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SYNOPSIS

Requires DEP to develop beach accessibility guidelines for persons with disabilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Human Services Committee with technical review.



1 AN ACT concerning guidelines for beach accessibility for persons
2 with disabilities, and supplementing Title 13 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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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. a. Within one year after the effective date of this act, the
9 Department of Environmental Protection shall, in consultation with the
10 Department of Human Services, develop guidelines for specific
11 facilities and accommodations necessary to provide accessibility to
12 beaches for persons with disabilities. The guidelines shall include
13 recommendations for ramps, restrooms, showers, boardwalks, surf
14 chairs, parking, and any other facilities deemed appropriate.

15 b. When developing the guidelines pursuant to subsection a. of
16 this section, the Department of Environmental Protection shall:

17 (1) consult with persons and organizations that have knowledge
18 and experience in assisting individuals with intellectual or
19 developmental disabilities. The Department of Human Services shall
20 establish a process by which such persons and organizations will be
21 informed of their ability to provide input and recommendations in
22 association with the development of beach accessibility guidelines
23 under this section; and

24 (2) consider, as appropriate, the guidelines for beach access routes
25 and facilities on federal lands, which have been adopted by the United
26 States Access Board.

27 c. Upon adoption of the guidelines pursuant to subsection a. of
28 this section, the Department of Environmental Protection shall publish
29 the guidelines on its Internet website, and distribute the guidelines to
30 every county and municipality with publicly-owned beach or
31 waterfront property.

32 d. The Department of Environmental Protection shall design a
33 uniform promotional label or sign that may be displayed by a county
34 or local government at any beach that complies with the guidelines
35 adopted pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately.