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SENATE: Health

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P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 268, *approved December 22, 1997*  
Assembly No. 1140

1 AN ACT establishing a venison donation demonstration program.

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4 *of New Jersey:*

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8 Agriculture and the chairman of the Fish and Game Council, shall  
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11 distribution, and serving of venison donated by recreational hunters to  
12 nonprofit charitable organizations, in accordance with guidelines  
13 established by the Commissioner of Health and the State Fish and  
14 Game Code established pursuant to section 32 of P.L.1948, c.448  
15 (C.13:1B-30), in order to protect the health and safety of those  
16 persons consuming the donated venison.

17 b. The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the  
18 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Secretary of  
19 Agriculture, the chairman of the Fish and Game Council, and the  
20 United Bow Hunters of New Jersey, shall study the feasibility of  
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22 licensed by the Department of Environmental Protection to participate  
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24 accordingly if the commissioner deems it appropriate.

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26 2. The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the  
27 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Secretary of  
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29 report to the Governor and the Legislature no later than three years  
30 after the effective date of this act on the results of the program,  
31 accompanying that report with any recommendations concerning the  
32 feasibility of establishing a permanent venison donation program and  
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34 control, restrict, or promote venison donation activities.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1140

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14       This bill establishes a three-year venison donation demonstration  
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16 conditions, the slaughter, processing, distribution, and serving of  
17 venison donated by recreational hunters to nonprofit charitable  
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19 Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the Commissioner of  
20 Environmental Protection, the Secretary of Agriculture and the  
21 chairman of the Fish and Game Council. The program will be  
22 implemented in consultation with the Department of Environmental  
23 Protection, the Department of Agriculture and the Fish and Game  
24 Council.

25       The bill is intended to provide statutory authority for an existing  
26 venison donation demonstration project and to assess the feasibility of  
27 expanding this activity as a way of assisting nonprofit organizations  
28 that provide food to indigent persons.

29       The bill repeals P.L.1993, c.355 (C.24:16B-6.1) because of  
30 difficulties in the implementation of that law. The demonstration  
31 project is a more feasible approach to making venison available to  
32 persons in need.

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ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND WASTE MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1140

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 13, 1996

The Assembly Agriculture and Waste Management Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 1140.

This bill would establish a three-year venison donation demonstration program in the Department of Health to permit, under controlled conditions, the slaughter, processing, distribution, and serving of venison donated by recreational hunters to nonprofit charitable organizations, in accordance with guidelines established by the Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Secretary of Agriculture and the chairman of the Fish and Game Council. The program will be implemented in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Agriculture and the Fish and Game Council.

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SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1140

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 12, 1997

The Senate Health Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1140.

This bill would establish a three-year venison donation demonstration program in the Department of Health and Senior Services to permit, under controlled conditions, the slaughter, processing, distribution, and serving of venison donated by recreational hunters to nonprofit charitable organizations, in accordance with guidelines established by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Secretary of Agriculture and the chairman of the Fish and Game Council. The program will be implemented in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Agriculture and the Fish and Game Council.

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This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1577 (Gormley and Zane), which the committee also reported favorably on this date.