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SYNOPSIS

Concerns matters related to operations and obligations of casino gaming properties and finances of Atlantic City.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on December 6, 2021, with amendments.



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AN ACT concerning the operations and obligations of casino
 gaming properties, and the finances of the municipality in which
 they are located, amending P.L.1977, c.110, and amending and
 supplementing P.L.2016, c.5.

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

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1. (New section) The Legislature finds and declares:

10 The "Casino Property Tax Stabilization Act," P.L.2016, c.5 a. (C.52:27BBBB-18 et seq.), was enacted on May 27, 2016, to 11 12 address a dire financial circumstance that affected casino gaming 13 properties in Atlantic City, and the finances of the city itself. 14 Competition from other states in New Jersey's region had siphoned 15 off many of the out-of-State and foreign gamblers who had 16 frequented the casino gaming properties in Atlantic City for many 17 years. The regional competition in casino gaming had a deleterious 18 effect on Atlantic City in several ways, including an increase in 19 unemployment due to the closing of four casino properties out of 20 the 12 that had been operating in the city; a strain on Atlantic City's 21 municipal budget due to property tax refunds required by successful 22 assessment appeals of casino gaming properties in the years 23 immediately prior to the enactment of that law; and an increased 24 property tax burden on Atlantic City and Atlantic County residents 25 based on the decreasing value of the remaining casino gaming 26 properties.

27 b. The Legislature responded to this dire financial circumstance 28 by devising a 10-year payment in lieu of property tax (PILOT) 29 program that avoided costly property tax assessment appeals for the 30 operators of casino gaming properties and Atlantic City, and that 31 provided an annual mandatory minimum property tax-related 32 payment to Atlantic City by the casino gaming properties, payments 33 that Atlantic City is able to rely upon each year to support its 34 municipal budget. This annual PILOT payment was first 35 implemented in calendar year 2017, and is to end at the end of 36 calendar year 2026. The operation of the "Casino Property Tax Stabilization Act," P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-18 et seq.) has 37 38 stabilized the finances of each individual casino gaming property as 39 well as the finances of Atlantic City.

c. The Legislature notes, with interest and approval, the
stabilizing effect that the "Casino Property Tax Stabilization Act,"
P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-18 et seq.) has had on the finances of
the Atlantic City and the casino gaming industry during the first
five years of the law. The Legislature also notes that two additional
casino gaming properties have opened in Atlantic City since the

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 <u>thus</u> is new matter. Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows: ¹Senate SBA committee amendments adopted December 6, 2021. enactment of the "Casino Property Tax Stabilization Act,"
 P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-18 et seq.), and that Atlantic City's
 overall financial condition is more stable since the casino gaming
 properties began making PILOT payments. This financial stability
 benefits the casinos, their employees, property taxpayers in Atlantic
 City, and all New Jersey residents.

7 d. The Legislature finds that this financial stability achieved 8 between the casino gaming properties and Atlantic City may be 9 adversely impacted by certain provisions in the current version of 10 the "Casino Property Tax Stabilization Act," P.L.2016, c.5 11 (C.52:27BBBB-18 et seq.). As part of the agreement that led to the 12 enactment of that law, it was determined that each casino gaming 13 property would not pay more in the annual PILOT payments than it 14 paid in property taxes in 2015. This provision was made in order to 15 incentivize the casino gaming properties to enter into the PILOT 16 agreement, which was critical to achieving financial stability for 17 both the casino gaming properties and ensuring Atlantic City's 18 ability to anticipate the amount of PILOT funds they would receive 19 from the casino gaming properties. Separately, the investment 20 alternative tax (IAT) levied on the casinos, which had historically 21 funded the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority, was to be 22 paid instead to Atlantic City for the purposes of paying down the 23 city's debt. The "Casino Property Tax Stabilization Act," P.L.2016, 24 c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-18 et seq.), provided that if, in any year, a 25 casino gaming property's PILOT payment exceeded its 2015 26 property tax bill, it would receive a "credit" against its IAT 27 obligation. This crediting mechanism only extends through 28 calendar year 2021, so beginning in calendar year 2022, current law 29 will require each casino operator in Atlantic City to pay their full 30 PILOT and IAT obligations.

31 The Legislature is concerned that, due to the State's public e. 32 health emergency declared in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, 33 which negatively impacted tourism in Atlantic City by restricting 34 the public's right to travel; closing casino gaming properties for 35 months on end and then allowing them to open only partially for 36 another extended period of time; and closing other businesses that 37 would have been visited by tourists to the city for months as well; 38 requiring each casino gaming property to make an annual PILOT 39 payment, as calculated under the current version of the "Casino 40 Property Tax Stabilization Act," P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-41 18 et seq.), and also satisfy its full IAT obligations for calendar 42 years 2022 through 2026 may create financial difficulties for those 43 gaming properties.

44 Similarly, the Legislature is also concerned with the impact on 45 the casino gaming properties in Atlantic City of the total amount of 46 the PILOT payments, as calculated under the current version of the 47 "Casino Property Tax Stabilization Act," P.L.2016, c.5 48 (C.52:27BBBB-18 et seq.), owed by those casino gaming

1 properties, as well as the current manner of determining each 2 individual casino gaming property's PILOT payment responsibility, 3 due to all of the issues experienced in Atlantic City resulting from 4 the public health emergency. The Legislature is concerned that the 5 impact of all of the public health emergency limitations on Atlantic 6 City's casino gaming properties will affect the finances of those 7 casinos for the foreseeable future, and thereby impact their ability 8 to pay the required PILOT payments to the city and impact their 9 ability to contribute to the quality of life of the State's senior and 10 disabled residents who rely on casino revenue deposited into the 11 Casino Revenue Fund to fund programs that reduce property taxes 12 as well as utility assistance programs benefiting those residents.

