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SYNOPSIS

Directs Department of Agriculture to establish grant program for counties to study and develop methods of tick control; appropriates \$1 million.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT establishing a tick control pilot program and making an
2 appropriation.

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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. a. The Department of Agriculture shall establish a pilot
8 program to provide grants to counties in the State to develop and
9 study methods for tick control. Grants shall be awarded to
10 programs that aim to reduce the prevalence of tick-borne diseases
11 by developing tick surveillance, management, and control methods,
12 and by providing education, training, and pest management
13 recommendations.

14 b. In establishing the pilot program pursuant to this section, the
15 department shall:

16 (1) develop guidelines and procedures for the submission of
17 grant applications, and criteria for the evaluation of such
18 applications;

19 (2) establish terms and conditions for the awarding of a grant
20 under this section, and monitor grant recipients' compliance with
21 the terms and conditions; and

22 (3) require the recipient of a grant to report to the department
23 information relating to its use of grant funds and the development
24 of tick surveillance, management, and control methods under the
25 program.

26 c. No later than two years after the effective date of this act,
27 the department shall submit a written report to the Legislature
28 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1) on the
29 effectiveness of the grant program in the development of tick
30 surveillance, management, and control methods.

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32 2. There is appropriated \$1,000,000 to the Department of
33 Agriculture from the General Fund to implement the provisions of
34 this act.

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36 3. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire upon
37 the submittal by the department of the report required pursuant to
38 subsection c. of section 1 of this act.

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41 STATEMENT

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43 This bill requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a
44 pilot program that would award grants to counties and
45 municipalities that wish to study and develop methods of tick
46 control.

47 Under the bill, the department would establish the grant
48 application process as well as terms and conditions for awarding

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1 grants. Each recipient of a grant would be required to report to the
2 department on the status of its tick control program. After two
3 years, the department would be required to issue a report to the
4 Legislature about the effectiveness of the pilot program, which
5 would then expire.

6 The bill appropriates \$1 million dollars to the department to
7 administer the program and to award grants.