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SYNOPSIS

Directs Dept. of Agriculture to establish public awareness campaign for food waste.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning public awareness of food waste and
2 supplementing Title 13 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the
8 Community FoodBank of New Jersey, shall:

9 a. establish a public awareness campaign to educate the general
10 public about food waste prevention by raising awareness regarding:

11 (1) strategies to reduce wasteful shopping which may include
12 the benefits of creating a shopping list;

13 (2) the benefits of freezing meat close to the expiration date; and

14 (3) the meaning of date labels definitions such as “use by,” “sell
15 by,” and “best buy”;

16 b. take appropriate measures to encourage the reduction of food
17 waste through donating or composting leftover food; and

18 c. develop and distribute appropriate informational materials
19 regarding food waste, which may include, but need not be limited
20 to, the use of social media, television, radio, or print media.

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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25 STATEMENT

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27 This bill would require the Department of Agriculture, in
28 consultation with the Community FoodBank of New Jersey to
29 create a public awareness campaign to educate the general public on
30 food waste prevention by raising awareness regarding:

31 (1) strategies to reduce wasteful shopping which may include
32 the benefits of creating a shopping list; and

33 (2) the benefits of freezing meat close to the expiration date; and

34 (3) the meaning of date labels definitions such as “use by,” “sell
35 by,” and “best buy.”

36 The department would be required to encourage the reduction of
37 food waste through donating or composting leftover food and to
38 develop and distribute appropriate informational materials
39 regarding food waste, which may include, but need not be limited
40 to, the use of social media, television, radio, or print media.