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"Christie signs bills to boost aquaculture, fight poaching – Christie signs bills on aquaculture, poaching – New Jersey set to share information on hunting, fishing violations," Press of Atlantic City, January 10, 2017

OTHER:

Task force meeting of 1st Legislative District Economic Development Task Force : the Task Force will take testimony from invited guests concerning the state of the aquaculture industry in the region [August 27, 2015, Wildwood, New Jersey] / hearing recorded and transcribed by the Office of Legislative Services, Public Information Office, Hearing Unit.

by New Jersey. Legislature. First Legislative District Economic Development Task Force, author.

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P.L.2016, CHAPTER 95, *approved January 9, 2017*
Assembly, No. 793 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning State and federal permits for aquaculture
2 projects, and supplementing P.L.1997, c.236 (C.4:27-1 et seq.).
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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. The Secretary of Agriculture and the Commissioner of
8 Environmental Protection shall seek to establish with the United
9 States Army Corps of Engineers a joint application process for
10 aquaculture projects that require both State and federal permits,
11 licenses, or approvals to ¹**[facilitate]** consider requests for¹
12 approvals for aquaculture projects in the State. Each year for the
13 first three years after the date of enactment of P.L. , c. (C.)
14 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the Secretary of
15 Agriculture shall prepare and submit, pursuant to section 2 of
16 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature a report on the
17 progress made toward establishing and implementing this
18 cooperative effort.
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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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26 Requires Dept. of Agriculture and DEP to work with US Army
27 Corps of Engineers to establish joint permit application process for
aquaculture projects.

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:

¹Senate floor amendments adopted November 14, 2016.

ASSEMBLY, No. 793

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

217th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2016 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman BOB ANDRZEJCZAK

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

Assemblyman R. BRUCE LAND

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

SYNOPSIS

Requires Dept. of Agriculture and DEP to work with US Army Corps of Engineers to establish joint permit application process for aquaculture projects.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/5/2016)

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29 aquaculture projects in the State. The bill also provides that for
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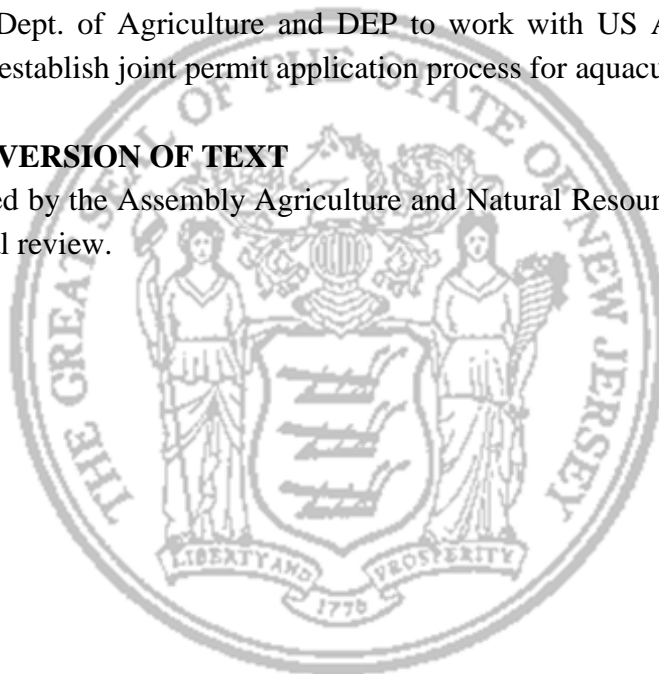
Assemblyman Rumpf, Assemblywoman Gove and Senator Cruz-Perez

SYNOPSIS

Requires Dept. of Agriculture and DEP to work with US Army Corps of Engineers to establish joint permit application process for aquaculture projects.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee with technical review.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/21/2016)

