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SYNOPSIS

“New Jersey Rural Microenterprise Act.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Economic Growth Committee on January 7, 2016,
with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning the operation of ¹rural¹ microenterprises on
 2 preserved farms, amending ¹the title and body of¹ P.L.2005,
 3 c.314, and designated as the “New Jersey Rural Microenterprise
 4 Act.”

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

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 9 ¹1. The title of P.L.2005, c.314 is amended to read as follows:

10 AN ACT concerning **commercial nonagricultural** rural
 11 microenterprise activities and personal wireless service facilities
 12 on preserved farmland, and supplementing P.L.1983, c.32
 13 (C.4:1C-11 et seq.).¹

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 15 ¹**[1.] 2.**¹ Section 1 of P.L.2005, c.314 (C.4:1C-32.1) is amended
 16 to read as follows:

17 1. a. Any person who owns qualifying land **on which a**
 18 **development easement was conveyed to, or retained by, the**
 19 **committee, a board, or a qualifying tax exempt nonprofit**
 20 **organization pursuant to the provisions of section 24 of P.L.1983,**
 21 **c.32 (C.4:1C-31), section 5 of P.L.1988, c.4 (C.4:1C-31.1), section**
 22 **1 of P.L.1989, c.28 (C.4:1C-38), section 1 of P.L.1999, c.180**
 23 **(C.4:1C-43.1), or sections 37 through 40 of P.L.1999, c.152**
 24 **(C.13:8C-37 through C.13:8C-40)]** may apply for a special permit
 25 pursuant to this section to allow a **commercial nonagricultural**
 26 **activity** rural microenterprise ¹activity¹ to occur on the land.

27 b. The committee, in its sole discretion, may issue a special
 28 permit pursuant to this section to the **landowner if the development**
 29 **easement is owned by the committee** owner of the premises ¹if the
 30 development easement is owned by the committee or a board. If the
 31 development easement is owned by a qualifying tax exempt
 32 nonprofit organization, the committee, in consultation with the
 33 qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organization, may issue a special
 34 permit pursuant to this section to the owner of the premises¹. The
 35 committee **and the board, in their joint discretion, may authorize**
 36 **the committee to issue a special permit pursuant to this section to**
 37 **the landowner if the** shall provide the holder of any development
 38 **easement** **is owned by a board. The committee and the qualifying**
 39 **tax exempt nonprofit organization, in their joint discretion, may**
 40 **authorize the committee to issue a special permit pursuant to this**
 41 **section to the landowner if** on the farm with a copy of the
 42 application submitted for the purposes of subsection a. of this
 43 section, and the holder of the development easement **is owned by a**

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
 not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SEG committee amendments adopted January 7, 2016.

1 qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organization】 shall have 30 days
2 after the date of receipt thereof to provide comments to the
3 committee on the application. Within 90 days after receipt of a
4 completed application, submitted for the purposes of subsection a.
5 of this section, the committee shall approve, approve with
6 conditions, or disapprove the application.

7 c. (1) There shall be ¹~~【three】~~ two¹ categories of rural
8 microenterprise activities, as follows:

9 (a) Class 1 shall include customary rural activities, which rely
10 on the equipment and aptitude historically possessed by the
11 agricultural community, ¹~~【including, but not limited to,】~~ such as¹
12 snow plowing, bed and breakfasts, bakeries, woodworking, and
13 craft-based businesses; ¹and¹

14 (b) Class 2 shall include agriculture support services, which
15 have a direct and positive impact on agriculture by supplying
16 needed equipment, supplies, and services to the surrounding
17 agricultural community, ¹~~【including, but not limited to,】~~ such as¹
18 veterinary practices, seed suppliers, and tractor or equipment repair
19 shops ¹【; and

20 (c) Class 3 shall include unrelated microenterprises, which have
21 no direct relationship with the agricultural use of the property or the
22 surrounding agricultural community, including, but not limited to,
23 dog boarding services, professional office space, and personal
24 training studios.

