

SENATE, No. 1446

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Requires local governing body and DCA to suspend collection of certificate of occupancy and related inspection fees for homes being rented by persons identified by FEMA as displaced individuals.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning certificate of occupancy and related inspection
2 fees charged by local governing bodies and DCA during period
3 of emergency as a result of Hurricane Sandy.

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

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8 1. a. The collection of fees charged by a local governing body
9 or the Department of Community Affairs for certificates of
10 inspection, certificates of occupancy, continuing certificates of
11 occupancy or other documentary code enforcement certifications
12 issued pursuant to sections 6 and 15 of P.L.1975, c.217 (C.52:27D-
13 124 and 133), sections 1 and 2 of P.L.1991, c.92 (C.52:27D-198.1
14 and 198.2), and section 1 of P.L.1999, c.15 (C.52:27D-133.3) shall
15 be suspended, for a period of time commencing on the date of
16 enactment of this act through the last day of the sixth month next
17 following enactment, for a dwelling unit rented by a person
18 identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
19 as a displaced individual as a result of loss of their primary
20 residence due to the impact of the 2012 Hurricane Sandy.

21 b. The local governing body or the department may continue to
22 charge fees that would otherwise have been collected but for the
23 provisions of subsection a. of this section, and shall remit an
24 accounting of such fees charged to the State Treasurer to determine
25 the amount of funds to be apportioned to the local governing body
26 or department to cover the uncollected fees charged during the
27 period of the suspension.

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill requires local governing bodies and the Department of
35 Community Affairs (DCA) to suspend the collection of fees for
36 certificates of inspection, certificates of occupancy, continuing
37 certificates of occupancy or other documentary code enforcement
38 certifications issued pursuant to sections 6 and 15 of P.L.1975,
39 c.217 (C.52:27D-124 and 133), sections 1 and 2 of P.L.1991, c.92
40 (C.52:27D-198.1 and 198.2), and section 1 of P.L.1999, c.15
41 (C.52:27D-133.3), for a period of time commencing on the date of
42 enactment of the bill through the last day of the sixth month next
43 following enactment, for a dwelling unit rented by a person
44 identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
45 as a displaced individual as a result of loss of their primary
46 residence due to the impact of the 2012 Hurricane Sandy.

47 Under the provisions of the bill, the local governing body or the
48 department may continue to charge fees that would otherwise have

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1 been collected but for the provisions of subsection a. of section 1 of
2 the bill, and shall remit an accounting of such fees charged to the
3 State Treasurer to determine the amount of funds to be apportioned
4 to the local governing body or department to cover the uncollected
5 fees charged during the period of the suspension.