

ASSEMBLY, No. 549

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Requires DEP to reimburse local units for costs incurred in responding to emergencies in State parks and forests.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning the reimbursement of local units providing
2 emergency services in State parks and forests and supplementing
3 P.L.1983, c.324 (C.13:1L-1 et seq.).

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

1. a. The department shall reimburse a local unit for actual costs reasonably incurred by the local unit in responding to an emergency inside a State park or forest. A local unit seeking reimbursement shall submit to the department a written invoice, along with any other documentation or verification of costs as the department may require, within 30 days after responding to an emergency. The department shall make the reimbursement within 30 days after receipt of the invoice.

b. As used in this section, “local unit” means any county, municipality, or any agency, authority, or other entity thereof, or any fire district.

20 2. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall only apply
21 to costs incurred by local units after the date of enactment.

STATEMENT

26 This bill would require the Department of Environmental
27 Protection (DEP) to reimburse a local unit for costs incurred by the
28 local unit in responding to an emergency inside a State park or
29 forest. A local unit includes any county, municipality, or any
30 agency, authority, or other entity thereof, or any fire district. The
31 local unit seeking reimbursement would be required to submit to the
32 DEP an invoice along with any other documentation of costs as the
33 DEP may require, within 30 days after responding to an emergency.
34 The DEP would be required to make the reimbursement within 30
35 days after receipt of the invoice. The bill would apply only to costs
36 incurred by local units after the date of enactment of the bill into
37 law.