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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes municipal dredging of lagoon community waterways and levying of special assessment or issuing of bonds to finance such dredging.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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1 AN ACT concerning municipal assessments for dredging of certain
2 community waterways and supplementing Title 12 and chapter
3 56 of Title 40 of the Revised Statutes.
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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 municipality in which a lagoon community is located may
9 contract with a person properly certified, licensed or otherwise
10 authorized to dredge waterways or properly dispose of dredged
11 material to dredge the waterways servicing the lagoon community,
12 whether manmade or naturally occurring, for the purpose of
13 maintaining transportation by boat into, out of, and throughout the
14 lagoon community. The dredging may be restorative or
15 maintenance dredging, or both. For the purposes of this section,
16 "lagoon community" means any residential development in a
17 coastal municipality where the waterways function as streets and
18 provide access to, from and throughout the development via boat.
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20 2. Any municipality that contracts with a person properly
21 certified, licensed or otherwise authorized to dredge waterways or
22 properly dispose of dredged material to dredge the waterways
23 servicing a lagoon community may finance the dredging or disposal
24 by levying a special assessment on the property owners in the
25 municipality that the municipality determines benefit from the
26 dredging, or by issuing bonds for the capital improvement that the
27 dredging represents, as otherwise provided in chapter 56 of Title 40
28 of the Revised Statutes. For the purposes of this section, "lagoon
29 community" means any residential development in a coastal
30 municipality where the waterways function as streets and provide
31 access to, from and throughout the development via boat.
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33 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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36 STATEMENT
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38 This bill authorizes a municipality in which a lagoon community
39 is located to have waterways servicing the lagoon community
40 dredged, and the dredged material properly disposed of, for the
41 purpose of maintaining transportation by boat into, out of, and
42 throughout the lagoon community. The bill further authorizes the
43 municipality to finance the dredging and disposal through the levy
44 of a special assessment on any property owners that the
45 municipality determines to benefit from the dredging, or by issuing
46 bonds for the dredging as a capital improvement. "Lagoon
47 community" is defined in the bill as any residential development in
48 a coastal municipality where the waterways function as streets and
49 provide access to, from and throughout the development via boat.