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SYNOPSIS

Adds tick control to duties of State and county mosquito control commissions.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning tick control and amending P.L.1956, c.135 and
2 chapter 9 of Title 26 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. Section 4 of P.L.1956, c.135 (C.26:9-12.6) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 4. It shall be the duty of the commission to carry on a
10 continuous study of mosquito and tick control and extermination in
11 the State, to recommend to the Governor and the Legislature, from
12 time to time, changes in legislation which in its judgment may be
13 necessary or desirable to be enacted in order to enforce and carry
14 out mosquito and tick extermination and control work throughout
15 the State, to recommend to the Legislature the amount of money
16 which in its judgment it shall deem necessary and desirable to be
17 appropriated each year by the State for mosquito and tick control
18 purposes and to allocate funds appropriated for State aid to counties
19 in the performance of such work among the various counties
20 through the New Jersey State Agricultural Experiment Station, to
21 act in an advisory capacity in all matters pertaining to mosquito and
22 tick extermination and control, and to co-operate with the agencies
23 of other **【States】** states and the **【Federal Government】** federal
24 government in the elimination of mosquito breeding areas under
25 their control.

26 (cf: P.L.1956, c.135, s.4)

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28 2. R.S.26:9-21 is amended to read as follows:

29 26:9-21. The commission shall constitute a body politic, with
30 power:

- 31 a. To sue and be sued;
32 b. To use a common seal;
33 c. To make by-laws; and
34 d. To perform all acts which in its opinion may be necessary
35 for the elimination of mosquito breeding areas, or which will tend
36 to exterminate mosquitoes and ticks within the county.

37 (cf: R.S.26:9-21)

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39 3. R.S.26:9-23 is amended to read as follows:

40 26:9-23. The board of freeholders of the county or other body
41 having control of the finances thereof, shall include annually in the
42 tax levy the amount of money needed for mosquito and tick control;
43 but in no year shall the amount so raised exceed the following
44 amounts:

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.

1 a. In counties where the assessed valuations are not more than
2 **【\$25,000,000.00】 \$25 million**, a sum not greater than one mill on
3 every dollar of assessed valuations.

4 b. In counties where the assessed valuations are not more than
5 **【\$50,000,000.00】 \$50 million**, a sum not more than one-half of one
6 mill on every dollar of assessed valuations.

7 c. In counties in which the assessed valuations are in excess of
8 **【\$50,000,000.00】 \$50 million**, a sum of not more than one-quarter
9 of one mill on every dollar of assessed valuations.

10 (cf: P.L.1977, c.366, s.2)

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12 4. R.S.26:9-26 is amended to read as follows:

13 26:9-26. Nothing in **【sections 26:9-13 to 26:9-25 of this title】**
14 **R.S.26:9-13 to R.S.26:9-25** shall be construed to alter, amend,
15 modify, or repeal the provisions of **【article 1 of this chapter (s.**
16 **26:9-1 et seq.)】 R.S.26:9-1 et seq.**, or to alter, amend, modify, or
17 repeal any law conferring upon the **【state】 State** department or local
18 boards of health any powers or duties in connection with the
19 extermination of mosquitoes or ticks, but shall be construed to be
20 supplementary thereto.

21 (cf: R.S.26:9-26)

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23 5. R.S.26:9-27 is amended to read as follows:

24 26:9-27. The board of freeholders in any county may:

25 a. Eliminate all breeding places of mosquitoes within the
26 county;

27 b. Adopt and execute such plans as in its judgment will tend to
28 exterminate mosquitoes and ticks; and

29 c. Purchase such material and equipment as may be necessary or
30 proper for said purpose.

31 (cf: R.S.26:9-27)

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33 6. R.S.26:9-28 is amended to read as follows:

34 26:9-28. When the board of freeholders of any county, by
35 resolution approved by a majority of the members of the board,
36 shall declare that it is expedient or necessary to eliminate breeding
37 places of mosquitoes or reduce the tick population within the
38 county, the board may issue bonds, in the corporate name and under
39 the corporate seal of the county, to provide moneys for such work.
40 Such bond issue shall not exceed **【three hundred thousand dollars】**
41 **\$300,000**.

42 (cf: R.S.26:9-28)

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44 7. R.S.26:9-30 is amended to read as follows:

45 26:9-30. The board of freeholders of any county in which there
46 is a county mosquito extermination commission may authorize,
47 designate, and employ such commission to submit plans and to

1 perform the work and furnish the material which, in the judgment of
2 the board, may exterminate mosquitoes or eliminate their breeding
3 places, or reduce the tick population.

4 (cf: R.S.26:9-30)

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6 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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11 This bill adds tick control to the duties of the State and country
12 mosquito control commissions.

13 Ticks, like mosquitos, are vectors for disease. Ticks are known to
14 transmit anaplasmosis, babesiosis, Lyme disease, Powassan disease,
15 and other diseases to humans. Ticks can also transmit diseases to
16 household pets.

17 New Jersey is especially conducive to ticks because of its
18 climate, its woodland, and its large agricultural sector.
19 Furthermore, New Jersey's proximity to major ports such as New
20 York City and Philadelphia make the State susceptible to invasive
21 species, such as the East Asian Tick, which was recently found in
22 Hunterdon County. East Asian ticks have been known to spread
23 severe fever with thrombocytopenia syndrome, a potentially life-
24 threatening disease.

25 Under current law, no Statewide or countywide measures are
26 authorized to control the tick population. This bill would authorize
27 the State and county mosquito control commissions to create and
28 implement tick control measures. The commissions would use their
29 existing revenue-raising powers to finance any tick control
30 measures that they deem appropriate.