



Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

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Governor Signs Bill Permitting Authorities to Waive Interest and Limit Lien Enforcement

Gov. Phil Murphy signed into law today a bill (A4126) that permits authorities to waive interest and lien enforcement for certain delinquent water and sewer utility payments during emergency circumstances.

AEA supported this legislation. We told the Senate committee considering the bill that it would help address financial hardships related to COVID19.

AEA said that members, along with other utilities, need to offer relief for those who are unemployed or whose businesses have failed, and we noted that many of our members were already taking steps to do that.

AEA comments also noted that authorities and municipal water/sewer systems are very likely to see revenue shortfalls as a result of the customer hardship. We told the Senate committee that many members are facing revenue shortfalls related to changes in usage and flow as well.

Making legislators aware that authorities are likely to need assistance to address revenue declines will continue to be a major COVID-related legislative objective.

Send AEA Pictures and Video of your Utility During COVID19



Please send AEA photos and short videos that illustrate your work during the pandemic.

They can be images that illustrate special arrangements and adaptations you are making or images that show work proceeding as normal.

Wherever possible, please give us a short description of that is happening in the photo/video and please identify the staff

members. Thank you!

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