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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits sewerage authority from imposing connection fee in certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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47 The bill would also require a sewage authority to reimburse the
48 fee for a new connection, paid in protest by the owner or occupant

1 of the property, that was imposed by the authority prior to the
2 effective date of the bill.

3 The Legislature has, in the past, recognized, and continues to
4 recognize, the value and benefit to the public of redeveloping
5 obsolete properties and vacant properties. The policy of the State
6 encourages redevelopment of obsolete properties and vacant
7 properties. Many redevelopment sites have been connected to
8 public sewerage systems for years. In some instances, past and
9 present owners of such sites have already contributed economically
10 to the sewerage systems either through direct cash payments, past
11 connection fees, or past service fees. In these instances, requiring
12 the redeveloper of obsolete or vacant property to pay a new
13 connection fee, which may reach into the millions of dollars, is
14 inequitable, even if a new connection, or modification of an existing
15 connection, is required, because the new connection fee inhibits
16 redevelopment efforts.