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SYNOPSIS

Creates feral cat public education program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT creating a feral cat public education program in the State.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
4 *of New Jersey:*

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6 1. The Office of Animal Welfare, in the Department of Health
7 and Senior Services, shall establish a program to facilitate and
8 promote education concerning feral cats and trap, neuter, and
9 release programs existing throughout the State. The program shall
10 include trap, neuter, and release methods, information on caring for
11 feral cat colonies, and other similar or appropriate material.

12 The office shall work with county and local animal welfare and
13 rescue organizations to develop and distribute educational
14 information and to plan activities or events to promote the public
15 education program.

16 The program shall provide information about available trap,
17 neuter, and release services and program activities or events on the
18 official website of the Department of Health and Senior Services.

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire two
21 years thereafter.

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STATEMENT

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26 This bill would require the Office of Animal Welfare, in the
27 Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), to create a two-
28 year public education program concerning feral cats and trap,
29 neuter, and release programs in the State.

30 The program would include trap, neuter, and release methods,
31 information on caring for feral cat colonies, and other similar or
32 appropriate material. The office would work with county and local
33 animal welfare and rescue organizations to develop and distribute
34 educational information and to plan activities or events to promote
35 the public education program. Information also would be made
36 available on the DHSS website.