

[Passed Both Houses]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2588

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 12, 1996

By Assemblymen CARROLL and KELLY

1 **AN ACT** concerning the display of certain vegetation and
2 supplementing the "Uniform Fire Safety Act," P.L.1983, c.383
3 (C.52:27D-192 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule or regulation to
9 the contrary, vegetation such as but not limited to straw, hay, vines,
10 leaves, stalks, trees and moss, used in holiday displays may be
11 exhibited in commercial buildings and places of assembly used for
12 religious purposes from Thanksgiving Day through New Year's Day.
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14 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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17 STATEMENT
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19 This bill permits vegetation used in holiday displays to be exhibited
20 in commercial buildings and places of religious worship from
21 Thanksgiving Day through New Year's Day. Current regulations
22 adopted pursuant to the "Uniform Fire Safety Act," P.L.1983, c.383
23 (C. 52:27D-195 et seq.) prohibit such displays in places of assembly
24 unless the material is noncombustible or flame-resistant. In other
25 structures, such materials are prohibited for decorative purposes in
26 such quantities as to constitute a fire hazard, unless the materials are
27 flameproofed in an approved manner.
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32 Concerns display of holiday vegetation.