25 (2) Class 1 and Class 2 activities shall be preferred for
26 permitting purposes :】¹

27 d. A special permit may be issued pursuant to this section
28 provided that:

29 (1) the owner of the premises establishes, through the
30 submission of tax forms, sales receipts, or other appropriate
31 documentation, as directed by the committee, that (a) the qualifying
32 land is a commercial farm as defined pursuant to section 3 of
33 P.L.1983, c.31 (C.4:1C-3) , and (b) the owner of the premises is a
34 farmer, as defined pursuant to subsection ¹~~【i.】~~ k.¹ of this section;

35 (2) 【there is no commercial nonagricultural activity already in
36 existence on the land at the time of application for the special
37 permit or on any portion of the farm that is not subject to the
38 development easement, except that the committee may waive the
39 requirements of this paragraph, either entirely or subject to any
40 appropriate conditions, (a) if such preexisting commercial
41 nonagricultural activity is deemed to be of a minor or insignificant
42 nature or to rely principally upon farm products, as defined
43 pursuant to R.S.4:10-1, derived from the farm, or (b) for other good
44 cause shown by the applicant;】 ¹~~【the owner of the premises, or an~~
45 immediate family member thereof, is the same person who owns
46 and operates the rural microenterprise;

1 (3) **1**¹ the permit is for one **commercial nonagricultural**
2 activity **1** rural microenterprise only;

3 **1**¹**[(4)] (3)**¹ no more than one permit **1** may be **1** is valid at any one
4 time for use on the qualifying land;

5 **1**¹**[(5)] (4)**¹ the permit is for a maximum duration of 20 years
6 **1** duration;

7 **1**¹**[(6)] (5)**¹ the permit does not run with the land and may not be
8 assigned;

9 **1**¹**[(7)] (6)**¹ **1** the commercial nonagricultural activity utilizes, or
10 is supported through the occupation of, a structure or structures
11 existing on the date of enactment of this act, except that the permit
12 may authorize, subject to the requirements of paragraph (12) of this
13 subsection, an expansion of an existing structure or structures which
14 expansion does not exceed 500 square feet in footprint area in total
15 for all of the structures, provided that, for any such expansion, the
16 applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the committee that:

17 (a) the purpose or use of the expansion is necessary to the
18 operation or functioning of the commercial nonagricultural activity;

19 (b) the area of the proposed footprint of the expansion is
20 reasonably calculated based solely upon the demands of
21 accommodating the commercial nonagricultural activity and does
22 not incorporate excess space; and

23 (c) the location, design, , height, and aesthetic attributes of the
24 expansion reflect the public interest of preserving the natural and
25 unadulterated appearance of the landscape and structures;

26 (8) **1** the commercial nonagricultural activity rural
27 microenterprise does not interfere with the use of the qualifying
28 land for agricultural ¹or horticultural¹ production;

29 **1**¹**[(9)] (8)**¹ the **1** commercial nonagricultural activity rural
30 microenterprise utilizes the land and structures in their existing
31 condition **1** except as allowed otherwise pursuant to paragraph (7) of
32 this subsection **1** , and is undertaken in compliance with the use
33 restrictions prescribed by subsection e. of this section **1** , except as
34 allowed in accordance with the use restrictions prescribed in
35 subsection g. of this section¹;

36 **1**¹**[(10)] (9)**¹ the **1** commercial nonagricultural activity total area of land and structures devoted to supporting the rural
37 microenterprise does not exceed a one-acre envelope on the
38 qualifying land;

39 **1**¹**[(10)] (9)**¹ the rural microenterprise does not have an adverse
40 impact upon the soils, water resources, air quality, or other natural
41 resources of the land or the surrounding area **1** , and does not
42 involve the creation of additional parking spaces whether paved or
43 unpaved **1** ; and

44 **1**¹**[(11)] (10)**¹ the **1** commercial nonagricultural activity rural
45 microenterprise is not a high traffic volume business **1** ; and (12)
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1 any necessary local zoning and land use approvals and any other
2 applicable], and is undertaken in compliance with the parking and
3 employment restrictions prescribed by subsection ¹[f.] h.¹ of this
4 section.

