

4:9-15.33a to 4:9-15.33b

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 4:9-15.33a to 4:9-15.33b (Seafood wastes--use as fertilizer--Department of Agriculture to establish R&D program)

LAWS OF: 1986

CHAPTER 80

BILL NO: A457

Sponsor(s): Muziani

Date Introduced: Pre-filed

Committee: Assembly: Economic Development and Agriculture

Senate: Natural Resources and Agriculture

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 ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, No. 457

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED FEBRUARY 3, 1986

By Assemblyman MUZIANI

AN ACT concerning the use of seafood wastes as fertilizers and supplementing chapter 9 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1 1. The department ***[shall]*** **may** adopt ***[any]*** rules and
 2 regulations it may deem appropriate concerning the preparatoin,
 3 processing or distribution of seafood wastes to be used to fertilize
 4 or otherwise improve the chemical or physical characteristics of
 5 soil.

1 2. The department may cooperate with any State or federal
 2 agency or any private organization to effectuate the purposes of
 3 this act.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

AGRICULTURE

Directs Department of Agriculture to adopt rules and regulations concerning the preparing, processing and distribution of seafood wastes to fertilize or condition soil.

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 printed in italics *thus* is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

***—Senate committee amendment adopted May 19, 1986.**

ASSEMBLY, No. 457

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel
PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1986 SESSION

By Assemblyman MUZIANI

ASSEMBLY, No. 1521

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 27, 1984

By Assemblymen MUZIANI and CHINNICI

AN ACT concerning the use of seafood wastes as fertilizer and
supplementing chapter 9 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1 1. The Department of Agriculture is directed to establish a
2 program for the research, development and use of seafood wastes
3 as agricultural fertilizers. The program shall include guidelines on
4 the preparation, processing and application of these wastes.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

It has long been known that seafood products can be processed into agricultural fertilizer. Shellfish processing wastes provide an alternate source of nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizer for farmers, and the cost is far less than customary fertilizers.

This bill directs the Department of Agriculture to establish a program for the research, development and use of seafood wastes as agricultural fertilizers.

ASSEMBLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, No. 457

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 3, 1986

This bill supplements the "New Jersey Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Act of 1970" (P. L. 1970, c. 66, C. 4:9-15.1 et seq.) to direct the Department of Agriculture to adopt appropriate rules and regulations concerning the preparing, processing and distribution of seafood wastes to fertilize or condition soil. The present law defines fertilizers and soil conditions in such a way as to exempt seafood wastes from regulation. This bill would permit department regulation of those offering seafood wastes as fertilizer or soil conditioner, whether for sale or not, without requiring the department to impose the licensing or fees which other fertilizer producers and distributors are subject to under the current law. The department would thus be able to insure that farmers receive accurate information regarding the usefulness or potential hazards of applying any particular seafood waste to fertilize or condition their soil.

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

ASSEMBLY, No. 457

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 19, 1986

The Senate Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee favorably reported Assembly Bill No. 457 with amendments.

As amended by the committee, this bill would supplement the "New Jersey Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Act of 1970" (P. L. 1970, c. 66; C. 4:9-15.1 et seq.) to allow the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules and regulations concerning the preparation, processing and distribution of seafood wastes to fertilize or condition soil. Current law defines fertilizers and soil conditioners in such a way as to exempt seafood wastes from regulation. This bill would permit department regulation of those offering seafood waste as fertilizer or soil conditioner without requiring the department to impose the licensing or fees which other fertilizer procedures and distributors are subject to under present law.

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Release: THUR., AUG. 7, 1986

Governor Thomas H. Kean today signed the following legislation:

A-255, sponsored by Assemblyman Walter J. Kavanaugh, R-Somerset, permits townships with populations of not more than 20,000 to provide for the appointment of one or two alternate members to local boards of health. The legislation is effective immediately.

A-324, sponsored by Assemblyman Walter Kern, R-Bergen, provides that property used in the commission of a crime would not be subject to forfeiture if the owner could establish by a preponderance of the evidence that he had no knowledge of the criminal action. The legislation is effective immediately.

ACS for A-457, sponsored by Assemblyman Guy F. Muziani, D-Cape May, allows the Department of Agriculture to adopt certain rules and regulations deemed necessary concerning the preparation, processing or distribution of seafood wastes to be used as agricultural fertilizer. Research concerning the use of seafood waste as a fertilizer is currently being conducted by Cook College's Technical Center for Fisheries and Aquaculture. The legislation is effective immediately.

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A-2672Acs, sponsored by Assemblyman Robert E. Littell, provides for a uniform assessment, through the Second Injury Fund, for the funding of supplemental benefits to totally disabled and permanently disabled workers. The bill establishes a uniform procedure for financing the payment of supplemental benefits. The legislation is effective immediately.

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