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SYNOPSIS

Requires Department of Agriculture to develop, and plant nurseries to make available to customers, brochure describing benefits of native plants.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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48 This bill would require a plant nursery to make available to its

1 customers a brochure, developed by the Department of Agriculture,
2 describing the benefits of native plant species and the problems
3 associated with invasive plant species.

4 A nursery would satisfy the requirement of this bill either by
5 making print copies of the brochure available in a conspicuous
6 location at the point of sale or by posting a sign developed by the
7 Department of Agriculture in a conspicuous location at the point of
8 sale. The sign would read, in at least 14-point font: “DO YOU
9 KNOW YOU HAVE LANDSCAPING CHOICES? Some plants,
10 although legal to buy and sell, may have negative effects on New
11 Jersey’s native wildlife and ecosystems. For more information
12 about plants that are beneficial to New Jersey wildlife and habitat,
13 as well as invasive exotic plants, please visit the New Jersey
14 Department of Agriculture’s website at (insert appropriate Internet
15 website address).”

16 The Department of Agriculture would be required to develop the
17 brochure and the sign, and make those materials available in
18 downloadable, printable format on its Internet website no later than
19 90 days after the effective date of the bill. A nursery would not be
20 required to comply with the provisions of the bill until the
21 department has published these materials on its Internet website.
22 This bill is based on substantially similar legislation in Texas.