13 Therefore, the Legislature declares that it is a compelling f. 14 public purpose for the State to establish appropriate alternative 15 obligations for the final five years of the "Casino Property Tax 16 Stabilization Act," P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-18 et seq.), in 17 order to: (1) adjust policies to reflect the operations of existing 18 casino gaming properties and to compensate for the impacts that the 19 public health emergency, declared in response to the COVID-19 20 pandemic, has had and will continue to have on in-person and 21 internet gaming, (2) lessen the financial impact of the end of the 22 IAT crediting mechanism at the end of 2021 on the casino gaming 23 properties, and (3) ensure that Atlantic City continues to receive 24 sufficient PILOT payments and IAT payments to fund its municipal 25 budget. The Legislature further declares that such an alternative is 26 in the best interest of the casino gaming industry which serves as a 27 vital part of the economy of the State, in the best interests of 28 Atlantic City, and in the best interests of the State's senior and 29 disabled residents who rely on casino revenue deposited into the 30 Casino Revenue Fund to fund programs that reduce property taxes 31 as well as rentals, telephone, gas, electric, and utility charges for those populations. The Legislature further declares that it is in the 32 33 best interests of the casino gaming industry to revise the calculation 34 of the PILOT payment each casino is required to pay under the 35 "Casino Property Tax Stabilization Act," P.L.2016, c.5 36 (C.52:27BBBB-18 et seq.) in order to lessen the impact of these 37 payments on the casino's finances during and after the public health 38 emergency declared in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

39 As the Legislature is empowered by the provisions of Article g. 40 VIII, Section I, paragraph 2 of the New Jersey Constitution to grant 41 property tax exemptions by general law, and the Legislature 42 exercised this authority in 2016 through enacting the "Casino 43 Property Tax Stabilization Act," P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-44 18 et seq.) to create the 10-year PILOT program that began in 2017, 45 the Legislature also has the authority, by law, to revise that PILOT 46 program to thereby address the impact of the expiration of the IAT 47 credit mechanism and its effects on the casino gaming industry in 48 the State, as well as the amount, and calculation, of the PILOT

1 payments required to be paid to Atlantic City by the casino gaming 2 properties in Atlantic City.

3 h. The Legislature has also determined to address in this act 4 other matters related to the continued successful operation of New 5 Jersey's casino gaming properties by ensuring: (1) that the casino 6 gaming properties dedicate sufficient sources of revenue to provide 7 for necessary capital improvements, and (2) that the City of Atlantic 8 City also has adequate funds available to it for capital 9 improvements and other needed quality of life expenditures.

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11 2. Section 84 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-84) is amended to 12 read as follows:

13 84. Casino License--Applicant Requirements. Any applicant for 14 a casino license must produce information, documentation and 15 assurances concerning the following qualification criteria:

16 Each applicant shall produce a. such information, 17 documentation and assurances concerning financial background and 18 resources as may be required to establish by clear and convincing 19 evidence the financial stability, integrity and responsibility of the 20 applicant, including but not limited to bank references, business and 21 personal income and disbursement schedules, tax returns and other 22 reports filed with governmental agencies, and business and personal 23 accounting and check records and ledgers. In addition, each 24 applicant shall, in writing, authorize the examination of all bank 25 accounts and records as may be deemed necessary by the 26 commission or the division. The commission or the division may 27 consider any relevant evidence of financial stability; provided, 28 however, it is presumed that a casino licensee or applicant is financially stable if it establishes by clear and convincing evidence 29 30 that it meets each of the following standards:

31 (1) The ability to assure the financial integrity of casino 32 operations by the maintenance of a casino bankroll or equivalent 33 provisions adequate to pay winning wagers to casino patrons when 34 due. A casino licensee or applicant shall be presumed to have met 35 this standard if it maintains, on a daily basis, a casino bankroll, or a 36 casino bankroll and equivalent provisions, in an amount which is at 37 least equal to the average daily minimum casino bankroll or 38 equivalent provisions, calculated on a monthly basis, for the 39 corresponding month in the previous year. For any casino licensee 40 or applicant which has been in operation for less than a year, such 41 amount shall be determined by the division based upon levels 42 maintained by a comparable casino licensee;

43 (2) The ability to meet ongoing operating expenses which are 44 essential to the maintenance of continuous and stable casino 45 operations. A casino licensee or applicant shall be presumed to have 46 met this standard if it demonstrates the ability to achieve positive 47 gross operating profit, measured on an annual basis;

1 (3) The ability to pay, as and when due, all local, state and 2 federal taxes, including the tax on gross revenues imposed by 3 subsection a. of section 144 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-144), the 4 investment alternative tax obligations imposed by subsection b. of section 144 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-144) and section 3 of 5 P.L.1984, c.218 (C.5:12-144.1), the payment in lieu of property 6 7 taxes imposed by P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-18 et al.), and any 8 fees imposed by the act or the regulations promulgated pursuant 9 thereto;

10 (4) The ability to make necessary capital [and maintenance] expenditures in a timely manner which are adequate to ensure 11 [maintenance of] a superior, first-class facility of exceptional 12 13 quality pursuant to subsection i. of section 83 of P.L.1977, c.110 14 (C.5:12-83). A casino licensee or applicant shall be presumed to 15 have met this standard if it demonstrates that its capital [and maintenance] expenditures, over the [five-year period which 16 17 includes the three most recent calendar years and the upcoming 18 two] immediately preceding five calendar years, average at least 19 five percent of net revenue [per annum], except that any casino licensee or applicant which has been in operation for less than 20 21 [three] five years shall be required to otherwise establish 22 compliance with this standard to the division; and

23 (5) The ability to pay, exchange, refinance or extend debts, 24 including long-term and short-term principal and interest and 25 capital lease obligations, which will mature or otherwise come due 26 and payable during the license term, or to otherwise manage such 27 debts and any default with respect to such debts. The division also 28 may require that a casino licensee or applicant advise as to its plans 29 to meet this standard with respect to any material debts coming due 30 and payable within 12 months after the end of the license term.

