

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **SENATE, No. 1298**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 3, 2022

The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports a committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 1298.

This committee substitute would require the State Board of Agriculture and the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules and regulations, within 180 days after the bill's enactment, to regulate the confinement of breeding pigs and calves raised for veal.

The rules and regulations would be required to: (1) prohibit the confinement in an enclosure of any breeding pig or calf raised for veal in a manner that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending the animal's limbs, or turning around freely; (2) require that calves raised for veal are confined in a manner such that each calf can groom itself naturally and has visual contact with other calves; and (3) establish penalties for persons who confine breeding pigs or calves raised for veal in violation of the rules and regulations. The bill would also provide that the rules and regulations may include exceptions only for confinement related to medical research, veterinary examination, testing, treatment, or other care, transportation, temporary exhibitions, and human slaughter in accordance with applicable law.