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 793
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
217th LEGISLATURE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires Dept. of Agriculture and DEP to work with US Army Corps of Engineers to establish joint permit application process for aquaculture projects.
- Type of Impact:** Potential recurring expenditure impact on State General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Agriculture and Department of Environmental Protection.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Potential State Cost Impact	Minimal – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) determines that this bill may have a minimal recurring effect on Department of Agriculture and Department of Environmental Protection administrative costs.
- If the United States Army Corps of Engineers agrees to establish a joint State-federal permit application process for aquaculture projects, the OLS determines that there may be a one-time State cost increase from developing the joint permit application process; however, streamlining the application process may reduce recurring administrative costs.
- The OLS also notes that the bill will not establish a joint State-federal permit application process if the United States Army Corps of Engineers chooses not to participate. If that were the case, then there would be no fiscal impact.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 793 of 2016 requires the Secretary of Agriculture and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to seek to establish with the United States Army Corps of Engineers a joint application process for aquaculture projects that require both State and federal permits, licenses, or approvals to facilitate approvals for aquaculture projects in the State. The bill also requires, for each year for the first three years after the date of enactment of this bill, the

Secretary of Agriculture to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on the progress made toward establishing and implementing this cooperative effort.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS determines that this bill may have a minimal recurring effect on Department of Agriculture and Department of Environmental Protection administrative costs.

If the United States Army Corps of Engineers agrees to establish a joint State-federal permit application process for aquaculture projects, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Environmental Protection will experience a one-time workload increase from developing the joint permit application process. Depending on the departments' resource allocation policies, however, the additional workload may or may not cause a minimal one-time expenditure increase.

The ongoing operation of any joint State-federal permit application process may also affect recurring Department of Agriculture and Department of Environmental Protection administrative costs. Although it is conceivable that the streamlining of the application process may reduce recurring administrative costs, the OLS cannot anticipate the operational responses of the departments to any application process revisions.

The OLS also notes that if the United States Army Corps of Engineers chooses not to participate, then no joint State-federal permit application process would be established, and therefore there would be no fiscal impact.

The bill also requires, for each year for the first three years after the date of enactment of the bill, the Secretary of Agriculture to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on the progress made toward establishing and implementing this cooperative effort. The OLS anticipates that the Department of Agriculture will be able to absorb the resultant workload increase within its existing resources.

Section: Environment, Agriculture, Energy and Natural Resources

*Analyst: Neha Mehta
Assistant Fiscal Analyst*

*Approved: Frank W. Haines III
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 793

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

DATED: NOVEMBER 28, 2016

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires Dept. of Agriculture and DEP to work with US Army Corps of Engineers to establish joint permit application process for aquaculture projects.
- Type of Impact:** Potential recurring expenditure impact on State General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Agriculture and Department of Environmental Protection.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
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- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) determines that this bill may have a minimal recurring effect on Department of Agriculture and Department of Environmental Protection administrative costs.
- If the United States Army Corps of Engineers agrees to establish a joint State-federal permit application process for aquaculture projects, the OLS determines that there may be a one-time State cost increase from developing the joint permit application process; however, streamlining the application process may reduce recurring administrative costs.
- The OLS also notes that the bill will not establish a joint State-federal permit application process if the United States Army Corps of Engineers chooses not to participate. If that were the case, then there would be no fiscal impact.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 793 (1R) of 2016 requires the Secretary of Agriculture and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to seek to establish with the United States Army

Corps of Engineers a joint application process for aquaculture projects that require both State and federal permits, licenses, or approvals to consider requests for approvals for aquaculture projects in the State. The bill also requires, for each year for the first three years after the date of enactment of this bill, the Secretary of Agriculture to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on the progress made toward establishing and implementing this cooperative effort.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS determines that this bill may have a minimal recurring effect on Department of Agriculture and Department of Environmental Protection administrative costs.

If the United States Army Corps of Engineers agrees to establish a joint State-federal permit application process for aquaculture projects, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Environmental Protection will experience a one-time workload increase from developing the joint permit application process. Depending on the departments' resource allocation policies, however, the additional workload may or may not cause a minimal one-time expenditure increase.

