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SENATE, No. 1263

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 30, 1996

By Senators CIESLA, KYRILLOS, Martin, Singer, MacInnes,  
McGreevey, Cafiero and Bennett

1 AN ACT requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to  
2 establish a natural resources inventory, supplementing Title 13 of  
3 the Revised Statutes, and appropriating \$20,000.

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

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8 1. The Department of Environmental Protection, in cooperation  
9 with the Division of Travel and Tourism in the Department of  
10 Commerce and Economic Development, <sup>1</sup>and in consultation with the  
11 Pinelands Commission as it affects the pinelands area designated  
12 pursuant to section 10 of P.L. 1979, c.111 (C.13:18A-11).<sup>1</sup> shall  
13 establish a natural resources inventory, using the Geographic  
14 Information System, for the purpose of encouraging ecologically based  
15 tourism and recreation in New Jersey. This inventory shall contain  
16 information on New Jersey's natural, historic, and recreational  
17 resources, and shall include, <sup>2</sup>to the greatest extent possible,<sup>2</sup> but  
18 need not be limited to, federal, state, county and local parks, wildlife  
19 management areas, hatcheries, natural areas, historic sites, state  
20 forests, recreational areas, ecological and biological study sites,  
21 reservoirs, marinas, boat launches, campgrounds, waterfront access  
22 points, winter sports recreation areas, and national wildlife refuges.

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24 2. Within one year of the effective date of this act, the Department  
25 of Environmental Protection shall publish and make available to the  
26 public at all state offices a pamphlet which shall contain <sup>2</sup>to the  
27 greatest extent possible,<sup>2</sup> information on the location, available  
28 facilities and activities, operating hours, admission fees, parking fees,  
29 and phone numbers of the areas included on the inventory established  
30 pursuant to section 1 of this act, together with any maps or indexes

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and 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> Senate SNR committee amendments adopted June 6, 1996.

<sup>2</sup> Senate floor amendments adopted October 24, 1996.

1 and any other information deemed helpful to facilitate the use of the  
2 areas. <sup>2</sup>The department shall annually update the information  
3 contained in the pamphlet to provide the public with the most  
4 comprehensive and current information on the resources described in  
5 section 1 of this act.<sup>2</sup>

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7 3. Within one year of the publication of the pamphlet completed  
8 pursuant to section 2 of this act, the Department of Environmental  
9 Protection shall make the information contained in the pamphlet  
10 available to the public through <sup>2</sup>**[the largest]** a widely available<sup>2</sup>  
11 nonproprietary cooperative public computer network.

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13 4. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department  
14 of Environmental Protection the sum of \$20,000 to implement the  
15 provisions of this act.

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17 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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23 Requires DEP to establish natural resources inventory; appropriates  
\$20,000.

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1263**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 6, 1996

The Senate Natural Resources and Economic Development Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No.1263 with Senate Committee amendments.

This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in cooperation with the Division of Travel and Tourism in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, to establish a natural resources inventory, using the Geographic Information System, for the purposes of promoting ecologically based tourism and recreation in New Jersey. This inventory would contain information on New Jersey's natural, historic, and recreational resources. This bill requires DEP to publish and make available to the public at all state offices, within one year of the date of enactment, a pamphlet describing these resources of the State. The pamphlet would contain information on the location, available facilities and activities, operating hours, admission fees, parking fees, and phone numbers, together with any maps or indexes and any other information deemed helpful to facilitate the use of these areas.

The bill also requires the DEP to make the information in the pamphlet available on the Internet within one year of the pamphlet's publication.

Lastly, this bill appropriates \$20,000 from the General Fund to the DEP in order to implement the bill's provisions.

The committee amended the bill to specify that the Commissioner of the DEP would consult with the Pinelands Commission to the extent that the natural resources inventory affects the pinelands area.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE TO

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 1263**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JULY 24, 1996

Senate Bill No. 1263 (1R) of 1996 requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in cooperation with the Division of Travel and Tourism in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, to establish a natural resources inventory, using the Geographic Information System, for the purposes of promoting ecologically-based tourism and recreation in New Jersey. This inventory would contain information on New Jersey's natural, historic, and recreational resources. The bill requires the DEP to publish and make available to the public at all state offices, within one year of the date of enactment, a pamphlet describing these resources. The pamphlet would contain information on the location, available facilities and activities, operating hours, admission fees, parking fees, and phone numbers, together with any maps or indexes and any other information deemed helpful to facilitate the use of these areas.

The bill also requires the DEP to make the information in the pamphlet available on the Internet within one year of the pamphlet's publication. An appropriation of \$20,000 is included in the bill to implement its provisions.

The Office of Legislative Services estimates that the bill's appropriation amount, along with existing staff and resources in the two affected State departments, will be sufficient to carry out the bill's objectives. In addition, the bill could have a positive, long-range fiscal impact on the State's economy if more revenues from ecotourism are generated as a result of the information provided to the public concerning the State's natural resources.

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.

# FISCAL NOTE TO

[Second Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 1263**

## **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 22, 1996

Senate Bill No. 1263 (2R) of 1996 requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in cooperation with the Division of Travel and Tourism in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCED), to establish a natural resources inventory, using the Geographic Information System to the greatest extent possible, for the purposes of promoting ecologically-based tourism and recreation in New Jersey. This inventory would contain information on New Jersey's natural, historic, and recreational resources. The bill requires the DEP to publish and make available to the public at all state offices, within one year of the date of enactment, a pamphlet describing these resources. The pamphlet would be updated annually and contain information on the location, available facilities and activities, operating hours, admission fees, parking fees, and phone numbers, together with any maps or indexes and any other information deemed helpful to facilitate the use of these areas.

The bill also requires the DEP to make the information in the pamphlet available on the Internet within one year of the pamphlet's publication. An appropriation of \$20,000 is included in the bill to implement its provisions.

The DCED estimates that it would incur the following costs to implement the bill:

<u>Cost Item</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Salary	\$22,000	\$5,000	\$4,000
Non-salary	<u>30,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>
Total	\$52,000	\$12,000	\$11,000

The salary estimates reflect manpower costs incurred by existing departmental personnel in carrying out the provisions of the bill. The non-salary estimates consist primarily of data processing, brochure development and distribution costs.

The Office of Legislative Services does not concur with the DCED's estimates because it appears that they are based on the assumption that the DCED, rather than the DEP, will be responsible for all or most of the brochure development and distribution costs. According to the bill, the DEP is the agency responsible for the development of the natural resources inventory only "...in cooperation with the Division of Travel and Tourism...". The bill also gives the DEP total responsibility for publishing and distributing the

subsequent pamphlet and other related information to the public.

The OLS therefore estimates that the bill's appropriation amount, along with existing staff and resources in the two affected State departments, should be sufficient to carry out the bill's objectives. It should also be noted that the bill could have a positive, long-range fiscal impact on the State's economy if more revenues from ecotourism are generated as a result of the information provided to the public concerning the State's natural resources.

This fiscal note has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.

STATEMENT TO  
[First Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 1263**

with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed By Senators CIESLA and KYRILLOS)

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 24, 1996

These amendments would diminish somewhat the requirement that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) establish an inventory of the State's natural, historic and recreational resources. The bill currently requires the DEP to include in the inventory all federal, state, county and local sites of interest as enumerated in the bill. The DEP has indicated that this information is currently not available on the Geographic Information System (GIS), and would take more than one year to accumulate. Thus, the amendments would require that the inventory of resources include, "to the greatest extent possible," the enumerated sites. The amendments also require the department to annually update the information contained in the inventory pamphlet to provide the public with the most comprehensive and up-to-date information on the resources described therein.