26. All real property and improvements thereon owned by the authority
2 shall be assessed and taxed in the municipalities wherein such lands are situ-
3 ate for State, school, county, municipal and improvement purposes in the
4 same manner as other real property owned by individuals. The taxes for
5 any given year shall be paid out of the rentals or income accruing from such
6 property for the year in which the taxes are assessed.

1 27. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the authority shall
2 approve or disapprove each local housing project before any such project
3 involving Federal financial assistance may be undertaken, arranged for, or
4 contracted pursuant to the local housing authorities law, or any amendment
5 or supplement thereof. A project shall be disapproved whenever the author-
6 ity finds that it does not properly conserve the public interest or that there
7 is greater need for Federal financial assistance in some other area; other-
8 wise the project shall be approved.

ARTICLE IV

PUBLIC WORK RESERVE

1 28. The department shall prepare and maintain a public work reserve
2 consisting of proposed projects of State, county, municipal and ad hoc agen-
3 cies for public works and services. The projects included in the public work
4 reserve shall be classified and arranged in order of priority so as to facilitate
5 selection and timing of individual projects. For this purpose the depart-
6 ment shall:

7 a. Keep records of the progress of design of all proposed public
8 works and improvements for which funds for detailed plans and specifi-
9 cations have heretofore been made available to various State depart-
10 ments, so that the status, scope, cost, employment possibilities, ma-
11 terials and equipment needed for the execution of such projects after the
12 war may be promptly available to officials and to the public;

13 b. Keep like records of the progress of the preparation of plans and
14 specifications for State projects in addition to the projects enumerated
15 in paragraph (a);

16 c. Prepare and maintain current progress information on the design
17 of post-war projects by political subdivisions of the State.

1 29. Every department, agency, political subdivision, special district or
2 ad hoc authority operating under the authority of this State which receives,
3 anticipates or may apply for Federal financial assistance for a public im-
4 provement project shall transmit to the department of economic develop-
5 ment a complete description of each such proposed project, in such form as
6 the commissioner may prescribe.

1 30. The commissioner may require any State department or agency or
2 any political subdivision, special district or ad hoc authority of this State to
3 file with the department, plans and specifications and certified copies of all
4 correspondence, agreements and documents relating to any public improve-
5 ment or service involving Federal financial assistance.

1 31. Notwithstanding any other legislation heretofore enacted, no Fed-
2 eral financial assistance may hereafter be paid to or accepted by any politi-
3 cal subdivision, special district or ad hoc authority of this State for a public
4 improvement project unless and until the commissioner has had a reason-
5 able opportunity to make recommendations with respect thereto and certifies
6 that the public body sponsoring the project has complied with the require-
7 ments of this chapter, with respect to the filing of project descriptions, cor-
8 respondence, agreements and documents.

1 32. The commissioner shall, with the co-operation of other State depart-
2 ments, make and publish such recommendations with respect to any project
3 as may be desirable to properly conserve the public interest.

1 33. The commissioner may, after consultation with interested depart-
2 ment heads, and upon approval of the economic council, order surveys to be
3 made or plans and specifications to be prepared for any State or regional
4 project or service, by force account or by contract with such private archi-
5 tectural or engineering consultants as he may designate, within the limits of
6 available appropriations.

1 34. The department may make allotments to any county, municipality or
2 school district, all of which are hereinafter referred to as any "political sub-
3 division," toward the cost of preparing detailed plans and specifications
4 after the effective date of this act for local public works or improvements
5 to be undertaken after the termination of the present war.

1 35. Any political subdivisions may apply to commissioner for allotment
2 under this act upon such forms and subject to such rules and regulations
3 not inconsistent herewith as the commissioner may prescribe. If the com-
4 missioner approves a proposed project, he shall allot to the applicant, out
5 of such sums as may be appropriated for the purpose, an amount which he
6 finds necessary to defray one-half the cost to the applicant of preparing
7 detailed plans and specifications for the public work or improvement.