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b. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2011, c.19)

32 Each applicant shall produce such information, c. 33 documentation and assurances as may be required to establish by 34 clear and convincing evidence the applicant's good character, 35 honesty and integrity. Such information shall include, without 36 limitation, information pertaining to family, habits, character, 37 reputation, criminal and arrest record, business activities, financial 38 affairs, and business, professional and personal associates, covering 39 at least the 10-year period immediately preceding the filing of the 40 application. Each applicant shall notify the commission and division 41 of any civil judgments obtained against any such applicant 42 pertaining to antitrust or security regulation laws of the federal 43 government, of this State or of any other state, jurisdiction, 44 province or country. In addition, each applicant shall produce letters 45 of reference from law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction in 46 the applicant's place of residence and principal place of business, 47 which letters of reference shall indicate that such law enforcement

1 agencies do not have any pertinent information concerning the 2 applicant, or if such law enforcement agency does have information 3 pertaining to the applicant, shall specify what the information is. If 4 the applicant has conducted gaming operations in a jurisdiction 5 which permits such activity, the applicant shall produce letters of 6 reference from the gaming or casino enforcement or control agency 7 which shall specify the experiences of such agency with the 8 applicant, his associates, and his gaming operation; provided, 9 however, that if no such letters are received within 60 days of 10 request therefor, the applicant may submit a statement under oath 11 that he is or was during the period such activities were conducted in 12 good standing with such gaming or casino enforcement or control 13 agency.

14 d. Each applicant shall produce such information. 15 documentation and assurances as may be required to establish by 16 clear and convincing evidence that the applicant has sufficient 17 business ability and casino experience as to establish the likelihood 18 of creation and maintenance of a successful, efficient casino 19 operation. The applicant shall produce the names of all proposed 20 casino key employees as they become known and a description of 21 their respective or proposed responsibilities.

22 e. Each applicant shall produce such information, 23 documentation and assurances to establish the suitability of the 24 casino and related facilities subject to subsection i. of section 83 of 25 P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-83) and that its proposed location will not 26 adversely affect casino operations. Each applicant shall submit to 27 the division an impact statement which shall include, without 28 limitation, architectural and site plans which establish that the 29 proposed facilities comply in all respects with the requirements of 30 this act and the requirements of the master plan and zoning and 31 planning ordinances of Atlantic City, without any use variance from 32 the provisions thereof; a market impact study which analyzes the 33 adequacy of the patron market and the effect of the proposal on 34 such market and on the existing casino facilities licensed under this 35 act; and an analysis of the effect of the proposal on the overall 36 economic and competitive conditions of Atlantic City and the State 37 of New Jersey.

38 f. For the purposes of this section, each applicant shall be 39 responsible for the submission to the division of the name, address, 40 fingerprints and written consent for a criminal history record 41 background check to be performed for each person who must 42 individually qualify in conjunction with the casino license 43 application. The division is hereby authorized to exchange 44 fingerprint data with and receive criminal history record 45 information from the State Bureau of Identification in the Division 46 of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation consistent 47 with applicable State and federal laws, rules and regulations. The 48 applicant shall bear the cost for the criminal history record

1 background check, including all costs of administering and 2 processing the check. The Division of State Police shall promptly 3 notify the division in the event a current or prospective licensee, 4 who was the subject of a criminal history record background check 5 pursuant to this section, is arrested for a crime or offense in this State after the date the background check was performed. 6 7 (cf: P.L.2011, c.19, s.48) 8 9 3. Section 3 of P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-20) is amended to 10 read as follows: 3. a. As used in P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-18 et al.): 11 12 "Atlantic City" means the City of Atlantic City, in Atlantic 13 County; 14 "Base amount" means, for calendar years 2018 through 2021, the 15 amount of the payment in lieu of taxes as determined by 16 subparagraph (d) of paragraph (3) of subsection c. of this section; 17 and for calendar years 2022 through 2026, the amount of the 18 payment in lieu of taxes as determined by subparagraphs (e) 19 through (h) of paragraph (3) of subsection c. of this section; 20 "Casino gaming property" means one or more parcels of real 21 property located in Atlantic City, and any adjacent property utilized 22 in connection with such property, upon which there is located a 23 facility licensed to be used for casino gaming in 2014 or thereafter, 24 whether or not in actual operation, which has more than 500 guest 25 hotel rooms, and is not subject to recorded covenants prohibiting 26 casino gaming; 27 "Clean and Safe Fund" means the Clean and Safe Fund established pursuant to section 7 of P.L. , c. (C.) 28 29 (pending before the Legislature as this bill); 30 "Division" means the Division of Gaming Enforcement in the 31 Department of Law and Public Safety; "Gross gaming revenue" (GGR) means the total amount of 32 33 revenue raised through casino gaming, including revenue from 34 sports pool operations, from all of the casino gaming properties 35 located in Atlantic City as determined by the division for calendar 36 years 2014 through 2020. For the purpose of determining the 37 amount of the payment in lieu of taxes pursuant to this section, 38 gross gaming revenue shall not include revenue derived from 39 Internet casino gaming and Internet sports wagering during calendar 40 years 2021 through 2026 as determined by the division; 41 "Infrastructure Fund" means the Infrastructure Fund established 42 pursuant to section 8 of P.L., c. (C.) (pending before the 43 Legislature as this bill); 44 "Local Finance Board" means the Local Finance Board in the 45 Division of Local Government Services in the Department of 46 Community Affairs; and

47 "Treasury" means the Department of the Treasury.

1 Beginning with calendar year 2017, and for the next b. 2 succeeding nine calendar years, casino gaming properties located in 3 Atlantic City shall be exempt from local property taxation on real 4 property and improvements, including accessory hotels, conference 5 centers, parking garages, and other appurtenant facilities, except 6 that any new improvement developed on a casino gaming property 7 that is made outside of the perimeter footprint of any improvement 8 existing as of the effective date of this act and any real property, not 9 formerly qualified as casino gaming property, acquired after such 10 date by an owner of casino gaming property shall not be exempt 11 from local property taxation in any calendar year and shall be 12 subject to local property taxation annually at Atlantic City's general property tax rate. The provisions of this section shall not apply to 13 14 any casino property that operates under a small scale casino facility 15 license or a staged casino facility license pursuant to section 1 of 16 P.L.2010, c.115 (C.5:12-80.1).