The ongoing operation of any joint State-federal permit application process may also affect recurring Department of Agriculture and Department of Environmental Protection administrative costs. Although it is conceivable that the streamlining of the application process may reduce recurring administrative costs, the OLS cannot anticipate the operational responses of the departments to any application process revisions.

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The bill also requires, for each year for the first three years after the date of enactment of the bill, the Secretary of Agriculture to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on the progress made toward establishing and implementing this cooperative effort. The OLS anticipates that the Department of Agriculture will be able to absorb the resultant workload increase within its existing resources.

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ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 793

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 8, 2016

The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 793.

This bill requires the Secretary of Agriculture and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to seek to establish with the United States Army Corps of Engineers a joint application process for aquaculture projects that require both State and federal permits, licenses, or approvals to facilitate approvals for aquaculture projects in the State. The bill also requires, for each year for the first three years after the date of enactment of this bill into law, the Secretary of Agriculture to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on the progress made toward establishing and implementing this cooperative effort.

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.

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 793

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator VAN DREW)

ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 14, 2016

This floor amendment provides that the joint application process established by the bill allows the Secretary of Agriculture, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to consider requests for approvals for aquaculture projects in the State rather than to facilitate their approvals.

SENATE, No. 316

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2016 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator JEFF VAN DREW

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

Senator CHRISTOPHER J. CONNORS

District 9 (Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Cruz-Perez

SYNOPSIS

Requires Dept. of Agriculture and DEP to work with US Army Corps of Engineers to establish joint permit application process for aquaculture projects.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/24/2016)

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31 bill into law, the Secretary of Agriculture is required to prepare and
32 submit to the Legislature a report on the progress made toward
33 establishing and implementing this cooperative effort.

SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 316

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

The Senate Economic Growth Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 316.

As amended and reported, this bill requires the Secretary of Agriculture and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to seek to establish with the United States Army Corps of Engineers a joint application process for aquaculture projects requiring both State and federal permits, licenses, or approvals, in order to consider requests for approvals for aquaculture projects in the State. The bill also provides that annually, for the first three years after the date of the bill's enactment, the Secretary of Agriculture is required to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on the progress made toward establishing and implementing this cooperative effort.

The committee amended the bill to provide that the joint application process established by the bill is for the purpose of these agencies to consider requests for approvals for aquaculture projects in the State rather than to facilitate their approvals.

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.

Governor Chris Christie Signs Legislation Enhancing Protections For Domestic Violence Survivors

Monday, January 9, 2017 Tags: [Bill Action](#)



Trenton, NJ - Governor Chris Christie today signed legislation to enhance protections for survivors of domestic violence.

This new law will deter domestic violence, partly by increasing criminal penalties for offences including maximums for repeat offenders, as urged in Governor Christie's conditional vetoes of earlier versions of this legislation.

"This new law will help prevent domestic violence in New Jersey by enhancing criminal penalties and ensuring immediate compliance with stronger protective orders," Governor Christie said. "Survivors of domestic violence will be safer than ever before. I am proud we came together to enact this model legislation that is much more than just symbolic and is real reform that fulfills our primary responsibility of improving public safety in New Jersey."

This new law reinforces existing laws by creating a more in-depth process to ensure domestic violence offenders' firearms, identification cards and permits are confiscated as required while they are subject to restraining orders. It forces offenders to immediately upon sentencing – rather than after several days – arrange for the surrender of their firearms, identification cards and permits to a law enforcement officer. It also requires an order for a temporary or final restraining order to include notice to the defendant of the penalties for a violation of any provision of the order, including but not limited to the penalties for contempt of court and unlawful possession of a firearm or other weapon.