5 e. ¹The owner of the premises may apply to the committee to
6 renew a permit within 10 years before the date of the scheduled
7 permit expiration. The committee shall review the renewal
8 application in accordance with the process and criteria set forth in
9 this section for the issuance of a special permit, including the
10 consultation required by subsection b. of this section.

11 f. The committee shall provide reasonable opportunity for the
12 continued operation of a rural microenterprise in the event of:

13 (1) the death, incapacitation, or retirement of the owner of the
14 premises;

15 (2) transfer of the ownership of the farm; or

16 (3) disruption of income from gross sales of agricultural or
17 horticultural products, caused by circumstances beyond the farmer's
18 control, such as crop failure.

19 g.¹ The use of land and structures for a rural microenterprise
20 activity shall be subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

21 (1) A structure that is designated in the deed of easement as
22 agricultural labor housing, or a structure that has been constructed
23 or designated as agricultural labor housing since the date of the
24 conveyance of the easement, shall not be used for the rural
25 microenterprise;

26 (2) No new ¹[buildings] structures¹ may be constructed on the
27 premises to support a rural microenterprise. Any ¹[building]
28 structure¹ constructed on the premises since the date of the
29 conveyance of the easement, and in accordance with the farmland
30 preservation deed restrictions, shall not be eligible for a special
31 permit for a rural microenterprise for a period of five years
32 following completion of its construction;

33 (3) Improvements shall not be made to the interior of a non-
34 residential structure in order to adapt it for residential use;

35 (4) ¹The entire floor area of existing residential or agricultural
36 building space may be used to support a rural microenterprise where
37 the building has not been substantially altered or finished to support
38 the microenterprise;

39 (5)¹ No more than 2,500 square feet of the interior of ¹[an]¹
40 existing residential or agricultural ¹[structure] building space¹ may
41 be substantially altered or finished to support the rural
42 microenterprise, except that, at the request of the owner of the
43 premises, the committee may allow the alteration or finishing of up
44 to 100 percent of ¹[the interior of]¹ an existing ¹[historic building
45 or] heritage farm¹ structure, provided that the owner agrees to place
46 on the structure, in a form approved by the committee, ¹[an historic
47 preservation restriction] a heritage preservation easement¹, which

1 shall be recorded against the premises, 'shall be held by the
2 committee,' and shall run with the land;

3 '[(5)] (6)' The expansion of '[an]' existing '[structure]
4 building space' shall be permitted, provided that: (a) the expansion
5 does not exceed 500 square feet in total footprint area; (b) the
6 purpose or use of the expansion is necessary to the operation or
7 functioning of the rural microenterprise; and (c) the area of the
8 proposed footprint of the expansion is reasonably calculated, based
9 solely upon the demands of accommodating the rural
10 microenterprise, and does not incorporate excess space;

11 '[(6)] (7)' Improvements to the exterior of a structure shall be
12 compatible with the agricultural character of the premises, and shall
13 not diminish the historic 'or cultural' character of the structure;

14 '[(7)] (8) Repairs may be made to the interior or exterior of a
15 building provided that they do not diminish the historic or cultural
16 character of the structure;

17 (9)' The location, design, height, and aesthetic attributes of the
18 rural microenterprise shall reflect the public interest of preserving
19 the natural and unadulterated appearance of the landscape and
20 structures;

21 '[(8)] (10)' No public utilities, including water, gas, or sewage,
22 other than those already existing and available on the qualifying
23 land, shall be permitted to be extended to the qualifying land for
24 purposes of the rural microenterprise, except that the establishment
25 of new electric service required for the rural microenterprise shall
26 be permitted; '[and

27 (9)] (11) On-site septic and well facilities may be established,
28 expanded, or improved for the purpose of supporting the rural
29 microenterprise provided such facilities are contained within the
30 one-acre envelope provided for in paragraph (8) of subsection d. of
31 this section; and

32 (12)' No more than a combined total of 5,000 square feet of land
33 may be utilized for the '[establishment, expansion, or improvement
34 of wastewater or water supply facilities, or for the] outside' storage
35 of equipment, vehicles, supplies, products, or by-products, in
36 association with the microenterprise. Any improvements to the land
37 '[, which] that' are undertaken for the purposes described in this
38 paragraph '[.] or paragraph (11) of this subsection' shall be limited
39 to those that are necessary either to protect public health and safety
40 or to minimize disturbance of the premises and its soil and water
41 resources.

