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SYNOPSIS

Directs DEP to establish pollinator habitat program for closed landfills.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning pollinator habitat at closed landfills and
2 supplementing Title 13 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. As used in this section:

8 “Animal pollinator” means any bee, butterfly, moth, wasp, fly,
9 beetle, ant, hummingbird, bat, or animal that is known to pollinate
10 plants.

11 “Closed landfill” means any legacy landfill or closed sanitary
12 landfill facility, as defined in section 1 of P.L.2013, c.69 (C.13:1E-
13 125.1).

14 b. The Department of Environmental Protection shall within its
15 existing budget establish a program to encourage the owner or operator
16 of any closed landfill to transform the landfill into habitat that supports
17 animal pollinators using native plants where possible. The department
18 shall create guidelines and best practices for establishing and
19 maintaining pollinator habitat on a closed landfill no later than six
20 months after the effective date of this act.

21 c. The department shall seek and encourage corporate
22 sponsorship and non-profit partnerships for the creation and
23 maintenance of pollinator habitat on closed landfills.

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection to
31 establish a program that encourages the owner or operator of a closed
32 landfill to transform the landfill into habitat that supports animal
33 pollinators using native plants where possible. The department is also
34 required to create guidelines and best practices for establishing and
35 maintaining pollinator habitat on closed landfills no later than six
36 months following the effective date of this act. Furthermore, the
37 department is required to seek and encourage corporate sponsorship
38 and non-profit partnerships for the creation and maintenance of
39 pollinator habitat on closed landfills.

40 As defined in the bill, “animal pollinator” means any bee,
41 butterfly, moth, wasp, fly, beetle, ant, hummingbird, bat, or animal that
42 is known to pollinate plants. Further, “closed landfill” means any
43 legacy landfill or closed sanitary landfill facility.