1 36. Allotments may be made for detailed plans and specifications pre-
2 pared either by force account or by contract with architects or engineers ap-

3 proved by the commissioner, but the total sum allotted for any project shall
4 not exceed one-half the actual cost of the plans and specifications, or two
5 per centum (2%) of the estimated construction cost approved by the com-
6 missioner, whichever is lower.

1 37. The granting of any application for State aid for plans and specifi-
2 cations, the acceptance of such aid or the preparation of such plans and
3 specifications shall not be construed to commit either the State or the political
4 subdivision to any contribution or appropriation whatsoever at any time for
5 construction costs. The amount allotted for each project shall be paid to the
6 political subdivision upon proof satisfactory to the commissioner of the com-
7 pletion of the plans and specifications and of their cost to the applicant; but
8 the aggregate of all allotments or payments to any one political subdivision
9 shall not exceed ten per centum (10%) of the total of all appropriations for
10 local purpose allotments as contained in this or any other act.

1 38. On the request of the commissioner, any department instrumental-
2 ity or agency of the State or of any political subdivision shall furnish such as-
3 sistance and data as the commissioner shall deem necessary to effectuate the
4 purposes of the grant-in-aid for project plans and specifications provided by
5 this act.

1 39. The authority of the commissioner to allot funds for plans and
2 specifications for other State projects shall terminate six months after the
3 cessation of present hostilities.

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VETERANS' SERVICES

1 40. The commissioner shall establish and organize within the department
2 a division of veterans' services, for the administration of the functions of
3 the department relating to war veterans. The director of this division shall
4 be a person qualified by experience and training and demonstrated interest
5 in veterans' affairs, and shall be a war veteran.

1 41. The department shall co-ordinate all services and information for
2 the benefit of war veterans and their dependents, and shall assist any
3 honorably discharged war veteran or his dependents to obtain all Federal
4 and State benefits to which he or his dependents may be entitled.

1 42. The department shall organize and administer a program of volun-
2 tary commitments by employers throughout the State to participate in a
3 plan of veterans' preference in private employment and re-employment.

1 43. The plan of veterans' preference in private employment shall provide
2 for the fixing of a quota of veterans by the commissioner for all participat-
3 ing employers, but may not require any employed worker to be discharged.
4 The plan shall also provide for the classification of disabled veterans in
5 occupations for which they would not be handicapped, and for first pre-
6 ference in such occupations for such disabled veterans.

1 44. In the organization and administration of the employment quota
2 preference plan, the commissioner, through appropriate Federal, State and
3 local agencies shall:

4 a. Enroll employers who voluntarily commit themselves to the plan
5 and certify the right of such employers to approved forms of public
6 recognition under this chapter.

7 b. Register veterans desiring employment, according to their occupa-
8 tional experience and capacities.

9 c. Register labor unions which are willing to participate through
10 appropriate adjustment of their membership and other requirements,
11 and certify the right of such unions to approved forms of public recogni-
12 tion under this chapter.

13 d. Receive requests for workers from all participating employers.

14 e. Either refer qualified veterans (with preference to the disabled)
15 in response to such requisitions or certify that veterans are not available.

1 45. The department shall review and approve or disapprove all policies
2 and work programs of State departments, agencies and instrumentalities
3 relating to war veterans' welfare, services or activities. No such activity or
4 work program shall be undertaken or continued after disapproval by the
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2 administer the veterans' guaranteed loan fund, as separately provided by law.

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3 fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary,
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6 ment shall:

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8 works and improvements for which funds for detailed plans and specifi-
9 cations have heretofore been made available to various State depart-
10 ments, so that the status, scope, cost, employment possibilities, ma-
11 terials and equipment needed for the execution of such projects after the
12 war may be promptly available to officials and to the public;

13 b. Keep like records of the progress of the preparation of plans and
14 specifications for State projects in addition to the projects enumerated
15 in paragraph (a);

16 c. Prepare and maintain current progress information on the design
17 of post-war projects by political subdivisions of the State.