17 c. (1) In exchange for the property tax exemption granted in 18 subsection b. of this section, each owner of each casino gaming 19 property shall sign a 10-year financial agreement with Atlantic City 20 for each casino gaming property based upon the provisions of 21 P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-18 et al.) for calendar years 2017 22 through 2021, which financial agreement shall be amended and 23 continued to reflect and incorporate the amendatory and 24 supplemental provisions of P.L., c. (C.) (pending 25 before the Legislature as this bill) for calendar years 2022 through 26 2026, promising to make quarterly payments to the city of its 27 allocated portion of the annual amount of the payment in lieu of 28 taxes as determined by this section. The continuation of the 29 agreement for calendar years 2022 through 2026 is also provided in 30 exchange for the prescribed uses of excess amounts of a casino 31 gaming property's investment alternative tax, as described in subsection b. of section 9 of P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-25). The 32 33 owner of each casino gaming property shall be responsible for the 34 payments allocated to that property and shall be subject to the lien 35 provisions of R.S.54:5-6 and the interest for delinquency provisions 36 of R.S.54:4-67 if those payments are not made.

37 (2) Any new owner of a casino gaming property following the 38 effective date of P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-18 et al.) shall 39 immediately become responsible for signing [a] the financial 40 agreement with Atlantic City promising to make payments 41 consistent with this section.

42 (3) (a) The total amount of the payment in lieu of property 43 taxes owed to Atlantic City for calendar year 2017 shall be \$120 44 million. To the extent that any owner of a casino gaming property 45 has paid property taxes for calendar year 2017 prior to the date 46 P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-18 et al.) becomes operative, the 47 amount of property taxes so paid shall be credited toward that

1 owner's allocated share of the \$120 million total payment in lieu of 2 property taxes. (b) For calendar [year] years 2018 [and for each calendar year 3 thereafter], 2019, 2020, and 2021, the amount of the payment in 4 5 lieu of property taxes owed to Atlantic City shall increase by two 6 percent per year in every year in which there is no upward 7 adjustment to the base amount of the payment in lieu of taxes from 8 the previous calendar year as determined by subparagraph (d) of 9 this paragraph. 10 (c) For calendar [year] years 2018 [and for each calendar year 11 thereafter], 2019, 2020, and 2021, the total amount of the payment in lieu of property taxes owed to Atlantic City shall be the base 12 13 amount as determined by subparagraph (d) of this paragraph and the 14 total amount of the annual increases to date as determined by 15 subparagraph (b) of this paragraph. 16 (d) For calendar [year] years 2018 [and for each calendar year 17 thereafter], 2019, 2020, and 2021, the base amount of the payment 18 in lieu of taxes shall be determined as follows: 19 If the amount of the GGR in the preceding calendar year is 20 between \$3.4 billion and \$3.8 billion, the base amount shall be \$165 21 million, or in the case of an upward adjustment, \$15 million more 22 than the PILOT in the previous year, whichever is greater; 23 If the amount of the GGR in the preceding calendar year is 24 between \$3.0 billion and \$3.4 billion, the base amount shall be \$150 25 million, or in the case of an upward adjustment, \$20 million more 26 than the PILOT in the previous year, whichever is greater; 27 If the amount of the GGR in the preceding calendar year is 28 between \$2.6 billion and \$3.0 billion, the base amount shall be \$130 29 million, or in the case of an upward adjustment, \$10 million more 30 than the PILOT in the previous year, whichever is greater; 31 If the amount of the GGR in the preceding calendar year is 32 between \$2.2 billion and \$2.6 billion, the base amount shall be \$120 33 million, or in the case of an upward adjustment, \$10 million more 34 than the PILOT in the previous year, whichever is greater; If the amount of the GGR in the preceding calendar year is 35 36 between \$1.8 billion and \$2.2 billion and the aggregate gross 37 revenues from all of the casino gaming properties located in 38 Atlantic City from all revenue streams, excluding GGR, have not 39 increased compared to the prior calendar year by more than the 40 amount by which GGR is less than \$2.2 billion, as determined by 41 the division, the base amount shall be \$110 million, or in the case of an upward adjustment, \$20 million more than the PILOT in the 42 43 previous year, whichever is greater; 44 If the amount of the GGR in the preceding calendar year is \$1.8 45 billion or less and the aggregate gross revenue from all of the casino 46 gaming properties located in Atlantic City from all revenue streams,

47 excluding GGR have not increased compared to the prior calendar

1 year by more than the amount by which GGR is less than \$1.8 2 billion as determined by the division, the base amount shall be \$90 3 million. 4 (e) The total amount of the payment in lieu of property taxes 5 owed to Atlantic City for calendar year 2022 shall be \$110 million. 6 (f) For calendar years 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026, in any 7 calendar year in which there is not an upward or a downward 8 adjustment to the base amount of the payment in lieu of property 9 taxes owed to Atlantic City pursuant to subparagraph (h) of this 10 paragraph, the total amount of the payment in lieu of property taxes 11 owed to Atlantic City for the calendar year shall increase by two 12 percent from the preceding year. 13 (g) For calendar years 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026, the total 14 amount of the payment in lieu of property taxes owed to Atlantic 15 City shall be the base amount as determined by subparagraph (h) of 16 this paragraph and the total amount of the annual increases to date 17 as determined by subparagraph (f) of this paragraph. 18 (h) For calendar years 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026, the base 19 amount of the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) shall be determined 20 as follows: 21 If the amount of the GGR in the preceding calendar year is less 22 than \$2.3 billion, the base amount shall be \$100 million, or in the 23 case of a downward adjustment, \$10 million less than the PILOT in 24 the previous year, whichever amount is greater; 25 If the amount of the GGR in the preceding calendar year is 26 between \$2.3 billion and \$2.9 billion, the base amount shall be \$110 27 million, or in the case of an upward adjustment, \$10 million more 28 than the PILOT in the previous year and in the case of a downward 29 adjustment, \$10 million less than the PILOT in the previous year, 30 whichever amount is greater; and 31 If the amount of the GGR in the preceding calendar year is 32 greater than \$2.9 billion, the base amount shall be \$120 million, or 33 in the case of an upward adjustment, \$10 million more than the 34 PILOT in the previous year, whichever amount is greater. 35 (4) The amount of the payment in lieu of property taxes owed pursuant to this subsection shall be calculated annually each 36 37 calendar year for each casino gaming property using a formula 38 implemented by the Local Finance Board, in consultation with the 39 division, using the following criteria: 40 The geographic footprint of the real property, expressed in acres, 41 owned by each casino gaming property; 42 The number of hotel guest rooms in each casino gaming 43 property; and 44 The gross gaming revenue of the casino in each casino gaming 45 property from the prior calendar year. 46 Each of these three criteria shall bear equal weight in the formula 47 implemented by the Local Finance Board, in consultation with the

