

ASSEMBLY, No. 685

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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(Without Reference)

AN Act concerning natural areas, creating a natural areas council and supplementing the "Department of Conservation and Economic Development Act of 1948," approved October 25, 1948 (P. L. 1948, c. 448).

1 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New
2 Jersey:

1 1. The following terms wherever used or referred to in this act shall
2 have the following meanings unless a different meaning clearly appears from
3 the context:

4 (a) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of
5 Conservation and Economic Development or his designated representative.

6 (b) "Council" means the natural areas council established under this
7 act.

8 (c) "~~Department~~^{Department}" means the Department of Conservation and Economic
9 Development.

10 (d) "Natural areas" means areas of land or water which have retained
11 their primeval character, although not necessarily completely natural and
12 undisturbed, or having rare or vanishing species of plant and animal life
13 or having similar features of interest which are worthy of preservation for
14 the use of present and future residents of the State.

15 (e) "Section" means the natural areas section established under this
16 act.

1 2. The department is hereby vested with the responsibility of acquiring,
2 maintaining and preserving natural areas within the State as a habitat for
3 rare and vanishing species of plant and animal life so that the people of the
4 State may be assured of their right to enjoy the benefits of such areas as
5 places of natural interest and scenic beauty, as a living illustration of the
6 State's original heritage and as a place for scientific study.

1 3. There is hereby created in the department a natural areas section in
2 the Bureau of Parks and Recreation in the Division of Planning and Devel-
3 opment, the function of which shall be, under the direction of the commis-
4 sioner, to administer and enforce the provisions of this act and to perform
5 such other duties as the commissioner may direct or as may be provided by
6 law. The administrative head of the ^{section} ~~division~~ shall be appointed by the com-
7 missioner pursuant to the provisions of Title 11 of the Revised Statutes.

8 In addition to other functions, powers and duties vested in it by this and
9 any other law, the department shall, through the natural areas section:

10 (a) Make periodic State-wide surveys to determine the availability of
11 land that should be preserved as natural areas or as wild life preserves and
12 recommend an over-all program of acquisition.

13 (b) Recommend the acquisition of specific lands or interests in lands
14 which are suitable for natural areas.

15 (c) Maintain and operate lands being preserved as natural areas.

16 (d) Prepare and disseminate literature and other materials to inform
17 the public with respect to New Jersey's natural area program.

18 (e) Consult with and co-operate with conservation and naturalists groups
19 and organizations in the acquisition and maintenance of natural areas.

1 4. There shall be within this section a natural areas council which shall
2 consist of 7 members. The administrative head of the section shall serve as
3 a member, ex officio. The other 6 members shall be appointed by the Gov-
4 ernor. First appointments shall be made so that 2 members shall serve for
5 terms of 1 year from July 1, 1961; 2 members for terms of 2 years from
6 July 1, 1961; and 2 members for terms of 3 years from July 1, 1961. Subse-

7 quent appointments shall be for terms of 3 years. The appointed members
8 of the council shall be either professional naturalists or persons who have
9 a demonstrated interest in the preservation of natural lands and wild life.

10 The Governor shall fill any vacancy in the appointed membership of the
11 council for the unexpired portion of the term.

12 The members of the council shall serve without compensation. They may
13 be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incident to their duties. The council
14 shall meet at least once every 6 months and at such other times as the com-
15 missioner may determine. A meeting of the council shall be called by the
16 commissioner when requested by 3 members of the council. The administra-
17 tive head of the section shall serve as secretary of the council.

1 5. The council shall advise the commissioner in matters relating to the
2 administration of this act and shall co-operate with the section:

3 (a) In the development of rules and regulations to establish standards
4 for the acquisition, maintenance and operation of lands under the adminis-
5 tration of the section; and

6 (b) In the formation of an over-all program of land acquisition.

1 6. Lands acquired by the State pursuant to this act shall be acquired
2 by the commissioner in the name of the State. They may be acquired by
3 gift, purchase or otherwise on such terms and subject to such conditions and
4 restrictions as the commissioner, after consultation with the council, may
5 determine.

1 7. The section, with the advice of the council, shall prescribe rules and
2 regulations establishing standards for the acquisition, maintenance and op-
3 eration of lands under its administration. Such rules and regulations shall
4 be approved by the commissioner.

1 8. The commissioner may accept grants and gifts of lands, money or
2 other things of value to carry out the purpose of this act and may use such
3 grants and gifts and any sums as may be appropriated from time to time to
4 acquire lands for natural areas and to maintain and operate such lands.
5 The commissioner may expend funds in the State Recreation and Conserva-

6 tion Land Acquisition Fund, should such fund be established by law, to im-
7 plement the purpose of this act.

1 9. Insofar as possible, the section shall make use of the employees of
2 the department in carrying out the provisions of this act.

1 10. This act shall take effect immediately.

NOTATIONS

A 685 Frederick, Bateman, Hirling May 15—Creates a natural areas council in the Department of Conservation and Economic Development to acquire, maintain and preserve natural areas within the State as a habitat for rare and vanishing species of plant and animal life.

May 31—Passed in Assembly.
June 2—Passed Senate under emergency resolution.

June 3—Approved, Chapter 51.

A 686 Tanzman, Stamler, Wilson May 22—Deletes the requirement of the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance to issue a pocket card to each real estate licensee containing the name and address of the licensee.

May 31—Passed in Assembly.

June 2—Passed in Senate.

June 27—Approved, Chapter 88.

