

ASSEMBLY, No. 4324

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Removes monk parakeet from list of potentially dangerous species.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/29/2020)

1 **AN ACT** concerning monk parakeets and supplementing P.L.1973,
2 c.309 (C.23:2A-1 et seq.).

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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. The monk parakeet (*Myiopsitta* spp.) shall not be
8 considered or listed by the Department of Environmental Protection
9 or any other State agency as a potentially dangerous species.

10 b. Any feral monk parakeet, including any nest or egg thereof,
11 shall be protected by the Department of Environmental Protection,
12 any other State agency, and any local governmental entity in the
13 same manner and to the same extent as any nongame species of bird
14 indigenous to the State that is protected by the "The Endangered
15 and Nongame Species Conservation Act," P.L.1973, c.309
16 (C.23:2A-1 et seq.), any other applicable State law, or any rule or
17 regulation adopted pursuant thereto.

18 c. For the purposes of this section, "potentially dangerous
19 species" means any exotic mammal, bird, reptile, or amphibian, or
20 nongame species, that, in the opinion of the Division of Fish and
21 Wildlife, is capable of inflicting serious or fatal injuries or that has
22 the potential to become an agricultural pest or a menace to the
23 public health or indigenous wildlife populations.

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill would provide that the monk parakeet (*Myiopsitta* spp.)
31 shall not be considered or listed by the Department of
32 Environmental Protection or any other State agency as a potentially
33 dangerous species.

34 The bill also would provide that any feral monk parakeet,
35 including any nest or egg thereof, must be protected by the
36 Department of Environmental Protection, any other State agency,
37 and any local governmental entity in the same manner and to the
38 same extent as any nongame species of bird indigenous to the State
39 that is protected by the "The Endangered and Nongame Species
40 Conservation Act," any other applicable State law, or any rule or
41 regulation adopted pursuant thereto.