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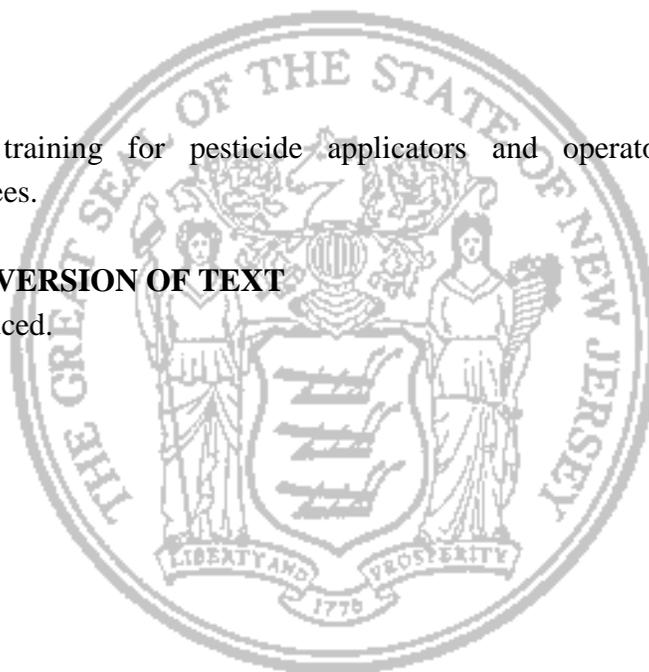
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SYNOPSIS

Requires training for pesticide applicators and operators concerning pollinating bees.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/9/2018)

1 AN ACT requiring training for pesticide applicators and operators
2 concerning pollinating bees and amending P.L.1971, c.176.

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

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7 1. Section 4 of P.L.1971, c.176 (C.13:1F-4) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 4. a. The commissioner shall have the power to formulate and
10 promulgate, amend and repeal orders, rules and regulations
11 prohibiting, conditioning and controlling the sale, purchase,
12 transportation, labeling, use and application, or any thereof, of
13 pesticides which cause or may tend to cause adverse effects on man
14 or the environment by any person within this State. State rules and
15 regulations with respect to the labeling of any pesticide, the labeling
16 of which is prescribed by Federal law and regulations, shall to the
17 extent practicable conform to the Federal requirements.

18 b. In addition to any other training and licensing requirements
19 established by the commissioner pursuant to P.L.1971, c.176
20 (C.13:1F-1 et seq.), a person seeking certification and licensing as a
21 pesticide applicator or a commercial pesticide operator shall be
22 required to complete a continuing education or training course,
23 approved by the department, concerning the impact of pesticides on
24 pollinating bees.

25 For the purposes of this subsection, “pollinating bee” means any
26 bee that causes a plant to make fruits or seeds by transferring pollen
27 from a plant anther to a plant stigma, resulting in fertilization.

28 (cf: P.L.1971, c.176, s.4)

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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35 This bill requires the Commissioner of Environmental Protection
36 to establish a basic training course for pesticide applicators and
37 operators concerning the use of pesticides with respect to
38 pollinating bees. Pollinating bees cause plants to make fruits or
39 seeds by transferring pollen from a plant anther to a plant stigma,
40 resulting in fertilization.

41 Pollinating bees are important to New Jersey’s working farms
42 producing blueberries, cranberries, tomatoes, and peppers.
43 Pollinating bees are vital to the health of diverse ecosystems,
44 because the fruits and seeds derived from bee pollination are a
45 major part of the diet of all birds and mammals, including over 30

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.

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1 percent of the foods and beverages that we consume. The benefits
2 that pollinating bees provide to New Jersey have been documented
3 through extensive research at Rutgers, the State University, and
4 other institutions of higher learning.

5 This bill would make certain that commercial pesticide
6 applicators are trained to avoid, reduce, or eliminate the impact
7 pesticides have on pollinating bee populations in New Jersey.