

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2017**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**213th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED JANUARY 28, 2008

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman ALISON LITTELL MCHOSE**

**District 24 (Sussex, Hunterdon and Morris)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes task force in Department of Agriculture to develop markets for place-based foods.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT establishing a task force in the Department of Agriculture  
2 to develop place-based food markets.

3

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

6

7 1. As used in this act:

8 "Place-based food" means highly differentiated, quality-assured  
9 food products that originate in a region or locality where their  
10 quality, reputation or other characteristics are clearly attributable to  
11 their geographic origin.

12

13 2. a. There is established in the Department of Agriculture the  
14 "New Jersey Place-Based Food Markets Task Force." The purpose  
15 of the task force is to evaluate and study the need for and feasibility  
16 of placed-based food markets in the State.

17 b. The task force shall consist of nine members appointed by the  
18 Governor as follows:

19 (1) four farmers representing four geographical areas of the  
20 State;

21 (2) two public members;

22 (3) the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, or the  
23 Commissioner's designate, who shall serve ex-officio;

24 (4) a member of the New Jersey Farm Bureau;

25 (5) the Dean of Cook College of Rutgers, the State University, or  
26 one of his representatives.

27 c. The members of the task force shall serve without  
28 compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses  
29 incurred in the performance of their duties, within the limits of  
30 funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the task force for  
31 its purposes.

32 d. Any vacancy in the membership shall be filled in the same  
33 manner as the original appointment.

34 e. The task force shall be entitled to the assistance and service of  
35 the employees of any State, county or municipal department, board,  
36 commission or agency, as may be available to it for these purposes,  
37 and to incur such traveling and other miscellaneous expenses as it  
38 may deem necessary for the proper execution of its duties, within  
39 the limit of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it for  
40 these purposes.

41 f. The task force may meet and hold hearings at the places it  
42 designates during the sessions or recesses of the Legislature.

43

44 3. The task force shall organize as soon as practicable upon  
45 appointment of a majority of its members, and shall select a  
46 chairperson from among its members and a secretary who need not  
47 be a member of the task force.

