

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2126**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Directs DEP to establish pollinator habitat program for closed landfills.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning pollinator habitat at closed landfills 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. a. As used in this section:

8 “Animal pollinator” means any bee, butterfly, moth, wasp, fly,  
9 beetle, ant, hummingbird, bat, or animal that is known to pollinate  
10 plants.

11 “Closed landfill” means any legacy landfill or closed sanitary  
12 landfill facility, as defined in section 1 of P.L.2013, c.69 (C.13:1E-  
13 125.1).

14 b. The Department of Environmental Protection shall within its  
15 existing budget establish a program to encourage the owner or operator  
16 of any closed landfill to transform the landfill into habitat that supports  
17 animal pollinators using native plants where possible. The department  
18 shall create guidelines and best practices for establishing and  
19 maintaining pollinator habitat on a closed landfill no later than six  
20 months after the effective date of this act.

21 c. The department shall seek and encourage corporate  
22 sponsorship and non-profit partnerships for the creation and  
23 maintenance of pollinator habitat on closed landfills.

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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28 STATEMENT

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30 This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection to  
31 establish a program that encourages the owner or operator of a closed  
32 landfill to transform the landfill into habitat that supports animal  
33 pollinators using native plants where possible. The department is also  
34 required to create guidelines and best practices for establishing and  
35 maintaining pollinator habitat on closed landfills no later than six  
36 months following the effective date of this act. Furthermore, the  
37 department is required to seek and encourage corporate sponsorship  
38 and non-profit partnerships for the creation and maintenance of  
39 pollinator habitat on closed landfills.

40 As defined in the bill, “animal pollinator” means any bee,  
41 butterfly, moth, wasp, fly, beetle, ant, hummingbird, bat, or animal that  
42 is known to pollinate plants. Further, “closed landfill” means any  
43 legacy landfill or closed sanitary landfill facility.