

ASSEMBLY, No. 5555

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 5, 2021

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ERIC HOUGHTALING

District 11 (Monmouth)

Assemblywoman JOANN DOWNEY

District 11 (Monmouth)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Lopez

SYNOPSIS

Provides sales and use tax exemption for retail sales of certain plant species and seeds.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/2/2021)

4

7

12 b. As used in this section, “qualified native plant species”

18

22

23

25

34 By creating a sales and use tax exemption for the purchase of

qualified native plant species and native plant seeds, this bill incentivizes consumers to purchase these species and seeds instead of non-native alternatives. Native plants require less maintenance than other species and save the State water and energy resources. Furthermore, native animals rely upon native plant species for habitat, food, and soil health, and encouraging the cultivation of these plant species rebuilds critical habitat for creatures under threat. Native plants and wildflowers create biodiversity, improve scenic value, preserve wildlife habitats, prevent soil erosion, and provide other environmental benefits to the State, and so the State should incentivize citizens to purchase these plants and seeds for cultivation above other, non-native species.