

ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT AND SOLID WASTE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3799

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 16, 2022

The Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3799.

This bill would exempt community gardens from any fee charged pursuant to the “Air Pollution Control Act (1954),” P.L.1954, c.212 (C.26:2C-1 et seq.) or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant thereto.

Specifically, the bill would prohibit the Department of Environmental Protection from charging an air pollution control fee for the construction or operation of an on-site composting system at a community garden that only uses vegetative waste generated by the community garden and where all compost from the system is used on-site exclusively for the community garden. As defined in the bill, “community garden” means any publicly or privately owned piece of land maintained and cultivated as a garden by members of the surrounding community.