

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 268, *approved December 22, 1997*
Assembly No. 1140

1 AN ACT establishing a venison donation demonstration program.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
4 *of New Jersey:*

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6 1. a. The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the
7 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Secretary of
8 Agriculture and the chairman of the Fish and Game Council, shall
9 establish a venison donation demonstration program. The program
10 shall permit, under controlled conditions, the slaughter, processing,
11 distribution, and serving of venison donated by recreational hunters to
12 nonprofit charitable organizations, in accordance with guidelines
13 established by the Commissioner of Health and the State Fish and
14 Game Code established pursuant to section 32 of P.L.1948, c.448
15 (C.13:1B-30), in order to protect the health and safety of those
16 persons consuming the donated venison.

17 b. The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the
18 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Secretary of
19 Agriculture, the chairman of the Fish and Game Council, and the
20 United Bow Hunters of New Jersey, shall study the feasibility of
21 expanding the program to include venison obtained from hunters
22 licensed by the Department of Environmental Protection to participate
23 in crop depredation control activities, and shall expand the program
24 accordingly if the commissioner deems it appropriate.

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26 2. The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the
27 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Secretary of
28 Agriculture and the chairman of the Fish and Game Council, shall
29 report to the Governor and the Legislature no later than three years
30 after the effective date of this act on the results of the program,
31 accompanying that report with any recommendations concerning the
32 feasibility of establishing a permanent venison donation program and
33 including recommendations concerning the need for legislation to
34 control, restrict, or promote venison donation activities.

1 3. The Commissioner of Health shall develop guidelines, in
2 consultation with the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the
3 Secretary of Agriculture and the chairman of the Fish and Game
4 Council, to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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6 4. P.L.1993, c.355 (C.24:16B-61.1) is repealed.

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8 5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire three years
9 after the effective date.

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14 Establishes a venison donation demonstration program in DOH.