

ASSEMBLY, No. 3712

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes exemption for solar panel installation in certain wetland areas on farmland.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning certain types of energy generation in certain
2 wetland areas on farmland, and supplementing P.L.1987, c.156
3 (C.13:9B-1 et seq.).

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

1. In addition to the exemptions provided pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1987, c.156 (C.13:9B-4) but notwithstanding the limitations on such exemptions specified pursuant to that section, installation of solar panels shall be a regulated activity exempt from the requirement of a freshwater wetlands permit and transition area requirements, provided that:

14 a. The land on which the solar panels are to be installed has
15 been in agricultural or horticultural use for three years or more; and

b. The only indication that the land is freshwater wetlands or a transition area is the presence of hydrologic soils as determined by soil sampling.

20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

25 This bill provides an exemption from the requirement of a
26 freshwater wetlands permit and transition area requirements for
27 installation of solar panels, if:

1) the land on which the solar panels are to be installed has been in agricultural or horticultural use for three years or more; and

2) the only indication of wetlands on the land is the presence of hydrologic soils as determined by soil sampling.