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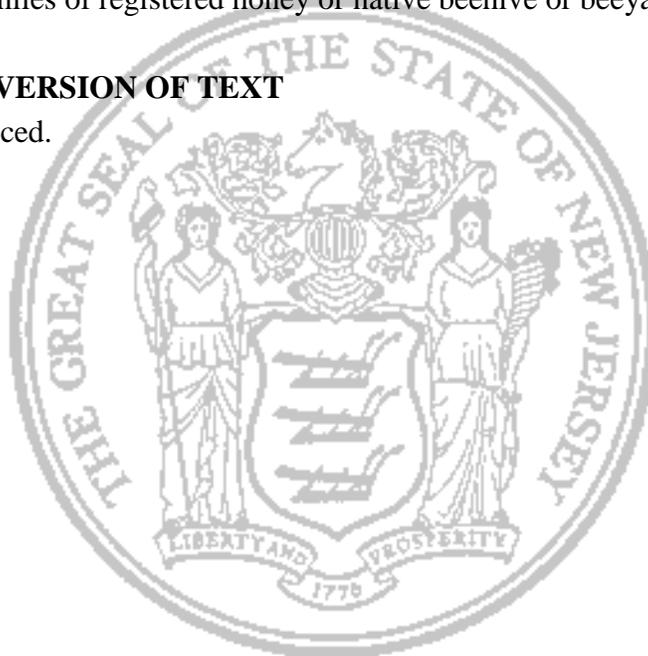
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Assemblyman Zwicker**

SYNOPSIS

Requires pesticide applicator to notify beekeeper when applying pesticide within three miles of registered honey or native beehive or beeyard.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the application of pesticide products near
2 beehives and beeyards and supplementing P.L.1971, c.176
3 (C.13:1F-1 et seq.).

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

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8 1. a. Within 180 days after the effective date of
9 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),
10 the department shall adopt, pursuant to the “Administrative
11 Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and
12 regulations: (1) permitting beekeepers to register their honey or
13 native beehives or beeyards with the department; and (2) requiring
14 pesticide applicators to notify a registered beekeeper before making
15 an outdoor application of a pesticide product that may be toxic to
16 bees within three miles of a registered honey or native beehive or
17 beeyard.

18 b. The department shall adopt, by rule or regulation, specific
19 requirements for the registration of beehives and beeyards and for
20 the notification required pursuant to this section. The department
21 may also provide for exceptions to the notification requirement.

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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26 STATEMENT

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28 This bill would direct the Department of Environmental
29 Protection (DEP) to adopt regulations: (1) permitting beekeepers to
30 register their honey or native beehives or beeyards with the DEP;
31 and (2) requiring pesticide applicators to notify a registered
32 beekeeper before applying a pesticide product that may be toxic to
33 native bees within three miles of a registered honey or native
34 beehive or beeyard. The bill would direct the department to adopt
35 specific requirements for the registration and notification processes,
36 and authorize the department to make exceptions to the notification
37 requirement.

38 Under existing regulations, N.J.A.C.7:30-9.11, apiarists may
39 register their apiaries with the DEP, and pesticide applicators are
40 required to notify apiarists prior to applying pesticide products that
41 may be toxic to bees within three miles of a registered apiary.
42 However, the term “apiary” is generally understood only to refer to
43 honey bees. It is the intent of this legislation to codify and expand
44 the existing registration and notification regulations to native
45 beehives and beeyards.