1 division, pursuant to this paragraph [, provided that during calendar 2 years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, if]. 3 (5) If the formula set forth in paragraph (4) of this subsection 4 results in any individual casino gaming property being allocated an 5 amount that is in excess of the total real property taxes due and 6 payable by the casino gaming property in calendar year 2015, then, 7 in calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, that casino 8 gaming property shall receive a credit against the obligation of the 9 operator of that property under paragraph (2) of subsection a. of 10 section 3 of P.L.1984, c.218 (C.5:12-144.1) in the amount of such 11 excess. If, after that credit against the obligation of the operator of 12 that property under paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 3 of 13 P.L.1984, c.218 (C.5:12-144.1), that casino gaming property would 14 still be liable for a payment in lieu of property taxes in excess of the total real property taxes due and payable by the casino gaming 15 16 property in calendar year 2015, the casino gaming property shall not 17 be required to make any additional payment in lieu of property tax 18 payment. Instead, any additional amount that would have been 19 owed by that casino gaming property shall be added, by 20 proportional share, to the payment in lieu of property taxes to be 21 paid by every other casino gaming property in order to provide 22 Atlantic City the total amount of the payment in lieu of property 23 taxes due and owing for that calendar year, provided that no 24 individual casino gaming property shall be allocated an amount that 25 is less than the total real property taxes due and payable by the 26 casino gaming property in calendar year 2015. 27 (6) Beginning in calendar year 2022, an individual casino gaming property shall no longer be allowed a credit against the 28 29 obligation of the operator of that property under paragraph (2) of 30 subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1984, c.218 (C.5:12-144.1) in the 31 amount that the payment in lieu of property taxes owed is in excess 32 of the total real property taxes due and payable by the casino 33 gaming property in calendar year 2015, as allowed under paragraph 34 (5) of this subsection for calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 35 and 2021; provided, however, any increase in the net liability of an 36 individual casino gaming property resulting from the elimination of 37 the credit allowed under paragraph (5) of this subsection shall not 38 exceed: 25 percent for calendar year 2022; 50 percent for calendar 39 year 2023; and 75 percent for calendar year 2024. Any amount that 40 would be owed by a casino gaming property in excess of the limits 41 applied for calendar years 2022 through 2024 under this paragraph 42 shall be added, by proportional share, and pursuant to the 43 methodology developed by the division, to the payment in lieu of 44 property taxes to be paid by every other casino gaming property. 45 (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (6) of this 46 subsection to the contrary, for an individual casino gaming property 47 with less than 1,000 rooms, the increased net liability of such 48 individual casino gaming property resulting from the elimination of

1 the credit allowed under paragraph (5) of this subsection shall not 2 exceed 50 percent between calendar years 2022 and 2026 with that 3 50 percent increase phased-in at 25 percent for calendar year 2022, 4 50 percent for calendar year 2023, and 75 percent for calendar year 5 2024. Any amount that would be owed to such individual casino 6 gaming property in excess of the limits applied for calendar years 7 2022 through 2026 under this paragraph shall be credited against 8 the obligation of the operator of the property under paragraph (2) of 9 subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1984, c.218 (C.5:12-144.1). 10 (8) If the formula set forth in paragraph (4) of this subsection 11 results in any individual casino gaming property not receiving the 12 lower payment that is due that casino gaming property shall still be 13 liable for its proportional share of the payment in lieu of property 14 taxes determined pursuant to paragraph (6) of this subsection; 15 provided, however, if the liability of the casino gaming property 16 determined pursuant to the formula set forth in paragraph (4) of this 17 subsection does not result in 50 percent of the savings due for 2022, 18 75 percent of the savings due for 2023, or 100 percent of the 19 savings due for 2024, 2025, and 2026, that property shall be 20 allowed a credit against the obligation of the operator of that 21 property under paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 3 of 22 P.L.1984, c.218 (C.5:12-144.1) in an amount that will result in the 23 savings of the individual casino gaming property equaling 50 24 percent for 2022, 75 percent for 2023, and 100 percent for 2024, 25 2025, and 2026. The total credits allowed against the obligation of 26 the operator of a casino gaming property under paragraph (2) of 27 subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1984, c.218 (C.5:12-144.1) for all 28 casino gaming properties in this category shall be distributed on a 29 pro rata basis based upon the calculated payment in lieu of property 30 taxes payment obligation. 31 (9) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (6) of this 32 subsection to the contrary, for an individual casino gaming property 33 with more than 1,000 rooms, the increased net liability of such 34 individual casino gaming property resulting from the elimination of 35 the credit allowed under paragraph (5) of this subsection shall be no more than 90 percent, which shall be achieved by providing a credit 36 37 against the obligation of the operator of a casino gaming property 38 under paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1984, c.218 39 (C.5:12-144.1) equivalent to 65 percent of the dollar value increase 40 in that property's payment in lieu of property tax obligation each 41 year, or such percentage in any year that limits the increase to 90 42 percent. 43 (10) The calculations in paragraphs (6) through (9) of this 44 subsection shall be performed before the application of the two 45 percent annual increase required under subparagraph (f) of 46 paragraph (3) of this subsection. Thus, the final payment in lieu tax 47 obligation and any credit against the obligation of the operator of a