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2 ad hoc authority operating under the authority of this State which receives,
3 anticipates or may apply for Federal financial assistance for a public im-
4 provement project shall transmit to the department of economic develop-
5 ment a complete description of each such proposed project, in such form as
6 the commissioner may prescribe.

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2 any political subdivision, special district or ad hoc authority of this State to
3 file with the department, plans and specifications and certified copies of all
4 correspondence, agreements and documents relating to any public improve-
5 ment or service involving Federal financial assistance.

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2 eral financial assistance may hereafter be paid to or accepted by any politi-
3 cal subdivision, special district or ad hoc authority of this State for a public
4 improvement project unless and until the commissioner has had a reason-
5 able opportunity to make recommendations with respect thereto and certifies
6 that the public body sponsoring the project has complied with the require-
7 ments of this chapter, with respect to the filing of project descriptions, cor-
8 respondence, agreements and documents.

1 32. The commissioner shall, with the co-operation of other State depart-
2 ments, make and publish such recommendations with respect to any project
3 as may be desirable to properly conserve the public interest.

1 33. The commissioner may, after consultation with interested depart-
2 ment heads, and upon approval of the economic council, order surveys to be
3 made or plans and specifications to be prepared for any State or regional
4 project or service, by force account or by contract with such private archi-
5 tectural or engineering consultants as he may designate, within the limits of
6 available appropriations.

1 34. The department may make allotments to any county, municipality or
2 school district, all of which are hereinafter referred to as any "political sub-
3 division," toward the cost of preparing detailed plans and specifications
4 after the effective date of this act for local public works or improvements
5 to be undertaken after the termination of the present war.

1 35. Any political subdivisions may apply to commissioner for allotment
2 under this act upon such forms and subject to such rules and regulations
3 not inconsistent herewith as the commissioner may prescribe. If the com-
4 missioner approves a proposed project, he shall allot to the applicant, out
5 of such sums as may be appropriated for the purpose, an amount which he
6 finds necessary to defray one-half the cost to the applicant of preparing
7 detailed plans and specifications for the public work or improvement.

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2 pared either by force account or by contract with architects or engineers ap-

3 proved by the commissioner, but the total sum allotted for any project shall
4 not exceed one-half the actual cost of the plans and specifications, or two
5 per centum (2%) of the estimated construction cost approved by the com-
6 missioner, whichever is lower.

1 37. The granting of any application for State aid for plans and specifi-
2 cations, the acceptance of such aid or the preparation of such plans and
3 specifications shall not be construed to commit either the State or the political
4 subdivision to any contribution or appropriation whatsoever at any time for
5 construction costs. The amount allotted for each project shall be paid to the
6 political subdivision upon proof satisfactory to the commissioner of the com-
7 pletion of the plans and specifications and of their cost to the applicant; but
8 the aggregate of all allotments or payments to any one political subdivision
9 shall not exceed ten per centum (10%) of the total of all appropriations for
10 local purpose allotments as contained in this or any other act.

1 38. On the request of the commissioner, any department instrumental-
2 ity or agency of the State or of any political subdivision shall furnish such as-
3 sistance and data as the commissioner shall deem necessary to effectuate the
4 purposes of the grant-in-aid for project plans and specifications provided by
5 this act.

1 39. The authority of the commissioner to allot funds for plans and
2 specifications for other State projects shall terminate six months after the
3 cessation of present hostilities.

ARTICLE V

VETERANS' SERVICES

1 40. The commissioner shall establish and organize within the department
2 a division of veterans' services, for the administration of the functions of
3 the department relating to war veterans. The director of this division shall
4 be a person qualified by experience and training and demonstrated interest
5 in veterans' affairs, and shall be a war veteran.

1 41. The department shall co-ordinate all services and information for
2 the benefit of war veterans and their dependents, and shall assist any
3 honorably discharged war veteran or his dependents to obtain all Federal
4 and State benefits to which he or his dependents may be entitled.

