SENATE, No. 3007 **STATE OF NEW JERSEY** 218th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires annual update of comprehensive policy for managing black bear.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/16/2018)

1 AN ACT concerning the comprehensive policy for managing black 2 bear and amending P.L.1948, c.448. 3 4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. Section 30 of P.L.1948, c.448 (C.13:1B-28) is amended to 8 read as follows: 9 30. In addition to its powers and duties otherwise hereinafter 10 provided, the Fish and Game Council shall, subject to the approval of the commissioner, formulate comprehensive policies for the 11 12 protection and propagation of fish, birds, and game animals and for 13 the propagation and distribution of food fish and for the keeping up of the supply thereof in the waters of the State. 14 15 The council shall update the comprehensive policy for the 16 management of black bear on an annual basis. 17 The council shall also: Consult with and advise the commissioner and director of 18 a. 19 the Division of Fish and [Game] Wildlife with respect to the work of such division. 20 21 b. Study the activities of the Division of Fish and [Game] 22 Wildlife and hold hearings with respect thereto as it may deem 23 necessary or desirable. 24 c. Report to the Governor and the Legislature annually, and at 25 such other times as it may deem in the public interest, with respect 26 to its findings and conclusions. 27 (cf: P.L.1948, c.448, s.30) 28 29 2. This act shall take effect immediately. 30 31 32 **STATEMENT** 33 34 This bill would require the Fish and Game Council to update the 35 comprehensive policy for the management of black bear on an 36 annual basis. The updated policy would be subject to the approval 37 of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

Matter underlined <u>thus</u> is new matter.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in **bold-faced brackets** [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.