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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes NJ “Landowner of the Year” award program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** establishing the New Jersey “Landowner of the Year”
2 award program and supplementing Title 13 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. The Department of Environmental Protection, in
9 coordination with any agricultural or wildlife organization as
10 determined appropriate by the department, shall establish and
11 promote an award program to be known as the New Jersey
12 “Landowner of the Year” award program.

13 The program shall annually recognize a landowner who has
14 demonstrated an outstanding record of improving, enhancing, and
15 preserving wildlife populations and habitat on the landowner’s
16 property.

17 b. The Department of Environmental Protection shall establish,
18 in consultation with appropriate wildlife organizations, an
19 application procedure, criteria, and guidelines for the eligibility,
20 nomination, and judging of applicants for the award. The criteria
21 may include, but need not be limited to, outstanding practices in
22 wildlife management, habitat improvement, and conservation
23 techniques.

24 c. The Department of Environmental Protection shall post the
25 name of the recipient of the New Jersey “Landowner of the Year”
26 award prominently on the department’s website, and shall recognize
27 the recipient with a certificate, a press announcement, or other form
28 of recognition deemed appropriate by the department to highlight
29 the achievement of the recipient.

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill would require the Department of Environmental
37 Protection, in coordination with any agricultural or wildlife
38 organization as determined appropriate by the department, to
39 establish and promote an award program to be known as the New
40 Jersey “Landowner of the Year” award program. The program
41 would annually recognize a landowner who has demonstrated an
42 outstanding record of improving, enhancing, and preserving wildlife
43 populations and habitat on the landowner’s property. The bill also
44 directs the department to consult with the appropriate wildlife
45 organizations when establishing an application procedure, criteria,
46 and guidelines for the eligibility, nomination, and judging of
47 applicants for the award.