1 42. The department shall organize and administer a program of volun-
2 tary commitments by employers throughout the State to participate in a
3 plan of veterans' preference in private employment and re-employment.

1 43. The plan of veterans' preference in private employment shall provide
2 for the fixing of a quota of veterans by the commissioner for all participat-
3 ing employers, but may not require any employed worker to be discharged.
4 The plan shall also provide for the classification of disabled veterans in
5 occupations for which they would not be handicapped, and for first pre-
6 ference in such occupations for such disabled veterans.

1 44. In the organization and administration of the employment quota
2 preference plan, the commissioner, through appropriate Federal, State and
3 local agencies shall:

4 a. Enroll employers who voluntarily commit themselves to the plan
5 and certify the right of such employers to approved forms of public
6 recognition under this chapter.

7 b. Register veterans desiring employment, according to their occupa-
8 tional experience and capacities.

9 c. Register labor unions which are willing to participate through
10 appropriate adjustment of their membership and other requirements,
11 and certify the right of such unions to approved forms of public recogni-
12 tion under this chapter.

13 d. Receive requests for workers from all participating employers.

14 e. Either refer qualified veterans (with preference to the disabled)
15 in response to such requisitions or certify that veterans are not available.

1 45. The department shall review and approve or disapprove all policies
2 and work programs of State departments, agencies and instrumentalities
3 relating to war veterans' welfare, services or activities. No such activity or
4 work program shall be undertaken or continued after disapproval by the
5 department without specific authorization from the Governor.

1 46. The department shall, through its division of veterans' services,
2 administer the veterans' guaranteed loan fund, as separately provided by law.

ARTICLE VI

GENERAL

1 47. The department shall be provided with suitable quarters which shall
2 be sufficient to house all of the divisions of the department within the same
3 building.

1 48. The employees, property and records of all agencies which are by
2 this act abolished are hereby transferred to the department of economic de-
3 velopment.

1 49. The appropriations of all agencies abolished by this act are hereby
2 transferred to the department, and, in addition, the sum of one hundred
3 fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary,
4 is hereby appropriated for the administrative expenses of the department
5 during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, one thousand nine hundred and
6 forty-five.

1 50. The sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) is hereby
2 appropriated from any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appro-
3 priated, for the preparation of local purpose plans and specifications in
4 accordance with allotments to be made pursuant to this act.

1 51. The sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) is hereby appropri-
2 ated, from any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated,
3 for the preparation of State project plans and specifications in accordance
4 with allotments to be made pursuant to this act.

1 52. The following sections, inclusive, of the Revised Statutes are hereby
2 repealed:

3 Revised Statutes, sections 12:12-1 to 12:12-10, 38:24-1 to 38:24-2,
4 48:21-1 to 48:21-19, 52:9C-1 to 52:9C-4, 52:21-1 to 52:21-11, 55:14-1
5 to 55:14-13.

1 53. This act shall take effect on July first, one thousand nine hundred and
2 forty-four, except that appointments may be made and any action may be
3 taken prior thereto in preparation for the operation of the department.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 27, 1944

By Mr. CAVICCHIA

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to establish a department of economic development, defining its functions, powers and duties, and providing thereby for the consolidation and co-ordination of post-war planning and activities, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

ARTICLE I

1 1. There is hereby created a Department of Economic Development, con-
2 sisting of a co-ordinator and an economic council, hereinafter referred to as
3 "the department."

1 2. The co-ordinator, who shall be the commissioner of the department,
2 hereinafter referred to as the "commissioner," shall be nominated and ap-
3 pointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.
4 The commissioner shall serve for a term of four years and until his succes-
5 sor is appointed and qualified, and shall receive an annual compensation of
6 twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00).

1 3. The Economic Council shall consist of ten members representing war
2 veterans, industry, labor, local government and the public generally. Each
3 member shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and con-
4 sent of the Senate, for a term of four years and until his successor is ap-
5 pointed and qualified, except that of those first appointed five shall be ap-

6 pointed for a term of two years. Members of the council shall serve without
7 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in
8 the performance of their duties. The chairman of the Economic Council
9 shall be elected by the members thereof.

1 4. There shall be within the department a division of veterans services,
2 a division of municipal aid, a division of commerce, a division of planning
3 and engineering and such other divisions as the commissioner may from
4 time to time establish. Each division shall be under the supervision of a
5 a director who shall be a person qualified by training and experience to direct
6 the work assigned to it; and two or more divisions may be consolidated by
7 the commissioner. The director of each division shall be appointed by the
8 Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The compen-
9 sation of each director shall be fixed by the commissioner, subject to the
10 approval of the Governor. The commissioner may authorize one or more
11 division heads to act for him and in his place, as his deputy or deputies, dur-
12 ing his absence or disability.

1 5. The State Planning Board, State Housing Authority, New Jersey
2 Council, South Jersey Transit Commission, Port Raritan District Commis-
3 sion and the State Service Officer are hereby abolished and their respective
4 functions, powers and duties shall, as provided in this act, devolve upon the
5 Department of Economic Development.

1 6. The Municipal Aid Administration, all its functions, powers, duties,
2 personnel, property and appropriations are hereby transferred to the depart-
3 ment, and the functions, powers and duties of the director of municipal aid
4 are vested in the commissioner.

1 7. The commissioner, in addition to his powers and duties otherwise
2 provided by this act, shall:

3 a. Exercise all powers of the department not vested in the Economic
4 Council.

5 b. Administer the work of the department.

6 c. Prescribe the organization of the department and the duties of his
7 subordinates and assistants.

8 d. Subject to the approval of the Economic Council, appoint officers
9 and employees, other than the directors of the divisions, engage technical
9½ and professional experts and fix their compensation within the limits of
10 available appropriations, except as may be otherwise provided by law.

11 e. Administer all laws, which are by their terms included under the
12 jurisdiction of the department, relating to veterans' guaranteed loans,
13 grants-in-aid to municipalities for the preparation of engineering plans
14 and specifications and for other purposes, urban redevelopment, housing
15 and economic development.

16 f. Prepare for issuance by the Governor such executive orders relat-
17 ing to the work of the department as may be necessary.

18 g. Maintain liaison with local, State and Federal officials and
19 agencies, concerned with matters of post-war planning or otherwise
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21 h. Pursue any appropriate legal remedy in effectuation or enforce-
22 ment of any of his powers and duties under this act.

1 8. When so directed by the Governor, the commissioner may prescribe
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3 cies and instrumentalities, for the purpose of co-ordinating and integrat-
4 ing all post-war planning and activities under the government of the State.

1 9. The commissioner may utilize the services of any State department,
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8 missioner.

9 c. Survey and study the operations of the department.

10 d. Hold hearings when required by law or whenever it deems de-
11 sirable.

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14 may deem in the public interest.

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TRADE AND INDUSTRY

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5 b. The improvement of business and working conditions.

6 c. The centralization, collection and preparation of statistics and re-
7 searches of practical social and economic significance in this State.

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6 services.

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8 section 48:2-13 of the Title Public Utilities of the Revised Statutes;
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1 28. The department shall prepare and maintain a public work reserve
2 consisting of proposed projects of State, county, municipal and ad hoc agen-
3 cies for public works and services. The projects included in the public work
4 reserve shall be classified and arranged in order of priority so as to facilitate
5 selection and timing of individual projects. For this purpose the depart-
6 ment shall:

7 a. Keep records of the progress of design of all proposed public
8 works and improvements for which funds for detailed plans and specifi-
9 cations have heretofore been made available to various State depart-
10 ments, so that the status, scope, cost, employment possibilities, ma-
11 terials and equipment needed for the execution of such projects after the
12 war may be promptly available to officials and to the public;

13 b. Keep like records of the progress of the preparation of plans and
14 specifications for State projects in addition to the projects enumerated
15 in paragraph (a);

16 c. Prepare and maintain current progress information on the design
17 of post-war projects by political subdivisions of the State.

