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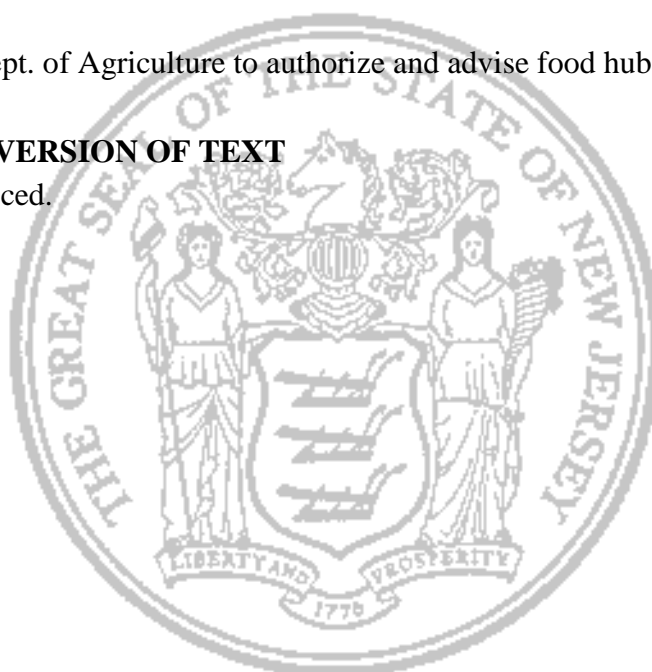
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SYNOPSIS

Directs Dept. of Agriculture to authorize and advise food hubs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the establishment of food hubs as agricultural
2 cooperatives and supplementing Title 4 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. a. The Department of Agriculture shall authorize the
8 establishment of food hubs in the State, and establish guidelines to
9 assist and support farms and farmers seeking to belong to food hubs
10 in their area of the State. The department, pursuant to the
11 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
12 seq.), shall adopt any rules and regulations necessary for the
13 establishment and operation of food hubs.

14 b. As used in this section, “food hub” means a business or
15 organization that actively manages the aggregation, distribution,
16 and marketing of source-identified food products primarily from
17 local or regional producers to strengthen their ability to satisfy
18 wholesale, retail, and institutional demand.

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill directs the Department of Agriculture to:

26 -- authorize the establishment of food hubs in the State;

27 -- establish guidelines to assist and support farms and farmers
28 seeking to belong to food hubs in their area of the State; and

29 -- adopt regulations to implement the bill.

30 The bill defines “food hub” as a business or organization that
31 actively manages the aggregation, distribution, and marketing of
32 source-identified food products primarily from local or regional
33 producers to strengthen their ability to satisfy wholesale, retail, and
34 institutional demand.