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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

As reported by the Assembly Agriculture Committee with technical review.



1 **AN ACT** concerning public awareness of the benefits of native
2 plants and supplementing Title 4 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. a. No later than 90 days after the effective date of this act,
8 the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department
9 of Environmental Protection, shall develop, publish, and maintain
10 on its Internet website:

11 (1) a downloadable, printable brochure describing the benefits
12 of native plant species and the problems associated with invasive
13 plant species; and

14 (2) a downloadable, printable sign that contains the following
15 language in at least 14-point font: “DO YOU KNOW YOU HAVE
16 LANDSCAPING CHOICES? Some plants, although legal to buy
17 and sell, may have negative effects on New Jersey’s native wildlife
18 and ecosystems. For more information about plants that are
19 beneficial to New Jersey wildlife and habitat, as well as invasive
20 exotic plants, please visit the New Jersey Department of
21 Agriculture’s website at (insert appropriate Internet website
22 address).”

23 b. A nurseryman shall make available to each customer of the
24 nursery a copy of the brochure developed by the Department of
25 Agriculture pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection a. of this
26 section. A nurseryman may satisfy the requirement of this section
27 either by making print copies of the brochure available in a
28 conspicuous location at the nursery’s point of sale or by posting the
29 sign developed by the department pursuant to paragraph (2) of
30 subsection a. of this section in a conspicuous location at the
31 nursery’s point of sale.

32 c. A nurseryman shall not be required to comply with the
33 provisions of subsection b. of this section until the department has
34 published on its Internet website the materials required to be
35 developed pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

36 d. The department shall ensure compliance with the
37 requirements of this section upon its annual inspection of a nursery
38 pursuant to R.S.4:7-21.

39 e. As used in this section, the terms “nursery” and
40 “nurseryman” shall have the same meanings as those terms are
41 defined in R.S.4:7-15.

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43 2. This act shall take effect immediately.