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1988 Senate No. 1568

1 **AN ACT** concerning the promulgation of an official State list of
3 **endangered plant species, supplementing Title 13 of the**
Revised Statutes.

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

1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
9 "Endangered Plant Species List Act."

2. The Legislature finds and declares that plant species have
11 medicinal, genetic, ecological, educational and aesthetic value
to the citizens of New Jersey; that the perpetuation of many
13 plant species native to New Jersey or the United States is in
jeopardy; and that a definitive, officially recognized State list
15 of endangered plant species is needed to eliminate the confusion
resulting from various existing unofficial lists which are
17 inconsistent and is a necessary precondition to more effectively
and efficiency incorporate the preservation of our State's
19 natural diversity into government planning functions.

3. As used in this act:

21 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department
of Environmental Protection;

23 "Department" means the Department of Environmental
Protection;

25 "Endangered species" means any native plant species whose
survival in the State or the nation is in jeopardy, including, but
27 not limited to, plant species designated as listed, proposed, or
under review by the federal government as endangered or
29 threatened throughout its range in the United States pursuant to
the "Endangered Species Act of 1973," Pub. L. 93-205 (16
31 U.S.C. § 1533), any additional species known or believed to be
rare throughout its worldwide range, and any species having five
33 or fewer extant populations within the State;

35 "Plant" means any member of the Plant Kingdom, including
all roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruits, seeds, spores,
gametophytes and other parts thereof;

1 **"Species" means any species, subspecies, or variety of plant.**

2 **4. Within one year of the effective date of this act, the**
3 **Division of Parks and Forestry in the Department of**
4 **Environmental Protection shall, on the basis of research and**
5 **investigations and other available scientific data on plant**
6 **species, and with the benefit of public comment, develop and**
7 **adopt, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.**
8 **1968, c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.), a list of plant species**
9 **occurring in the State which are endangered, either by the**
10 **destruction, drastic modification, or severe curtailment of their**
11 **habitat; their over-collection for aesthetic, commercial,**
12 **educational, recreational, or scientific purposes; the effect on**
13 **them of disease, pollution, or predation; or any other factor or**
14 **combination of factors, natural or man-made.**

15 **5. Within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made**
16 **available to the department for this purpose, the commissioner**
17 **shall direct research and investigations relating to historical**
18 **records, populations, distribution, critical habitat needs, limiting**
19 **factors, and other biological and ecological data that will aid in**
20 **determining the eligibility of a plant species for inclusion on the**
21 **endangered plant species list.**

22 **6. The commissioner may cooperate with, and accept moneys**
23 **from, the federal government, or any county or municipal**
24 **government, or from any other State or private source to carry**
25 **out this act. The commissioner may establish a separate fund**
26 **from these contributions for the support of endangered plant**
27 **species.**

28 **7. Within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made**
29 **available to the department for this purpose, the commissioner**
30 **shall develop and implement any educational or informational**
31 **programs deemed necessary to inform the public as to the status**
32 **and significance of endangered plant species in the State.**

33 **8. The department shall, within 90 days of the effective date**
34 **of this act and pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"**
35 **propose rules and regulation governing the formulation, and any**
36 **revision, of the endangered plant species list to be adopted**
37 **pursuant to section 4 of this act.**

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11 plant species occurring in the State which are endangered. Such
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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION,
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STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1568

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 13, 1988

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SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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DATED: JANUARY 28, 1988

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1988 session pending technical review. As reported the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.