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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator CARMEN F. AMATO, JR.**

**District 9 (Ocean)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes municipalities to establish dredging control reserve fund.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee with technical review.



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1 AN ACT authorizing municipalities to establish a dredging control  
2 reserve fund and supplementing chapter 4 of Title 40A of the  
3 New Jersey 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. (1) The governing body of a municipality may, by  
9 resolution, establish a dredging control reserve fund. Unexpended  
10 balances budgeted annually for dredging may be lapsed into the  
11 reserve. Upon passage of a resolution of the governing body, funds  
12 in the reserve may be used by the municipality after current budget  
13 appropriations for any purpose related to dredging, including, but  
14 not limited to, the removal of sand, silt, mud, clay, rock, or other  
15 material from the bottom of a waterway in order to maintain or  
16 deepen navigation channels and berths, related infrastructure  
17 development of such a project, the management of the dredged  
18 material through decontamination, acceptable placement or  
19 beneficial use, and the potential funding of such projects as  
20 necessary to support New Jersey's or the municipality's maritime,  
21 recreation, or tourism industries. Any reimbursement of these  
22 expenditures shall be deposited back into the reserve.

23 (2) Unexpended balances budgeted annually for expenses  
24 relating to dredging control may be lapsed into the reserve.

25 b. The Local Finance Board is authorized to adopt rules and  
26 regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"  
27 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), in order to effectuate the  
28 purposes of this section.

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.