42 '[f.] h.' Parking and employment at a rural microenterprise shall
43 be subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

44 (1) The area dedicated to 'customer' parking shall not exceed
45 2,000 square feet or provide for more than 10 parking spaces;

1 (2) ¹Each parking space shall not exceed 10 feet by 20 feet in
 2 size;

3 (3) ¹Improvements to the parking area shall be limited to those
 4 ¹improvements¹ that are required to protect public health and safety
 5 or minimize the disturbance of soil and water resources on the
 6 premises;

7 ¹(3) The number of parking spaces shall be sufficient to
 8 accommodate visitors to the rural microenterprise under normal
 9 conditions; and¹

10 (4) At peak operational periods, the maximum number of
 11 employees or workers ¹who are¹ associated with the rural
 12 microenterprise ¹and work on the premises¹ shall not exceed four
 13 full-time employees, or the equivalent, in addition to the owner or
 14 operator ¹; and

15 (5) the number of employees and visitors to the rural
 16 microenterprise, and the volume and frequency of deliveries and
 17 truck and other vehicle traffic associated therewith shall not, at any
 18 time, exceed the number of designated parking spaces on the
 19 qualifying land, or create a nuisance for neighboring properties or
 20 the municipality¹.

21 ¹[g.] i. Committee approval of a special permit for a rural
 22 microenterprise activity pursuant to this section shall not relieve the
 23 applicant from obtaining all other permits, approvals , or
 24 authorizations that may be required by federal, State, or local law,
 25 rule, regulation, or ordinance [are obtained for the commercial
 26 nonagricultural activity.

27 d. In addition to those factors enumerated under subsection c.
 28 of this section, the committee, in evaluating an application for a
 29 special permit, shall also consider such additional factors as traffic
 30 generated and the number of employees required by the proposed
 31 commercial nonagricultural activity so as to limit to the maximum
 32 extent possible the intensity of the activity and its impact on the
 33 land and the surrounding area].

34 ¹[h.] j. (1) A rural microenterprise shall not be considered to
 35 be an agricultural use as defined in subsection b. of section 3 of
 36 P.L.1983, c.32 (C.4:1C-13).

37 (2) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as providing a
 38 rural microenterprise with protection under section 6 of the “Right
 39 to Farm Act,” P.L.1983, c.31 (C.4:1C-9) if that rural
 40 microenterprise is not otherwise eligible for such protection.

41 [e.] ¹[i.] k. For the purposes of this section:

42 ["Commercial nonagricultural activity" shall not include a
 43 personal wireless service facility as defined and regulated pursuant
 44 to section 2 of this act;]

45 “Farmer” means the owner and operator of the premises who
 46 ¹[.] :

1 (1)¹ exclusive of any income received from the rental of lands,
2 realized gross sales of at least \$2,500 for agricultural or
3 horticultural products produced on the premises during the calendar
4 year immediately preceding submission of a special permit
5 application ¹].

6 “Historic building or structure” means the same as that term is
7 defined pursuant to subsection c. of section 2 of P.L.2001, c.405
8 (C.13:8C-40.2).

9 “Historic preservation restriction” means the same as that term is
10 defined pursuant to subsection d. of section 2 of P.L.1979, c.378
11 (C.13:8B-2).] ; and

12 (2) continues to own and operate the premises and meet that
13 income threshold every year during the term of the permit.

14 “Heritage farm structure” means a building or structure that is
15 significantly representative of New Jersey’s agrarian history or
16 culture and that has been designated as such by the committee
17 exclusively for the purposes of sections 1 and 3 of P.L.2005, c.314
18 (C.4:1C-32.1 and C.4:1C-32.3).