48 casino gaming property under paragraph (2) of subsection a. of

1 section 3 of P.L.1984, .c218 (C.5:12-144.1) shall incorporate the 2 two percent annual increase pursuant to the methodology developed 3 by the division. 4 d. [When a new casino gaming property is added or when an 5 existing casino gaming property no longer qualifies as a casino 6 gaming property as defined in subsection a. of this section, Atlantic 7 City's financial agreement with each owner of each casino gaming 8 property shall be amended to reflect the change and the allocation 9 of the payment in lieu of property taxes between the casino gaming 10 properties If a new casino gaming property becomes subject to the 11 provisions of this subsection, then the new casino gaming property 12 shall enter a financial agreement with Atlantic City to set its 13 payment in lieu of taxes. A new casino gaming property shall pay 14 its regular and conventional tax obligation as billed for the 15 remainder of the calendar year in which it first qualifies as a casino 16 gaming property. If an existing casino gaming property ceases to 17 qualify as a casino gaming property, then the total amount of the 18 payment in lieu of property taxes owed to Atlantic City pursuant to 19 subparagraphs (e) through (h) of paragraph (3) of subsection c. of 20 this section shall be decreased in the calendar year following the 21 year in which the existing casino gaming property ceases to qualify 22 as a casino gaming property by the payment in lieu of property 23 taxes allocated to such casino gaming property pursuant to 24 paragraph (4) of subsection c. of this section in the year in which 25 such casino gaming property ceases to qualify as a casino gaming 26 property. Any decrease to the total amount of the payment in lieu 27 of taxes owed to Atlantic City precipitated by a casino gaming 28 property no longer qualifying as a casino gaming property shall not 29 take effect until the calendar year following the calendar year in 30 which such casino gaming property ceases to qualify as a casino 31 gaming property. 32 The payment in lieu of property taxes owed by a casino gaming 33 property pursuant to this section shall be adjusted in each 34 subsequent calendar year to reflect when any existing casino 35 gaming properties no longer qualify as casino gaming properties. 36 e. The provisions of R.S.54:5-6 shall apply to any amount 37 required to be paid under this section, and the municipality shall 38 have the same rights against any casino gaming property for such 39 unpaid amounts relating to that property as if such amounts were 40 unpaid property taxes. 41 (cf: P.L.2018, c.33, s.14) 42 43 4. Section 4 of P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-21) is amended to 44 read as follows: 45 4. a. In addition to the amounts required to be remitted under 46 section 3 of P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-20), the owner of each 47 casino gaming property shall make a separate payment to the State 48 [for calendar years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021,

1 2022, and 2023, where the aggregate amount of these payments paid by the casino gaming properties shall ¹, where the aggregate 2 amount of these payments paid by the casino gaming properties 3 shall be¹ equal to the following: (1) 30,000,000 for calendar year 4 5 2015; (2) \$30,000,000 for calendar year 2016; (3) \$15,000,000 for calendar year 2017; (4) 10,000,000 for calendar year 2018; $\frac{1}{and}$ 6 7 (5) 5,000,000 ¹ for calendar year 2019; (6) 5,000,000 for 8 calendar year 2020; (7) \$5,000,000 for calendar year 2021; and (8) 9 \$5,000,000]¹ [for calendar year 2022; and (9) \$5,000,000] per year for calendar [year 2023] years ¹[2022] 2019¹ through 2026. 10

11 b. The Local Finance Board, in consultation with the division, 12 shall determine the amount owed for each casino gaming property 13 based on the proportion of gross gaming revenue of the casino in 14 casino gaming property in the prior year. The owner of each casino 15 gaming property where a casino is operated during the year in 16 which the payments required by this section are due shall remit its 17 payment to the State no later than June 1 of each year. The Local 18 Finance Board shall provide the owner of each casino gaming 19 property required to make a payment under this section with written 20 notice of the amount of the payment for each casino gaming 21 property, and instructions for how each payment shall be made. 22 Each owner of a casino gaming property required to make a 23 payment under this section shall remit its payment within five 24 business days of receipt of the written notice from the Local 25 Finance Board.

c. The funds comprised of the payments collected under this
section shall be remitted from the State to Atlantic City, which, for
purposes of preparing annual budgets pursuant to the "Local Budget
Law," N.J.S.40A:4-1 et seq., must be applied to the Atlantic City
budget for the calendar year for which funds are provided as
identified in subsection a. of this section and to no other Atlantic
City calendar year budget.

- 33 (cf: P.L.2016, c.5, s.4)
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5. Section 5 of P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-22) is amended to read as follows:

37 5. <u>a.</u> Annually, <u>beginning in calendar year 2017 and ending on</u> 38 December 31, 2026, a portion of the payment in lieu of property tax 39 moneys collected pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2016, c.5 40 (C.52:27BBBB-20) shall be remitted to the county and the school 41 district for their own purposes. [These moneys shall be remitted to 42 the county and to the school district in the same manner as property 43 taxes are paid to counties and school districts pursuant to R.S.54:4-44 74, R.S.54:4-75, and R.S.54:4-76, except that the Local Finance 45 Board may, in its discretion, apportion a specific percentage of the 46 payment in lieu of property tax moneys to be remitted to the 47 county.]

