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Assembly, No. 1628 (*First Reprint*)

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2 Title 13 of the Revised Statutes.

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10 department, shall establish a program to be known as the “New  
11 Jersey Recycling Awards Program.”

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15 expansion of an existing recycling or buy-recycled program by:

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18 university;

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28 educator or individual student, whose actions have resulted in  
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**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted September 29, 2016.

1 applications for the award program. Applications shall be evaluated  
2 using performance criteria, including but not limited to: (1)  
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4 outreach; (3) coverage and replicability; (4) leadership and  
5 innovation; and (5) exceeding regulatory standards.

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7 New Jersey Recycling Awards prominently on the department's  
8 website, and shall recognize the recipients through the award of a  
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11 recipients. The department may coordinate with the Association of  
12 New Jersey Recyclers, or another recycling organization if  
13 appropriate, in recognizing the award recipients.

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15 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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20 Codifies DEP's New Jersey Recycling Awards Program to  
21 annually recognize outstanding recycling achievements.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1628

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2016 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman MARIA RODRIGUEZ-GREGG**

**District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)**

**Assemblyman JOE HOWARTH**

**District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)**

**Assemblyman JAMEL C. HOLLEY**

**District 20 (Union)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Codifies DEP's New Jersey Recycling Awards Program to annually recognize outstanding recycling achievements.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 9/16/2016)**

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#### STATEMENT

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12 This bill would require the Department of Environmental  
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21 industry; (9) source reduction and resource management programs;  
22 and (10) volunteer citizens.

23 The DEP currently offers a New Jersey Recycling Award,  
24 coordinated in conjunction with the ANJR, to recognize the  
25 outstanding recycling achievements of the 10 entities identified in  
26 the bill. Currently, the awards are presented at ANJR's annual  
27 recycling symposium and, according to the DEP website, this award  
28 program has generated positive publicity for recycling efforts in  
29 New Jersey. This bill would codify the existing awards program.

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ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT AND SOLID WASTE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1628

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

The Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1628.

This bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in coordination with the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) or another recycling organization in this State as determined by the DEP, to establish a New Jersey Recycling Awards Program to annually recognize outstanding recycling achievements made by: (1) institutions; (2) businesses; (3) retail merchants; (4) municipal, county, or State government agencies or entities; (5) recycling coordinators; (6) rising stars; (7) outstanding educators or educational programs; (8) the recycling industry; (9) source reduction and resource management programs; and (10) volunteer citizens.

The DEP currently offers a recycling award, coordinated in conjunction with the ANJR, to recognize outstanding recycling achievements in the 10 categories identified in the bill. This bill would codify the existing awards program.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2016-2017 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

# SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1628**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 9, 2017

The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 1628.

This bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in coordination with the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) or another recycling organization in this State as determined by the DEP, to establish a New Jersey Recycling Awards Program to annually recognize outstanding recycling achievements which may include those made by: (1) institutions; (2) businesses; (3) retail merchants; (4) municipal, county, or State government agencies or entities; (5) recycling coordinators; (6) rising stars; (7) outstanding educators or educational programs; (8) the recycling industry; (9) source reduction and resource management programs; and (10) volunteer citizens.

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This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2777, as amended and reported by the committee.

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 1628**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Assemblywoman RODRIGUEZ-GREGG)

ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

These floor amendments provide the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in coordination with the Association of New Jersey Recyclers or another recycling organization in this State as determined by the DEP, with flexibility in developing the awards program to be established pursuant to the bill, rather than requiring the program to recognize achievements in the 10 specific categories identified in the bill.

**SENATE, No. 2777**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**217th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 10, 2016

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator NILSA CRUZ-PEREZ**

**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Senator JEFF VAN DREW**

**District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)**

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# SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 2777**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 9, 2017

The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2777 with committee amendments.

This bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in coordination with the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) or another recycling organization in this State as determined by the DEP, to establish a New Jersey Recycling Awards Program to annually recognize outstanding recycling achievements which may include those made by: (1) institutions; (2) businesses; (3) retail merchants; (4) municipal, county, or State government agencies or entities; (5) recycling coordinators; (6) rising stars; (7) outstanding educators or educational programs; (8) the recycling industry; (9) source reduction and resource management programs; and (10) volunteer citizens.

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The committee amendment is technical in nature. As amended, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1628 (1R) which was also reported by the committee.

## Governor Chris Christie Takes Action On Pending Legislation

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Trenton, NJ – Governor Chris Christie announced that he has taken action on the following legislation:

### BILL SIGNINGS:

**S-260/ACS for A-452 (Connors, Van Drew/Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Jimenez, Vainieri Huttie, Benson, Wimberly, Gove, Rumpf)** - Requires reservation of portion of tenant vouchers under State rental assistance program for veterans

**S-793/A-4474 (Sarlo, Cunningham/Jasey)** - Prohibits president or other employee of public institution of higher education from taking final action on purchase of property unless prior notice is provided to institution's governing board and general counsel and board approves action

**S-2375/A-3961 (Sarlo, Kyrillos/Eustace, Kennedy)** - Dissolves New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory Commission and New Jersey Hall of Fame corporation and transfers their functions to Foundation for New Jersey Hall of Fame

**A-34/S-2897 (Prieto, Singleton, Benson, Wimberly, Burzichelli, Jasey, Sumter/Sarlo, T. Kean)** - Appropriates \$34,293,697 from "Building Our Future Bond Act" and provides for reallocating amount remaining from project grants not awarded, for public and private institutions of higher education

**A-1628/S-2777 (Rodriquez-Gregg, Howarth, Holley, Wimberly/Cruz-Perez, Van Drew)** - Codifies DEP's New Jersey Recycling Awards Program to annually recognize outstanding recycling achievements

**A-4295/S-2852 (Muio, Vainieri Huttie, Quijano/Sweeney, Beach)** - Concerns emergency assistance which is repaid by the recipient

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