A 687 Musto, Higgins, Bateman, Hughes Panaro, Barkalow, Stiles May 15—Creates an 10 member bipartisan Election Law Revision Commission, 1 Senate and 2 citizens, 1 of whom shall be a county clerk appointed by the President of the Senate, 1 Assemblyman and 2 citizens, 1 of whom shall be a member of county board of elections appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and 4 citizens appointed by the Governor to study the statutes relating to elections; appropriates \$10,000.

May 31—Passed in Assembly.

June 2—Passed Senate under emergency resolution.

June 9—Approved, Chapter 81.

A 688 Halpin, Barkalow May 22—Designated the "Egg Marketing Act" to regulate and control the marketing of eggs.

May 22—Fed. & Interstate Rel. Com.

June 2—Reported with com. amend.

June 2—2nd reading.

Aug. 28—Passed in Assembly, amended.

Nov. 20—Received in Senate.

Nov. 20—Agric, Cons & Econ Dev Com.

A 689 Kraut May 22—Permits a person to act as his own architect on a building owned by him, to be constructed for his own and his immediate family's occupancy, and which is to be used as a dwelling for not more than one family or as a garage, barn, or accessory to such a dwelling.

May 22—Rev. & Amend. of Laws Com.

A 690 Davies May 15—Proposes a schedule of increases for motor vehicle registrations and license fees; effective July 1, 1961.

May 15—No reference; 2nd reading.

A 691 Martin May 15—Designated the "Real Property Transfer Tax Act" imposes a tax of \$1.00 for each \$100 of purchase price on conveyance of real property; appropriates \$150,000 for administration of the tax; effective July 1, 1961.

May 15—No reference; 2nd reading.

A 692 Davis May 15—Proposes an increased cigarette tax from \$0.03 to \$0.035 for each 10 cigarettes; decreases the cigarette distributors discount from 3¼% to 3% on any sale of stamps of \$100 or more; appropriates \$25,000 for the administration of the tax.

May 22—Passed Assembly under emergency resolution, amended.

May 22—Passed Senate under emergency resolution.

May 22—Approved, Chapter 28.

A 693 Davis May 15—Proposes an increase in the gasoline tax from \$0.05 to \$0.06 per gallon.

May 22—Passed Assembly under emergency resolution, amended.

May 22—Passed Senate under emergency resolution.

June 1—Approved, Chapter 37.

A 694 Davis May 15—Proposes a general increase in the transfer inheritance tax; appropriates \$250,000 for administration of the act.

May 15—No reference; 2nd reading.

A 695 Keegan, Kordja, Wegner, Biber May 22—Provides that the municipal clerk of a municipality governed by a municipal council and a municipal manager shall draw lots to determine the order in which the names of the candidates for the council shall appear upon the ballots.

May 22—State, Co. & Mun. Gov't Com.

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A 696 Davis May 15—Provides that, in counties not having a small board of freeholders, each township over 9,000 population shall have 2 members of the county freeholder board and townships under such population shall have 1 freeholder member.

May 15—No reference; 2nd reading.

A 697 D'Aloia, Stamler, Krant May 22—Authorizes the freeholders of 1st class counties to enter into a contract with the County Bar Association or any Bar Foundation and to provide funds for the defense of indigent persons charged with a crime within the county.

May 22—No reference; 2nd reading.

A 698 Minotty May 22—Provides that in counties not having a small board of freeholders, each township under 9,000 population shall have 1 member of the county freeholder board, townships between 9,000 and 17,000 population, 2 members and townships over 17,000 population, 3 members.

May 22—Rev. & Amend. of Laws Com.

A 699 Deamer, Musto May 22—Validates the sale of any State land by any State official notwithstanding that the prescribed notice wasn't published by the time of the sale, provided the notice was published in Trenton at least 5 weeks preceding the time of the sale and 4 times in a newspaper published in the county during 3 consecutive weeks preceding the sale.

June 2—Passed in Assembly.

June 2—Passed Senate under emergency resolution.

Aug. 11—Approved, Chapter 101.

A 700 Brady, Kijewski May 22—Permits a labor organization to form a corporation, not for profit, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining health centers for members of the union and their families.

May 22—Inst, Pub Health & Welf Com.

A 701 Keegan, Kordja May 22—Requires all candidates for the Board of Commissioners of the City of Passaic to designate on their respective petitions the particular department to which each seeks election and that such designation shall appear on the election ballot.

May 22—State, Co. & Mun. Gov't Com.

A 702 Brady, Kijewski May 22—Deletes the requirement that 3 members of the board of managers of a county maternity hospital must be physicians.

June 2—Passed in Assembly.

June 2—Passed Senate under emergency resolution.

July 6—Approved, Chapter 89.

A 703 Brady, Kijewski May 22—Permits the freeholders of 1st class counties, by resolution, to authorize the establishment of a gynecologic service at the county maternity hospital for indigent or non-indigent persons in addition to the obstetrical service.

June 2—Passed in Assembly.

June 2—Passed Senate under emergency resolution.

July 6—Approved, Chapter 90.

A 704 Matthews May 22—Provides that any deductions available to persons subject to the tax imposed under "Emergency Transportation Tax Act (A 318, 1961) shall not be less than the deductions which would be available to the taxpayer in the same circumstances and under the same conditions under any income tax of any critical area State other than this State or as a result of any agreement entered into between any such critical area State and this State.

May 22—No reference; 2nd reading.

May 31—Recommitted.

May 31—Appropriations Com.

May 31—Repassed in Assembly.

May 31—2nd reading.

June 2—Com. Sub. passed in Assembly.

June 2—Passed in Senate.

June 2—Judiciary Com.