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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on January 31, 2019, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/22/2019)

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 the
12 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 ¹**["labels"] label**¹ definitions such as “use
15 by,” “sell 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.

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 SHH committee amendments adopted January 31, 2019.