19 “Heritage preservation easement” means an interest in land less
20 than fee simple absolute, stated in the form of a deed restriction
21 executed by or on behalf of the owner of the land, appropriate to
22 preserving a building or structure that is significant for its value or
23 importance to New Jersey’s agrarian history or culture, and to be
24 used exclusively for the purposes of implementing sections 1 and 3
25 of P.L.2005, c.314 (C.4:1C-32.1 and C.4:1C-32.3), to limit
26 alteration in exterior form or features of such building or structure. ¹

27 ¹“Immediate family member” means a spouse, child, parent,
28 sibling, grandparent, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-
29 in-law, daughter-in-law, stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother,
30 stepsister, half brother, or half sister of the owner of the premises,
31 whether the individual is related by blood, marriage, or adoption.]¹

32 “Owner of the premises” means the person ¹or entity¹ who
33 ¹owns¹ qualifying land ¹[on the date on which a
34 development easement was conveyed to, or retained by, the
35 committee, a board, or a qualifying tax exempt nonprofit
36 organization, and who has continuously owned the qualifying land
37 since that date; or an immediate family member of such person; or,
38 in cases where such person applied for and was issued a permit for a
39 rural microenterprise, all successors in title thereto.]¹.

40 “Qualifying land” means a farm [that was preserved for farmland
41 preservation purposes] on which a development easement was
42 conveyed to, or retained by, the committee, a board, or a qualifying
43 tax exempt nonprofit organization prior to ¹January 12, 2006,¹ the
44 date of enactment of [this act under any of the laws cited in
45 subsection a. of this section] ¹[P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
46 before the Legislature as this bill)] P.L.2005, c.314 (C.4:1C-32.1 et

seq.)¹, and in accordance with the provisions of section 24 of P.L.1983, c.32 (C.4:1C-31), section 5 of P.L.1988, c.4 (C.4:1C-31.1), section 1 of P.L.1989, c.28 (C.4:1C-38), section 1 of P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1), or sections 37 through 40 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-37 through C.13:8C-40), and for which no portion of the farm was excluded from preservation in the deed of easement **from preservation; and**.

"Qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organization" **shall have the same meaning as set forth in** means the same as that term is defined pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-3).

"Rural microenterprise" means a small-scale business or activity that is fully compatible with agricultural use and production on the premises, does not, at any time, detract from, diminish, or interfere with the agricultural use of the premises, and is incidental to the agricultural use of the premises. "Rural microenterprise" shall not include a personal wireless service facility as defined and regulated pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2005, c.314 (C.4:1C-32.2).

(cf: P.L.2005, c.314, s.1)

[2.] 3.¹ Section 3 of P.L.2005, c.314 (C.4:1C-32.3) is amended to read as follows:

3. a. The application fee for a special permit authorized pursuant to **either** section 1 **or** of P.L.2005, c.314 (C.4:1C-32.1) shall be \$250. The application fee for a special permit authorized pursuant to section 2 of **this act** P.L.2005, c.314 (C.4:1C-32.2) shall be \$1,000 **;**. All application fees shall be payable to the committee regardless of whether or not a permit is issued. All proceeds from the collection of application fees by the committee pursuant to **this act** P.L.2005, c.314 (C.4:1C-32.1 et seq.) shall be utilized by the committee for farmland preservation purposes.

b. The committee may suspend or revoke a special permit issued pursuant to **either** section 1 or **section** 2 of **this act** for a violation of **P.L.2005, c.314 (C.4:1C-32.1 or C.4:1C-32.2)** if the permittee violates any term or condition of the permit, or any provision of the **respective** applicable statutory section.

c. **The committee shall, within 60** (1) In order to expedite the review and approval of routine applications for a special permit, which have been submitted pursuant to section 1 or 2 of P.L.2005, c.314 (C.4:1C-32.1 or C.4:1C-32.2), the committee may delegate to its executive director, by resolution, the authority to review and approve an application. The delegation of review and approval authority pursuant to this subsection shall be authorized by the committee only in those cases where (a) the committee has not received comments from the board or a qualifying nonprofit organization concerning the potential negative impacts of an application's approval, and (b) the application complies with all

1 provisions of P.L.2005, c.314 (C.4:1C-32.1 et seq.) and the rules
 2 and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

3 (2) An applicant whose application is denied by the executive
 4 director may appeal the decision to the committee.

