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**SYNOPSIS**

Concerns local government acquisitions of fire fighting apparatus and equipment, through purchase or lease.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning leasing terms of certain fire fighting apparatus  
2 and equipment, amending N.J.S.40A:2-22, and supplementing  
3 chapter 2 of Title 40A of the 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. N.J.S.40A:2-22 is amended to read as follows:

9 40A:2-22. The governing body of the local unit shall determine  
10 the period of usefulness of any purpose according to its reasonable  
11 life computed from the date of the bonds, which period shall not be  
12 greater than the following:

13 a. Buildings and structures.

14 1. Bridges, including retaining walls and approaches, or  
15 permanent structures of brick, stone, concrete or metal, or similar  
16 durable construction, 30 years.

17 2. Buildings, including the original furnishings and equipment  
18 therefor:

19 Class A: A building, of which all walls, floors, partitions, stairs  
20 and roof are wholly of incombustible material, except the window  
21 frames, doors, top flooring and wooden handrails on the stairs, 40  
22 years;

23 Class B: A building, the outer walls of which are wholly of  
24 incombustible material, except the window frames and doors, 30  
25 years;

26 Class C: A building which does not meet the requirements of  
27 Class A or Class B, 20 years.

28 3. Buildings or structures acquired substantially reconstructed  
29 or additions thereto, one-half the period fixed in this subsection for  
30 such buildings or structures.

31 4. Additional furnishings, five years.

32 b. Marine improvements.

33 1. Harbor improvements, docks or marine terminals, 40 years.

34 2. Dikes, bulkheads, jetties or similar devices of stone,  
35 concrete or metal, 15 years; of wood or partly of wood, 10 years.

36 c. Additional equipment and machinery.

37 1. Additional or replacement equipment and machinery, 15  
38 years.

39 2. Voting machines, 15 years.

40 3. Information technology and telecommunications equipment,  
41 seven years, except that for items with a unit cost of less than  
42 \$5,000, five years.

43 d. Real property.

44 1. Acquisition for any public purpose of lands or riparian  
45 rights, or both, and the original dredging, grading, draining or  
46 planting thereof, 40 years.

**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.

- 1       2. Improvement of airport, cemetery, golf course, park,  
2 playground, 15 years.
- 3       3. Stadia of concrete or other incombustible materials, 20  
4 years.
- 5       e. Streets or thoroughfares.
- 6       1. Elimination of grade crossings, 35 years.
- 7       2. Streets or roads:
- 8       Class A: Rigid pavement. A pavement of not less than eight  
9 inches of cement concrete or a six-inch cement concrete base with  
10 not less than three-inch bituminous concrete surface course, or  
11 equivalent wearing surface, 20 years.
- 12       Flexible pavement. A pavement not less than 10 inches in depth  
13 consisting of five-inch macadam base, three-inch modified  
14 penetration macadam and three-inch bituminous concrete surface  
15 course or other pavements of equivalent strength, in accordance  
16 with the findings of the American Association of State Highway  
17 Officials (AASHO) Road Test, 20 years.
- 18       Class B: Mixed surface-treated road. An eight-inch surface of  
19 gravel, stone or other selected material under partial control mixed  
20 with cement or lime and fly ash, six inches in compacted thickness  
21 with bituminous surface treatment and cover, 10 years.
- 22       Bituminous penetration road. A five-inch gravel or stone base  
23 course and a three-inch course bound with a bituminous or  
24 equivalent binder, 10 years.
- 25       Class C: Mixed bituminous road. An eight-inch surface of  
26 gravel, stone, or other selected material under partial control mixed  
27 with bituminous material one inch or more in compacted thickness,  
28 five years.
- 29       Penetration macadam road. A road of sand, gravel or water-  
30 bound macadam, or surfacing with penetration macadam, five years.
- 31       3. Sidewalks, curbs and gutters of stone, concrete or brick, 10  
32 years.
- 33       The period of usefulness in this subsection shall apply to  
34 construction and reconstruction of streets and thoroughfares.
- 35       f. Utilities and municipal systems.
- 36       1. Sewerage system, whether sanitary or storm water, water  
37 supply or distribution system, 40 years.
- 38       2. Electric light, power or gas systems, garbage, refuse or ashes  
39 incinerator or disposal plant, 25 years.
- 40       3. Communication and signal systems, 10 years.
- 41       4. Service connections to publicly-owned gas, water or  
42 sewerage systems from the service main in the street to the curb or  
43 property lines where not part of original installation, five years.
- 44       5. Service connections to publicly-owned water systems, from  
45 the distribution main onto privately-owned real property and into  
46 the privately-owned structure, for the purpose of replacing  
47 residential, commercial, and institutional lead service lines, 30  
48 years.

