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Senate, No. 2078

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# SENATE, No. 2078

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED APRIL 25, 2016

**Sponsored by:**

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**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman Conaway, Assemblywoman Jasey, Assemblyman  
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ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2078**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 4, 2017

The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2078.

This bill requires the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to establish a basic training course for pesticide applicators and operators concerning the use of pesticides with respect to pollinating bees. Pollinating bees cause plants to make fruits or seeds by transferring pollen from a plant anther to a plant stigma, resulting in fertilization, and pesticide applications can interfere with this process.

The bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3400, as reported by the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on December 4, 2017.



SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2078**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2078.

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 3400

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INTRODUCED MARCH 3, 2016

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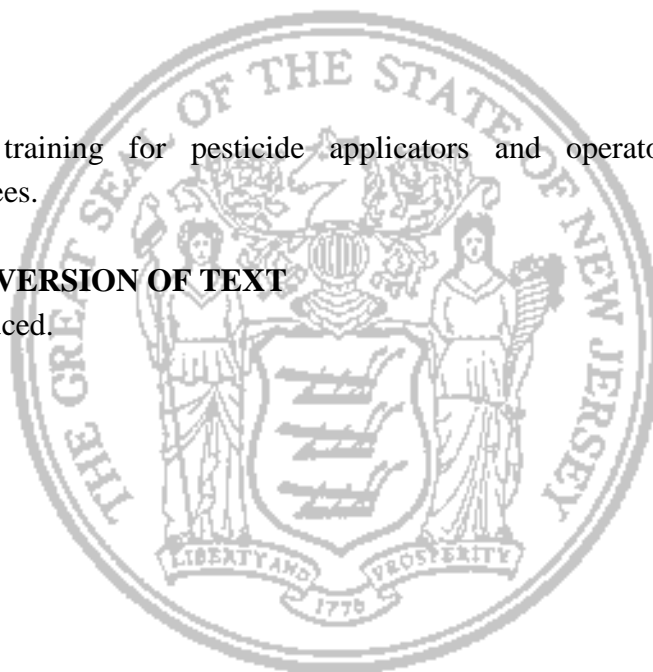
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