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**SYNOPSIS**

Directs DEP to establish pollinator habitat program for closed landfills.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Agriculture Committee with technical review.



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.