1 29. Every department, agency, political subdivision, special district or
2 ad hoc authority operating under the authority of this State which receives,
3 anticipates or may apply for Federal financial assistance for a public im-
4 provement project shall transmit to the department of economic develop-
5 ment a complete description of each such proposed project, in such form as
6 the commissioner may prescribe.

1 30. The commissioner may require any State department or agency or
2 any political subdivision, special district or ad hoc authority of this State to
3 file with the department, plans and specifications and certified copies of all
4 correspondence, agreements and documents relating to any public improve-
5 ment or service involving Federal financial assistance.

1 31. Notwithstanding any other legislation heretofore enacted, no Fed-
2 eral financial assistance may hereafter be paid to or accepted by any politi-
3 cal subdivision, special district or ad hoc authority of this State for a public
4 improvement project unless and until the commissioner has had a reason-
5 able opportunity to make recommendations with respect thereto and certifies
6 that the public body sponsoring the project has complied with the require-
7 ments of this chapter, with respect to the filing of project descriptions, cor-
8 respondence, agreements and documents.

1 32. The commissioner shall, with the co-operation of other State depart-
2 ments, make and publish such recommendations with respect to any project
3 as may be desirable to properly conserve the public interest.

1 33. The commissioner may, after consultation with interested depart-
2 ment heads, and upon approval of the economic council, order surveys to be
3 made or plans and specifications to be prepared for any State or regional
4 project or service, by force account or by contract with such private archi-

5 tectural or engineering consultants as he may designate, within the limits of
6 available appropriations.

1 34. The department may make allotments to any county, municipality or
2 school district, all of which are hereinafter referred to as any "political sub-
3 division," toward the cost of preparing detailed plans and specifications
4 after the effective date of this act for local public works or improvements
5 to be undertaken after the termination of the present war.

1 35. Any political subdivisions may apply to commissioner for allotment
2 under this act upon such forms and subject to such rules and regulations
3 not inconsistent herewith as the commissioner may prescribe. If the com-
4 missioner approves a proposed project, he shall allot to the applicant, out
5 of such sums as may be appropriated for the purpose, an amount which he
6 finds necessary to defray one-half the cost to the applicant of preparing
7 detailed plans and specifications for the public work or improvement.

1 36. Allotments may be made for detailed plans and specifications pre-
2 pared either by force account or by contract with architects or engineers ap-
3 proved by the commissioner, but the total sum allotted for any project shall
4 not exceed one-half the actual cost of the plans and specifications, or two
5 per centum (2%) of the estimated construction cost approved by the com-
6 missioner, whichever is lower.

1 37. The granting of any application for State aid for plans and specifi-
2 cations, the acceptance of such aid or the preparation of such plans and
3 specifications shall not be construed to commit either the State or the political
4 subdivision to any contribution or appropriation whatsoever at any time for
5 construction costs. The amount allotted for each project shall be paid to the
6 political subdivision upon proof satisfactory to the commissioner of the com-
7 pletion of the plans and specifications and of their cost to the applicant; but
8 the aggregate of all allotments or payments to any one political subdivision
9 shall not exceed ten per centum (10%) of the total of all appropriations for
10 local purpose allotments as contained in this or any other act.

1 38. On the request of the commissioner, any department instrumental-
2 ity or agency of the State or of any political subdivision shall furnish such as-
3 sistance and data as the commissioner shall deem necessary to effectuate the
4 purposes of the grant-in-aid for project plans and specifications provided by
5 this act.

1 39. The authority of the commissioner to allot funds for plans and
2 specifications for other State projects shall terminate six months after the
3 cessation of present hostilities.