5 (3) Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the executive
 6 director from bringing any application before the committee for
 7 review and approval, when such action is deemed by the executive
 8 director to be appropriate.

9 d. ¹["If an applicant is aggrieved by an action of the"] The¹
 10 committee ¹["], which has been undertaken"] may take action to deny
 11 an application for a special permit or to suspend or revoke a special
 12 permit issued¹ pursuant to P.L.2005, c.314 (C.4:1C-32.1 et seq.)
 13 ¹["in association with an application for, or suspension or revocation
 14 of, a special permit, the applicant may submit to the committee, a
 15 written request for a hearing on the matter, within 20 days after
 16 receipt of notice of the committee's action"] . The applicant or
 17 permittee shall be afforded the opportunity for a hearing prior to the
 18 committee taking any such action¹.

19 e. Within ¹["180 days"] two years¹ after the date of enactment
 20 of ["this act, develop guidelines for the implementation and
 21 administration of this act, including, but not limited to"] P.L. ,
 22 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the
 23 committee shall adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the
 24 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
 25 seq.), as is necessary to implement and administer the provisions of
 26 P.L.2005, c.314 (C.4:1C-32.1 et seq.), as amended by P.L. ,
 27 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill). These
 28 rules and regulations shall include, at a minimum , procedures and
 29 standards for the filing, evaluation, and approval of special permit
 30 applications, which procedures and standards shall seek to balance,
 31 as equally important concepts, the public interest in : (1) protecting
 32 farmland from further development as a means of preserving
 33 agriculture [and] ; (2) protecting ¹["historically significant
 34 agricultural"] heritage farm¹ structures and enhancing the beauty
 35 and character of the State and the local communities where
 36 farmland has been preserved [with the public interest in] ; and (3)
 37 providing support to sustain and strengthen the agricultural industry
 38 in the State.

39 [d.] f. Every two years, the committee shall prepare a report on
 40 the implementation of ["this act"] P.L.2005, c.314 (C.4:1C-32.1 et
 41 seq.), as amended by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
 42 Legislature as this bill) . The report shall include a survey and
 43 inventory of :

44 (1) all [commercial nonagricultural] rural microenterprise
 45 activities occurring [on] , and [of] all personal wireless service

1 facilities placed , on **【,】** preserved farmland in accordance with
2 **【this act】** the provisions of P.L.2005, c.314 (C.4:1C-32.1 et seq.);

3 (2) the extent to which existing structures, such as barns, sheds,
4 and silos, are used for **【those】** the purposes identified in paragraph
5 (1) of this subsection , and **【how】** the manner in which those
6 existing structures have been modified **【therefor】** to serve those
7 purposes ;

8 (3) the extent to which new structures, instead of existing
9 structures, have been erected to host personal wireless service
10 facilities , and the number and type of new structures used to
11 disguise those facilities, such as artificial trees and faux barns,
12 sheds, and silos;

13 (4) the extent to which ¹**【historically significant】** heritage farm¹
14 structures have been protected through the placement thereon of
15 ¹**【historic preservation restrictions】** heritage preservation
16 easements¹ ; and **【such】**

17 (5) any other information **【as】** the committee deems useful.

18 **【The】** Any report prepared pursuant to this subsection shall be
19 transmitted to the Governor, and, in accordance with the provisions
20 of section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the President of
21 the Senate **【,】** and the Speaker of the General Assembly, as well as
22 to the respective chairpersons of the Senate Economic Growth
23 Committee, the Senate Environment and Energy Committee, the
24 Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, and the
25 Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee , or their
26 designated successors. Copies of the report shall also be made
27 available to the public upon request and free of charge, and shall be
28 posted at a publicly-accessible location on the committee's Internet
29 website **【of the State Agriculture Development Committee.**

30 e. The committee shall adopt, pursuant to the "Administrative
31 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), any rules and
32 regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this act**【.**

33 (cf: P.L.2005, c.314, s.3)

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35 ¹**【3.】** 4.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.