

**SENATE, No. 1903**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**221st LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**

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

**District 9 (Ocean)**

**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**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning municipal assessments for dredging of certain  
2 community waterways and supplementing Title 12 and Title 40  
3 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

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1 bonds for the dredging as a capital improvement. "Lagoon  
2 community" is defined in the bill as any residential development in  
3 a coastal municipality where the waterways function as streets and  
4 provide access to, from and throughout the development via boat.