- 1 g. Vehicles and apparatus.
- 2 1. Fire engines, apparatus and equipment, when purchased new  
3 or leased, but not fire equipment purchased separately, 20 years.
- 4 2. Automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and  
5 equipment, when purchased new, five years for vehicles with a  
6 gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) below 15,000 pounds, and 10  
7 years for vehicles with a GVWR in excess of 15,000 pounds.
- 8 3. Major repairs, reconditioning or overhaul of fire engines and  
9 apparatus, ambulances, rescue vehicles, similar public safety  
10 vehicles, public works vehicles with a GVWR in excess of 15,000  
11 pounds, and heavy construction equipment with a weight in excess  
12 of 10,000 pounds, which may reasonably be expected to extend for  
13 at least five years the period of usefulness thereof, five years.
- 14 4. Alternative fuel automotive vehicles, including but not  
15 limited to, electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid vehicles, hydrogen fuel  
16 cell vehicles, natural gas vehicles, and propane vehicles, when  
17 purchased new, five years.
- 18 h. The closure of a sanitary landfill facility utilized, owned or  
19 operated by a county or municipality, 15 years; provided that the  
20 closure has been approved by the Board of Public Utilities and the  
21 Department of Environmental Protection. For the purposes of this  
22 subsection "closure" means all activities associated with the design,  
23 purchase or construction of all measures required by the  
24 Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to law, in order  
25 to prevent, minimize or monitor pollution or health hazards  
26 resulting from sanitary landfill facilities subsequent to the  
27 termination of operations at any portion thereof, including, but not  
28 necessarily limited to, the costs of the placement of earthen or  
29 vegetative cover, and the installation of methane gas vents or  
30 monitors and leachate monitoring wells or collection systems at the  
31 site of any sanitary landfill facility.
- 32 i. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2007, c.62)
- 33 j. The prefunding of a claims account for environmental  
34 liability claims by an environmental impairment liability insurance  
35 pool pursuant to P.L.1993, c.269 (C.40A:10-38.1 et al.), 20 years.
- 36 k. As used in this section:
- 37 "Alternative fuel automotive vehicle" means any passenger car,  
38 station wagon, or other motor vehicle that is not solely propelled by  
39 gasoline or diesel fuel.
- 40 "Electric vehicle" means any passenger car, station wagon, or  
41 other motor vehicle that is propelled solely by an electric motor or  
42 energy storage device.
- 43 "Gross vehicle weight rating" or "GVWR" means the value  
44 specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single or  
45 combination (articulated) vehicle. The GVWR of a combination  
46 (articulated) vehicle, commonly referred to as the "gross  
47 combination weight rating" or "GCWR," is the GVWR of the power  
48 unit plus the GVWR of the towed unit or units.

1 "Hydrogen fuel cell vehicle" means any passenger car, station  
2 wagon, or other motor vehicle that is propelled by power derived  
3 from one or more cells that convert chemical energy directly into  
4 electricity by combining oxygen with hydrogen fuel.

5 "Plug-in hybrid vehicle" means any passenger car, station  
6 wagon, or other motor vehicle that can be charged from a source of  
7 electricity external to the vehicle through an electric plug, but  
8 which is not solely powered by electricity.

9 (cf: P.L.2023, c.333, s.1)

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11 2. The governing body of a local unit shall ensure that all fire  
12 vehicles and apparatus, purchased or leased pursuant to  
13 N.J.S.40A:2-22, adhere to the nationally recognized industry  
14 standards set forth in National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)  
15 Standard 1911 for the inspection, maintenance, testing, and  
16 retirement of in-service emergency vehicles, or other internationally  
17 recognized standard for automobile fire fighting apparatus and  
18 equipment.

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20 3. The Commissioner of Community Affairs, in consultation  
21 with the Director of the Division of Fire Safety, in accordance with  
22 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
23 seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations as necessary to effectuate the  
24 provisions of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
25 as this bill).

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27 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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30 STATEMENT

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32 This bill requires the governing body of a local unit to ensure  
33 that all fire vehicles and apparatus, purchased or leased, adhere to  
34 the nationally recognized industry standards set forth in National  
35 Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1911 for the  
36 inspection, maintenance, testing, and retirement of in-service  
37 emergency vehicles, or other internationally recognized standard for  
38 automobile fire fighting apparatus and equipment.

39 The bill ensures that the leasing terms for fire vehicles and  
40 apparatus is set at 20 years to align with the bonding terms of all  
41 fire vehicles and apparatus established pursuant to N.J.S.40A:2-22.

42 The bill requires the Commissioner of Community Affairs, in  
43 consultation with the Director of the Division of Fire Safety, to  
44 adopt rules and regulations as necessary to effectuate the provisions  
45 of the bill.