

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1592**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Directs DEP to establish leasing program for State-owned land to be used and managed as pollinator habitat.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the leasing of State-owned lands for use as  
 2 pollinator habitat 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 accordance with State leasing procedures, shall establish a leasing  
 10 program for any person, local government unit, nonprofit  
 11 organization, or other entity that the department determines is  
 12 qualified and appropriate, to lease, develop, use, and manage any  
 13 appropriate and suitable State-owned land as pollinator habitat.

14 b. The department shall adopt, pursuant to the "Administrative  
 15 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), in  
 16 consultation with the Department of Agriculture, rules and  
 17 regulations providing for:

18 (1) the identification of State-owned lands that are appropriate  
 19 and suitable as pollinator habitat;

20 (2) criteria for the selection of appropriate entities to lease,  
 21 develop, use, and manage State-owned land as pollinator habitat;  
 22 and

23 (3) any other requirements as the department determines are  
 24 necessary to implement this act.

25 c. As used in this section:

26 "Department" means the Department of Environmental  
 27 Protection.

28 "Local government unit" means a county, a municipality, or any  
 29 board, commission, committee, authority or agency thereof that is  
 30 subject to the provisions of the "Local Public Contracts Law,"  
 31 P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-1 et seq.), including a housing authority  
 32 or redevelopment agency created or continued under the "Local  
 33 Redevelopment and Housing Law," P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-  
 34 1 et seq.).

35 "Pollinator habitat" means an area of land developed and  
 36 managed as habitat beneficial for the feeding, nesting, and  
 37 reproduction of pollinators, such as bees, butterflies, and  
 38 hummingbirds, as determined by the Department of Environmental  
 39 Protection in consultation with the Department of Agriculture.

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 41 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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 44 **STATEMENT**

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 46 This bill directs the Department of Environmental Protection  
 47 (DEP) to establish a leasing program for the lease, development,  
 48 use, and management of appropriate and suitable State-owned land

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- 1 as pollinator habitat by any person, local government unit, nonprofit  
2 organization, or other entity that the department determines is  
3 qualified and appropriate to manage State-owned land for this  
4 purpose. The bill also directs the DEP, in consultation with the  
5 Department of Agriculture, to adopt regulations providing for:
- 6 1) the identification of State-owned lands that are appropriate  
7 and suitable for management as pollinator habitat; and
  - 8 2) criteria for the selection of appropriate entities to lease,  
9 develop, use, and manage State-owned land for this purpose.