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SYNOPSIS

Allows collection of seeds from wild native plants.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Agriculture Committee with technical review.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning the collection of seeds from wild native plants
2 and supplementing Title 13 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. a. (1) Upon notice to the Department of Environmental
8 Protection, any person may collect seeds from a wild native plant
9 without a permit or other approval from the State, except as
10 provided in subsection b. of this section.

11 (2) The Department of Environmental Protection may establish
12 guidelines for (a) the form and manner of notice to the department
13 as required pursuant to this subsection, and (b) best practices for the
14 collection of seeds from wild native plants.

15 b. The State may prohibit the collection of seed from a wild
16 native plant (1) where expressly prohibited by federal law, rule, or
17 regulation, (2) where expressly prohibited by the Pinelands
18 Commission for the most sensitive ecosystems in the pinelands
19 area, or (3) that is deemed by federal or State law, rule, or
20 regulation to be threatened, endangered, rare, or of special concern,
21 including but not limited to any plant on the endangered species
22 plant list adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection
23 pursuant to the "Endangered Plant Species List Act," P.L.1989, c.56
24 (C.13:1B-15.151 et seq.).

25 c. As used in this section:

26 "Pinelands area" means the pinelands area as defined in section 3
27 of P.L.1979, c.111 (C.13:18A-3).

28 "Seed" means a seed, spore, fruiting body, bulb, corm, rhizome,
29 root, or cutting, or any other part of a plant that may be used to
30 propagate the plant.

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately.