

SENATE, No. 1263

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators CIESLA, KYRILLOS, Martin, Singer, MacInnes,
McGreevey and Cafiero

1 AN ACT requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to
2 establish a natural resources inventory, supplementing Title 13 of
3 the Revised Statutes, and appropriating \$20,000.
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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. The Department of Environmental Protection, in cooperation
9 with the Division of Travel and Tourism in the Department of
10 Commerce and Economic Development, shall establish a natural
11 resources inventory, using the Geographic Information System, for the
12 purpose of encouraging ecologically based tourism and recreation in
13 New Jersey. This inventory shall contain information on New Jersey's
14 natural, historic, and recreational resources, and shall include, but need
15 not be limited to, federal, state, county and local parks, wildlife
16 management areas, hatcheries, natural areas, historic sites, state
17 forests, recreational areas, ecological and biological study sites,
18 reservoirs, marinas, boat launches, campgrounds, waterfront access
19 points, winter sports recreation areas, and national wildlife refuges.
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21 2. Within one year of the effective date of this act, the Department
22 of Environmental Protection shall publish and make available to the
23 public at all state offices a pamphlet which shall contain information
24 on the location, available facilities and activities, operating hours,
25 admission fees, parking fees, and phone numbers of the areas included
26 on the inventory established pursuant to section 1 of this act, together
27 with any maps or indexes and any other information deemed helpful to
28 facilitate the use of the areas.
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30 3. Within one year of the publication of the pamphlet completed
31 pursuant to section 2 of this act, the Department of Environmental
32 Protection shall make the information contained in the pamphlet
33 available to the public through the largest nonproprietary cooperative
34 public computer network.
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36 4. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department

1 of Environmental Protection the sum of \$20,000 to implement the
2 provisions of this act.

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4 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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9 This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection
10 (DEP), in cooperation with the Division of Travel and Tourism in the
11 Department of Commerce and Economic Development, to establish a
12 natural resources inventory, using the Geographic Information System,
13 for the purposes of promoting ecologically based tourism and
14 recreation in New Jersey. This inventory would contain information
15 on New Jersey's natural, historic, and recreational resources. This bill
16 requires DEP to publish and make available to the public at all state
17 offices, within one year of the date of enactment, a pamphlet
18 describing these resources of the State. The pamphlet would contain
19 information on the location, available facilities and activities, operating
20 hours, admission fees, parking fees, and phone numbers, together
21 with any maps or indexes and any other information deemed helpful to
22 facilitate the use of these areas.

23 This bill also requires the DEP to make the information in the
24 pamphlet available on the Internet within one year of the pamphlet's
25 publication. Lastly, this bill appropriates \$20,000 from the General
26 Fund to DEP in order to implement the bill's provisions.

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31 Requires DEP to establish natural resources inventory; appropriates
32 \$20,000.