

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2194**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**219th LEGISLATURE**

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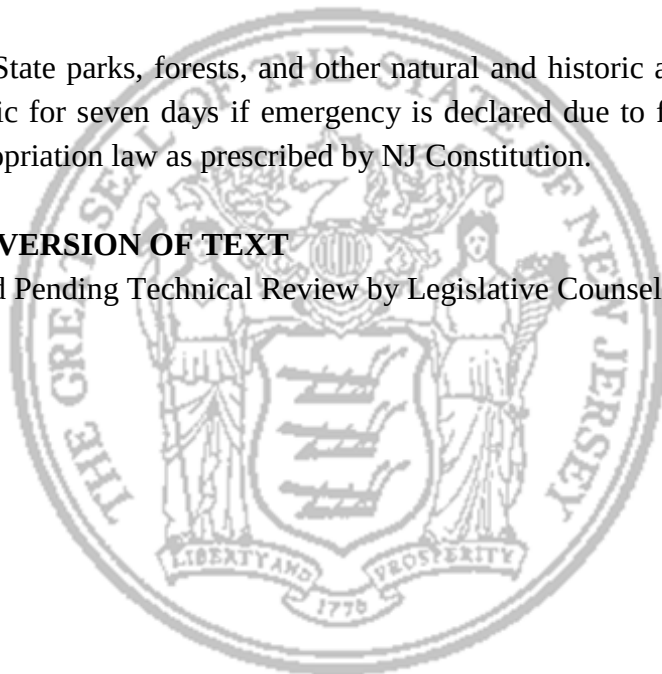
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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires State parks, forests, and other natural and historic areas to remain open to public for seven days if emergency is declared due to failure to enact general appropriation law as prescribed by NJ Constitution.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1   **AN ACT** concerning the continued operation of certain State parks,  
2       sites, and areas, 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 Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall  
9       develop a plan for the continued operation of all State parks and  
10      forests, State recreation areas, State historic sites, State natural  
11      areas, and State wildlife management areas during a state of  
12      emergency that is declared due to the failure to enact a general  
13      appropriation law by the deadline prescribed by Article VIII,  
14      Section II, paragraph 2 of the New Jersey Constitution. The plan  
15      shall designate the State employees that are essential to provide for  
16      the services at each State park and forest, State recreation area,  
17      State historic site, State natural area, and State wildlife management  
18      area.

19      b.   In the event that a state of emergency is declared due to the  
20      failure to enact a general appropriation law by the deadline  
21      prescribed by Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 2 of the New  
22      Jersey Constitution, the operation of State parks and forests, State  
23      recreation areas, State historic sites, State natural areas, and State  
24      wildlife management areas shall continue and all such locations  
25      shall be open to the public for a period not to exceed seven calendar  
26      days. All State employees that have been designated as necessary  
27      to provide for the government services at each State park and forest,  
28      State recreation area, State historic site, State natural area, and State  
29      wildlife management area shall be considered essential personnel.

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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 that State parks and forests, State  
37      recreation areas, State historic sites, State natural areas, and State  
38      wildlife management areas would continue to be open to the public  
39      for a period not to exceed seven calendar days if a state of  
40      emergency is declared due to the failure to enact a general  
41      appropriation law by the deadline prescribed by Article VIII,  
42      Section II, paragraph 2 of the New Jersey Constitution. The  
43      Department of Environmental Protection would be required to  
44      develop a plan for the continued operation of those locations if such  
45      a state of emergency is declared which would designate those State  
46      employees necessary to continue to provide services.