



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 23-140

SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A-4789 SUPPORTING AN INCREASE IN MUNICIPAL ENERGY TAX RECEIPTS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AID TO OFFSET THE INCREASE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT COSTS FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE AND PRESCRIPTION BENEFITS COVERAGE

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. A-4789 which supports an offset to the increase in local government costs for employee health care and prescription benefits by an equivalent increase in municipal energy tax receipts property tax relief aid is being considered for adoption by the New Jersey State Assembly; and,

WHEREAS, this bill provides that, in the event that a municipality, due to an annual rate increase, is required to increase the amount it expends from the prior year to provide health care and prescription benefits coverage to its officers and employees, the State will increase the amount of annual aid distributed to the municipality under the "Energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Relief Act," P.L.1997, c.167 (C.52:27D-438 et seq.) by the equivalent amount to offset the increase in the employee health care and prescription benefits coverage expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the bill apply when the health care and prescription benefits are provided through self-insurance, the purchase of commercial insurance or reinsurance, an insurance fund or joint insurance fund, the "New Jersey State Health Benefits Program Act," P.L.1961, c.49 (C.52:14-17.25 et seq.), or in any other manner or any combination thereof; and

WHEREAS, under the bill, the governing body of a municipality that is required to increase its expenditures to provide employee health care and prescription benefits coverage would submit the information concerning the amount of the annual increase to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs in a manner and on such forms as determined by the Director. Prior to submission, the information is required to be certified by a business administrator or the chief financial officer; and

WHEREAS, the bill also provides that the exclusion of certain health care costs from the property tax levy calculation would not apply to a municipality which receives an increase in energy tax receipts property tax relief aid pursuant to the bill;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands, County of Monmouth, and State of New Jersey, hereby supports Assembly Bill A-4789 and urges the Legislature to approve and pass the bill for the reasons expressed herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the NJ State Assembly, the members of the NJ Senate, the Governor of the State of NJ, the New Jersey State

League of Municipalities, the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey, and all Monmouth County municipalities.

Motion to Approve R 23-140:

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CERVANTES						
CHELAK						
MELNYK						
OLSZEWSKI						
BROULLON						

This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

DATE OF VOTE: June 7, 2023

Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Highlands