

## CHAPTER 8

AN ACT concerning hospital charity care funding.

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

1. a. It is also the purpose of P.L.1972, c.29 (C.26:2I-1 et seq.) to further ensure that health care facilities in this State are able to deliver health care-related services to all the residents thereof, including the indigent, and, therefore, to provide funding for hospital charity care.

b. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no later than five days after the date of enactment of P.L.2002, c.8, an amount not to exceed \$16,500,000 of the unencumbered reserves of the New Jersey Health Care Facilities Financing Authority shall be transferred from the authority to the State Treasurer for deposit into the General Fund, to be used to pay for up to \$16,500,000 of the existing State Fiscal Year 2002 General Fund appropriation for charity care subsidy payments to hospitals.

2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire on June 30, 2002

Approved March 18, 2002.