In addition to signing S-2483/A-4126 (Weinberg, Beck/Mosquera, Greenwald, Downey, Houghtaling, Munoz, Sumter, Benson, Lampitt, Wimberly) into law, the Governor also took action today on the following legislation:

BILL SIGNINGS:

S-909/A-2688 (Rice/Spencer, Pintor Marin) - Exempts person who remediates property in environmental opportunity zone from remediation funding source requirement

S-976/A-2332 (Gordon, Beck/Benson, Downey, Eustace) - Requires Public Health Council to promulgate rules and regulations for use of quality control programs in bio-analytical and clinical laboratories

S-981/A-2375 (Smith, Bateman, Greenstein/McKeon, Gusciora, Spencer) - Revises "Electronic Waste Management Act"

S-1489/A-1465 (Cruz-Perez, Cunningham/Lampitt, Mosquera, Wimberly, Downey, McKnight) - Ensures equal rights and opportunities for pregnant students in institutions of higher education

S-2098/A-3549 (Sacco, Pennacchio/Johnson, Zwicker, Wisniewski, Benson) - Exempts hydrogen fuel cell-powered vehicles from certain labeling requirements

S-2463/A-3892 (Vitale, Rice, Allen/Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, Mukherji) - Changes the time when child placement review hearings are initiated from 45 days to 60 days

S-2526/A-4105 (Diegnan, Thompson/Dancer, DeCroce, Clifton, Pinkin, Mukherji) - Designates portion of Interstate Highway Route 195 in Upper Freehold Township as "State Trooper Anthony A. Raspa Memorial Highway"

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S-2601/A-4207 (Pou, Beck/Vainieri Huttie, Holley, Downey, Mukherji, Muoio, Jasey) - Modifies scope of "Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act of 2015" and enforcement of protective orders under that act

S-2708/A-4064 (Codey/Jasey, McKeon, Mukherji) - Authorizes State Treasurer to convey surplus real property known as Millburn Regional Day School in Millburn Township, Essex County, to Millburn Township Board of Education or to Millburn Township for \$3,550,000

SJR-29/AJR-58 (Weinberg/Vainieri Huttie, Jasey, Jones, McKnight, Phoebus, Wimberly) - Designates one night in November of each year as a "Night of Conversation" about drug and alcohol addiction

A-793/S-316 (Andrzejczak, Land, Taliaferro/Van Drew, Connors) - Requires Dept. of Agriculture and DEP to work with US Army Corps of Engineers to establish joint permit application process for aquaculture projects

A-794/S-317 (Andrzejczak, Land, Taliaferro, Van Drew, Connors) - Requires Dept. of Agriculture and DEP to adopt coordinated permit application and review program for aquaculture projects

A-1424/S-1050 (Johnson, Wimberly, Sumter/Weinberg, Stack) - Authorizes Victims of Crime Compensation Office to make payment for relocation expenses of certain witnesses of crimes

A-2106/S-2351 (Mukherji, Chaparro, Holley, Jimenez, Pintor Marin, Sumter, Wimberly/Ruiz, Madden) - Permits homeless to receive certified copy of birth certificate without fee

A-2107/S-2350 (Mukherji, Holley, Gusciora, Pintor Marin, Wimberly/Ruiz, Madden) - Exempts homeless from fee for non-driver identification cards

A-2158/S-2241 (Coughlin, Wolfe, Holley, McKnight/Diegnan) - Authorizes use of emergency reserve fund or proceeds from bonds issued by EDA to finance school security improvements

A-2763/S-1933 (Mazzeo, Mosquera, Mukherji, Andrzejczak, Land, Houghtaling/Sweeney, Stack) - Enters NJ in Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

A-3534/S-2086 (A.M. Bucco, Singleton, Webber, Benson, Moriarty/A.R. Bucco, Van Drew) - Permits authorities and local units operating water supply or sewerage facilities to waive, reduce, or defer sewerage and water service fees for deployed military personnel

BILLS VETOED:

S-790/A-3256 (Sarlo, O'Toole/Lagana, Benson, Sumter) – CONDITIONAL - Requires Police Training Commission to develop accelerated training course for certain county corrections officers

A-312/S-2557 (Singleton, Lampitt, Quijano, Pintor Marin, Wimberly, Downey/Cruz-Perez, Stack) – CONDITIONAL - Requires Division of Local Government Services to include certain property tax information on division's web page

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