

**SENATE, No. 2791**

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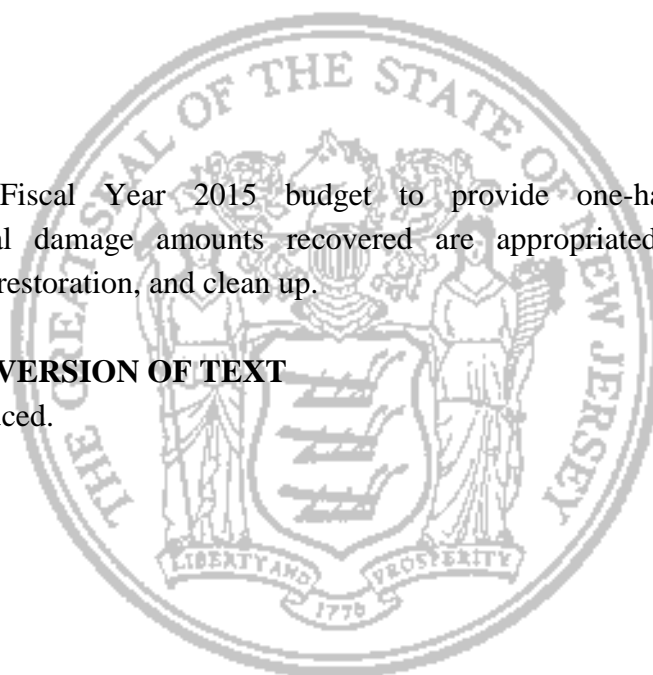
**Senator Stack, Assemblywoman Lampitt and Assemblyman Eustace**

**SYNOPSIS**

Amends Fiscal Year 2015 budget to provide one-half of certain environmental damage amounts recovered are appropriated for costs of remediation, restoration, and clean up.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/27/2015)

1 AN ACT amending "An Act making appropriations for the support  
2 of the State Government and the several public purposes for the  
3 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 and regulating the disbursement  
4 thereof," approved June 30, 2014 (P.L.2014, c.14).

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

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9 1. The following language provision in section 1 of P.L.2014,  
10 c.14, the annual appropriation act for fiscal year 2015, is amended  
11 as follows:

**42 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

***40 Community Development and Environmental Management***

***44 Site Remediation and Waste Management***

**CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION**

**29-4815 Environmental Management**

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13 Except as otherwise provided in this act and notwithstanding the  
14 provisions of any other law or regulation to the contrary, the first  
15 \$50,000,000 and one-half of any additional amounts in natural  
16 resource, cost recoveries and other associated damages recovered by  
17 the State, along with such additional amounts as may be determined by  
18 the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, in consultation  
19 with the Attorney General, to be necessary to pay for the costs of legal  
20 services related to such recoveries, shall be deposited into the  
21 Hazardous Discharge Site Cleanup Fund established pursuant to  
22 section 1 of P.L.1985, c.247 (C.58:10-23.34), and are appropriated for:  
23 direct and indirect costs of remediation, restoration, and clean up;  
24 costs for consulting, expert, and legal services incurred in pursuing  
25 claims for damages; and grants to local governments and nonprofit  
26 organizations to further implement restoration activities of the Office  
27 of Natural Resource Restoration. Recoveries in excess of the amounts  
28 appropriated pursuant to this paragraph, consistent with the terms and  
29 conditions of applicable settlement agreements or court rulings, shall  
30 be deposited in the General Fund as general State revenue.  
31 (cf: P.L.2014, c.14, s.1)

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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36 **STATEMENT**

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38 This bill amends the Fiscal Year 2015 annual appropriation act to ensure  
39 that one-half of all amounts of natural resource recoveries and associated  
40 damages recovered by the State, in excess of \$50 million, are deposited into  
41 the Hazardous Discharge Site Cleanup Fund and are appropriated for: direct and  
42 indirect costs of remediation, restoration, and clean up. These appropriated funds are

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is  
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 also to be available for costs for consulting, expert, and legal services incurred in  
2 pursuing claims for damages; and grants to local governments and nonprofit  
3 organizations to further implement restoration activities of the Office of Natural  
4 Resource Restoration in the Department of Environmental Protection. Without the  
5 enactment of this bill, all amounts of natural resource recoveries and associated  
6 damages recovered by the State in excess of \$50 million during this fiscal  
7 year, will be deposited in the State General Fund as general State revenue.