1 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the 2 contrary, for calendar years 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026, a 3 portion of the funds collected by Atlantic City from the payment in 4 lieu of property taxes pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2016, c.5 5 (C.52:27BBBB-20), shall be allocated as follows: 6 beginning in calendar year 2022, the portion of the payment in 7 lieu of property taxes collected pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2016, 8 c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-20) that is allocated to Atlantic County shall be 9 the same as 2021, with the allocation in each year thereafter 10 increasing by two percent from the preceding year; provided, 11 however, in the case of an upward adjustment pursuant to 12 subparagraph (h) of paragraph (3) of subsection c. of section 3 of 13 P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-20) in calendar year 2023 or 2024, the 14 portion of the payment in lieu of property taxes allocated to Atlantic 15 County shall be increased by \$1,350,000 in the year of the upward 16 adjustment and shall thereafter increase by two percent from the 17 preceding year, and in the case of an upward adjustment that occurs 18 in calendar year 2025 or 2026, the portion of the payment in lieu of 19 property taxes allocated to Atlantic County shall be increased by 20 \$1,200,000 in the year of the upward adjustment and shall thereafter 21 increase by two percent from the preceding year; and provided 22 further that in the case of a downward adjustment pursuant to 23 subparagraph (h) of paragraph (3) of subsection c. of section 3 of 24 P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-20) in calendar year 2023 or 2024, the 25 portion of the payment in lieu of property taxes allocated to Atlantic 26 County shall be decreased by \$1,350,000 in the year of a downward 27 adjustment and shall thereafter increase by two percent from the 28 preceding year and in the case of a downward adjustment that 29 occurs in calendar year 2025 or 2026 the portion of the payment in 30 lieu of property taxes allocated to Atlantic County shall be 31 decreased by \$1,200,000 in the year of the downward adjustment 32 and shall thereafter increase by two percent from the preceding 33 year. 34 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the 35 contrary, beginning in calendar year 2022, the portion of the payment in lieu of property taxes collected pursuant to section 3 of 36 37 P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-20) that is allocated to the Atlantic 38 City School District shall be the same as 2021, with the allocation 39 in each year thereafter increasing by two percent from the preceding 40 year; provided, however, in the case of an upward adjustment 41 pursuant to subparagraph (h) of paragraph (3) of subsection c. of 42 section 3 of P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-20), the portion of the 43 payment in lieu of property taxes allocated to the Atlantic City 44 School District shall be increased by \$3,500,000 in the year of the 45 upward adjustment and shall thereafter increase by two percent 46 from the preceding year; and provided further that in the case of a 47 downward adjustment pursuant to subparagraph (h) of paragraph (3)

48 of subsection c. of section 3 of P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-20),

1 the portion of the payment in lieu of property taxes allocated to the 2 Atlantic City School District shall be decreased by \$3,500,000 in 3 the year of a downward adjustment and shall thereafter increase by 4 two percent from the preceding year. 5 (cf: P.L.2016, c.5, s.5) 6 7 6. Section 9 of P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-25) is amended to 8 read as follows: 9 9. <u>a.</u> Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 of P.L.1984, 10 c.218 (C.5:12-144.1) or any other law to the contrary, including 11 subsection k. of section 5 of P.L.2011, c.18 (C.5:12-219), for 12 calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, the moneys received after the effective date of P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-18 et al.), 13 14 by the State Treasurer derived from the payment of the investment 15 alternative tax in the amount specified in paragraph (2) of 16 subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1984, c.218 (C.5:12-144.1) and the 17 investment alternative in the amount as specified in section 17 of 18 P.L.2013, c.27 (C.5:12-95.19), except for any amount thereof 19 pledged for the payment of bonds issued by the Casino 20 Reinvestment Development Authority or otherwise contractually 21 obligated by the authority prior to the effective date of P.L.2016, 22 c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-18 et al.), or any bonds issued to refund such 23 bonds, shall be allocated to Atlantic City for the purposes of paying 24 debt service on bonds issued by Atlantic City prior to and after the 25 effective date of P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-18 et al.). 26 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 of P.L.1984, 27 c.218 (C.5:12-144.1) or any other law to the contrary, including subsection k. of section 5 of P.L.2011, c.18 (C.5:12-219), for each 28 29 calendar year from 2022 through 2026, of the moneys received by 30 the State Treasurer derived from the payment of the investment 31 alternative tax in the amount specified in paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1984, c.218 (C.5:12-144.1) and the 32 33 investment alternative in the amount as specified in section 17 of 34 P.L.2013, c.27 (C.5:12-95.19), except for any amount thereof pledged for the payment of bonds issued by the Casino 35 36 Reinvestment Development Authority or otherwise contractually 37 obligated by the authority prior to the effective date of P.L.2016, 38 c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-18 et al.), or any bonds issued to refund such 39 bonds, shall be allocated first to Atlantic City for the purposes of 40 paying debt service during each such calendar year on bonds issued 41 by Atlantic City prior to and after the effective date of P.L.2016, c.5 42 (C.52:27BBBB-18 et al.). In the event that the moneys received by the State Treasurer from the payment of the investment alternative 43 44 tax, in the amounts identified in this section, exceed the debt service 45 on bonds issued by Atlantic City prior to and after the effective date 46 of P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-18 et al.) in any year, then the 47 amount in excess of the debt service shall be allocated as follows:

1 (1) for calendar year 2022, such residual moneys shall be 2 allocated 20 percent to the Casino Reinvestment Development 3 Authority, 15 percent to the Clean and Safe Fund established pursuant to section 7 of P.L., c. (C.) (pending before the 4 5 Legislature as this bill), 15 percent to the Infrastructure Fund 6 established pursuant to section 8 of P.L., c. (C.) (pending 7 before the Legislature as this bill), and 50 percent of such residual 8 moneys shall be allocated for use by Atlantic City for general 9 municipal purposes; 10 (2) for calendar year 2023, 20 percent of such residual moneys 11 shall be allocated to the Casino Reinvestment Development 12 Authority, 12 percent of such residual moneys shall be allocated to 13 the Clean and Safe Fund, 12 percent of such residual moneys shall 14 be allocated to the Infrastructure Fund, and 56 percent of such 15 residual moneys shall be allocated for use by Atlantic City for 16 general municipal purposes; 17 (3) for calendar year 2024, 15 percent of such residual moneys 18 shall be allocated to the Casino Reinvestment Development 19 Authority, 11.5 percent of such residual moneys shall be allocated 20 to the Clean and Safe Fund, 11.5 percent of such residual moneys 21 shall be allocated to the Infrastructure Fund, and 62 percent of such 22 residual moneys shall be allocated for use by Atlantic City for 23 general municipal purposes; 24 (4) for calendar year 2025, 15 percent of such residual moneys 25 shall be allocated to the Casino Reinvestment Development 26 Authority, 11.5 percent of such residual moneys shall be allocated 27 to the Clean and Safe Fund, 11.5 percent of such residual moneys 28 shall be allocated to the Infrastructure Fund, and 62 percent of such 29 residual moneys shall be allocated for use by Atlantic City for 30 general municipal purposes; and 31 (5) for calendar year 2026, 10 percent of such residual moneys 32 shall be allocated to the Casino Reinvestment Development 33 Authority, 11.5 percent of such residual moneys shall be allocated 34 to the Clean and Safe Fund, 11.5 percent of such residual moneys 35 shall be allocated to the Infrastructure Fund, and 67 percent of such residual moneys shall be allocated for use by Atlantic City for 36 37 general municipal purposes. 38 c. If, in any year, the aggregate amount allocated to Atlantic City 39 for municipal purposes pursuant to subsection b. of this section results 40 in an amount that is less than 2.5 percent higher than the amount for 41 municipal purposes in the prior year, the distributions to the Casino 42 Reinvestment Development Authority, the Clean and Safe Fund, and 43 Infrastructure Fund shall be reduced in equal amounts and allocated to 44 Atlantic City for municipal purposes to meet a 2.5 percent growth 45 target. 46 d. If, in any year, the amount allocated to the Casino 47 Reinvestment Development Authority, the Clean and Safe Fund, and 48 the Infrastructure Fund pursuant to subsection b. of this section

