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SENATE: Economic Growth

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P.L. 2004, CHAPTER 14, *approved May 12, 2004*
Assembly, No. 437

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2 activity related permits and supplementing Title 13 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. There is created within the Department of Environmental
9 Protection a Biotechnology Permit Acceleration Task Force. In
10 addition to the activities specifically enumerated in this section, it shall
11 be the function of the task force to develop and recommend rules and
12 regulations and to take such other actions within the department
13 designed to accelerate the commercialization of biotechnology related
14 products and services. Upon the development and recommendations
15 of rules and regulations by the task force, the Commissioner of
16 Environmental Protection shall take all appropriate action to propose
17 and adopt those rules and regulations. The development of rules and
18 regulation by the task force shall be undertaken in consultation with
19 the New Jersey Commission on Science and Technology and the New
20 Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission.

21 b. The task force shall be responsible: (1) for the development of
22 rules and regulations designed to shorten the time period for persons
23 involved in biotechnology related activities to obtain permits from the
24 department; (2) for the coordination of the review and approval of
25 permits for biotechnology related activities in various divisions within
26 the department; and (3) for the development of policies to decrease the
27 application and review costs imposed by the department on persons
28 who apply for permits for biotechnology related activities.

29 c. The task force shall be an internal working group within the
30 department consisting of employees of the department. The task force
31 shall be headed by an employee of the department of sufficient
32 education and technical expertise to perform the functions of the
33 position. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall vest in
34 the task force sufficient authority to properly manage and expedite the
35 permit approval process for biotechnology related permits. The
36 commissioner shall assign sufficient and appropriate employees to the
37 task force so as to allow the task force to perform its functions.

38 d. As used in this section "biotechnology" means the continually
39 expanding body of fundamental knowledge about the functioning of
40 biological systems from the macro level to the molecular and
41 sub-atomic levels, as well as novel products, services, technologies
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ASSEMBLY, No. 437

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2004 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ANTHONY IMPREVEDUTO

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Blee

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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STATEMENT

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The task force is specifically charged with coordinating and accelerating the review and issuance of permits for biotechnology related permit review activities and with lowering the cost of these permits.

ASSEMBLY COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 437

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 22, 2004

The Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 437.

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This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2004 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 437

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 8, 2004

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