ARTICLE V

VETERANS' SERVICES

1 40. The commissioner shall establish and organize within the department
2 a division of veterans' services, for the administration of the functions of
3 the department relating to war veterans. The director of this division shall
4 be a person qualified by experience and training and demonstrated interest
5 in veterans' affairs, and shall be a war veteran.

1 41. The department shall co-ordinate all services and information for
2 the benefit of war veterans and their dependents, and shall assist any
3 honorably discharged war veteran or his dependents to obtain all Federal
4 and State benefits to which he or his dependents may be entitled.

1 42. The department shall organize and administer a program of volun-
2 tary commitments by employers throughout the State to participate in a
3 plan of veterans' preference in private employment and re-employment.

1 43. The plan of veterans' preference in private employment shall provide
2 for the fixing of a quota of veterans by the commissioner for all participat-
3 ing employers, but may not require any employed worker to be discharged.
4 The plan shall also provide for the classification of disabled veterans in
5 occupations for which they would not be handicapped, and for first pre-
6 ference in such occupations for such disabled veterans.

1 44. In the organization and administration of the employment quota
2 preference plan, the commissioner, through appropriate Federal, State and
3 local agencies shall:

4 a. Enroll employers who voluntarily commit themselves to the plan
5 and certify the right of such employers to approved forms of public
6 recognition under this chapter.

7 b. Register veterans desiring employment, according to their occupa-
8 tional experience and capacities.

9 c. Register labor unions which are willing to participate through
10 appropriate adjustment of their membership and other requirements,
11 and certify the right of such unions to approved forms of public recogni-
12 tion under this chapter.

13 d. Receive requests for workers from all participating employers.

14 e. Either refer qualified veterans (with preference to the disabled)
15 in response to such requisitions or certify that veterans are not available.

1 45. The department shall review and approve or disapprove all policies
2 and work programs of State departments, agencies and instrumentalities
3 relating to war veterans' welfare, services or activities. No such activity or
4 work program shall be undertaken or continued after disapproval by the
5 department without specific authorization from the Governor.

1 46. The department shall, through its division of veterans' services,
2 administer the veterans' guaranteed loan fund, as separately provided by law.

ARTICLE VI

GENERAL

1 47. The department shall be provided with suitable quarters which shall
2 be sufficient to house all of the divisions of the department within the same
3 building.

1 48. The employees, property and records of all agencies which are by
2 this act abolished are hereby transferred to the department of economic de-
3 velopment.

1 49. The appropriations of all agencies abolished by this act are hereby
2 transferred to the department, and, in addition, the sum of one hundred
3 fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary,
4 is hereby appropriated for the administrative expenses of the department

5 during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, one thousand nine hundred and
6 forty-five.

1 50. The sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) is hereby
2 appropriated from any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appro-
3 priated, for the preparation of local purpose plans and specifications in
4 accordance with allotments to be made pursuant to this act.

1 51. The sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) is hereby appropri-
2 ated, from any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated,
3 for the preparation of State project plans and specifications in accordance
4 with allotments to be made pursuant to this act.

1 52. The following sections, inclusive, of the Revised Statutes are hereby
2 repealed:

3 Revised Statutes, sections 12:12-1 to 12:12-10, 38:24-1 to 38:24-2,
4 48:21-1 to 48:21-19, 52:9C-1 to 52:9C-4, 52:21-1 to 52:21-11, 55:14-1
5 to 55:14-13.

1 53. This act shall take effect on July first, one thousand nine hundred and
2 forty-four, except that appointments may be made and any action may be
3 taken prior thereto in preparation for the operation of the department; *pro-*
4 *vided, however,* that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to apply
5 to property now or hereafter subject to the jurisdiction or supervision of the
6 Quartermaster-General.

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On page 13, paragraph 53, line 3, at the end of said line, strike out the period, insert a semicolon and add the following: "*provided, however, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to apply to property now or hereafter subject to the jurisdiction or supervision of the Quartermaster-General.*"