1 exceeds the amount set forth in the table below, each casino gaming 2 property shall receive reimbursement from the moneys received by the 3 State Treasurer derived from the payment of the investment alternative 4 tax in the amount specified in paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 5 3 of P.L.1984, c.218 (C.5:12-144.1) up to its full obligation under that 6 paragraph on a pro rata basis. Following reimbursement, if there are 7 still excess funds, the amount in excess attributable to each casino will 8 be distributed to the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority and 9 deposited into an account for use in accordance with Article 11 and 10 Article 12 of the "Casino Control Act," P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-1 et seq.) governing casino reinvestment and authority operations. 11 12 YEAR OF PILOT <u>6</u> 7 8 9 <u>10</u> 2022 <u>2023</u> <u>2026</u> CALENDAR YEAR <u>2024</u> 2025 (Expressed In Millions) CRDA <u>\$2.7</u> <u>\$3.5</u> \$3.2 <u>\$4.2</u> <u>\$3.1</u> <u>\$2.1 .</u> **INFRASTRUCTURE** <u>\$2.0</u> <u>\$2.5</u> <u>\$3.2</u> \$3.6 CLEAN AND SAFE <u>\$2.0</u> <u>\$2.1</u> <u>\$2.5</u> \$3.2 \$3.6 CITY GENERAL <u>\$6.8</u> <u>\$9.8</u> <u>\$13.3</u> \$17.5 <u>\$20.8</u> <u>FUND</u> (Non-debt service) TOTAL <u>\$13.5</u> <u>\$17.5</u> <u>\$21.5</u> <u>\$28.1</u> <u>\$31.1</u> 13 The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, 14 <u>e.</u> 15 2026. 16 (cf: P.L.2016, c.5, s.9) 17 18 7. (New section) a. There is established the Clean and Safe

19 Fund to be held by the State Treasurer, which shall be the 20 repository for all moneys required to be deposited therein under 21 subsection b. of section 9 of P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-25) and 22 any moneys appropriated annually to the fund. The State Treasurer 23 may invest and reinvest any moneys in the fund, or any portion 24 thereof, in legal obligations of the United States or of the State or of 25 any political subdivision thereof. Any income from, interest on, or 26 increment to moneys so invested or reinvested shall be included in 27 the fund.

28 b. Moneys in the fund shall be expended by Atlantic City, or 29 another governmental entity working on behalf of Atlantic City, to 30 pay for capital public safety expenses, streetscape improvements, 31 plantings, roadway median improvements, shade trees, 32 beautification, wayfinding, lighting, cleaning equipment, waste 33 receptacles, sidewalk repair, and related maintenance. The 34 governing body of Atlantic City may fund a project authorized 35 under this subsection with moneys deposited in the Clean and Safe Fund subject to approval of the Director of the Division of Local 36 37 Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.

1 c. If Atlantic City is no longer deemed a municipality in need 2 of stabilization and recovery, as defined in section 3 of P.L.2016, 3 c.4 (C.52:27BBBB-3), then Atlantic City shall receive any money 4 in the Clean and Safe Fund and any future dedication to the Clean 5 and Safe Fund pursuant to subsection b. of section 9 of P.L.2016, 6 c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-25) subject to a memorandum of understanding 7 executed with the State Treasurer that restricts the use of such moneys to the purposes authorized under subsection b. of this 8 9 section.

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11 8. (New section) a. There is established the Infrastructure 12 Fund to be held by the State Treasurer, which shall be the repository for all moneys required to be deposited therein under 13 14 subsection b. of section 9 of P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-25) and 15 any moneys appropriated annually to the fund. The State Treasurer 16 may invest and reinvest any moneys in the fund, or any portion 17 thereof, in legal obligations of the United States or of the State or of any political subdivision thereof. Any income from, interest on, or 18 19 increment to moneys so invested or reinvested shall be included in 20 the fund.

b. Moneys in the fund shall be expended by Atlantic City to
pay for any work that may be undertaken as a local improvement
pursuant to R.S.40:56-1. The governing body of Atlantic City may
fund a local improvement with moneys deposited in the
Infrastructure Fund subject to approval of the Commissioner of
Community Affairs, in consultation with the Casino Reinvestment
Development Authority and other State agencies, as appropriate.

28 If Atlantic City is no longer deemed a municipality in need c. 29 of stabilization and recovery, as defined in section 3 of P.L.2016, 30 c.4 (C.52:27BBBB-3), then Atlantic City shall receive any money 31 in the Infrastructure Fund and any future dedication to the 32 Infrastructure Fund pursuant to subsection b. of section 9 of 33 P.L.2016, c.5 (C.52:27BBBB-25) subject to a memorandum of 34 understanding executed with the State Treasurer that restricts the 35 use of such moneys to works that may be undertaken as a local 36 improvement pursuant to R.S.40:56-1.

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9. This act shall take effect immediately.