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P.L. 2006, CHAPTER 92, *approved August 21, 2006*
Assembly, No. 1929 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning emergency management plans ²**[for certain**
2 animals]² and amending P.L.1989, c. 222.

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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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8 read as follows:

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12 guidelines, that shall be reviewed and updated at least every two
13 years. The plan shall include provisions ², which shall be
14 developed in consultation with the Department of Agriculture,² to
15 support the needs of ²animals and² individuals with ¹**[a household**
16 **pet or]** an animal under their care, including a¹ service animal ¹,¹ in
17 a major disaster or emergency. ²In addition, the State Office of
18 Emergency Management shall take appropriate steps to educate the
19 public regarding the resources available in the event of an
20 emergency and the importance of emergency preparedness
21 planning.²

22 (cf: P.L.1989, c.222, s.18)

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30 State, county and neighboring municipalities to ensure a regional
31 coordinated response and the efficient use of resources.² These
32 plans shall include provisions², which shall be developed in
33 consultation with the Department of Agriculture,² to support the
34 needs of ²animals and² individuals with ¹**[a household pet or]** an
35 animal under their care, including a¹ service animal ¹,¹ in a major
36 disaster or emergency. Each Emergency Operations Plan shall be
37 adopted no later than one year after the State Emergency Planning
38 Guidelines have been adopted by the State Office of Emergency
39 Management and shall be evaluated at such subsequent scheduled
40 review of the State Emergency Operations Plan.

41 (cf: P.L.1989, c.222, s.19)

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHS committee amendments adopted March 9, 2006.

²Senate SLP committee amendments adopted June 8, 2006.

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2 after enactment.

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7 Requires coordination of emergency operations plans and
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ASSEMBLY, No. 1929

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

212th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOHN J. BURZICHELLI

District 3 (Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester)

Assemblywoman JOAN M. QUIGLEY

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

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District 15 (Mercer)

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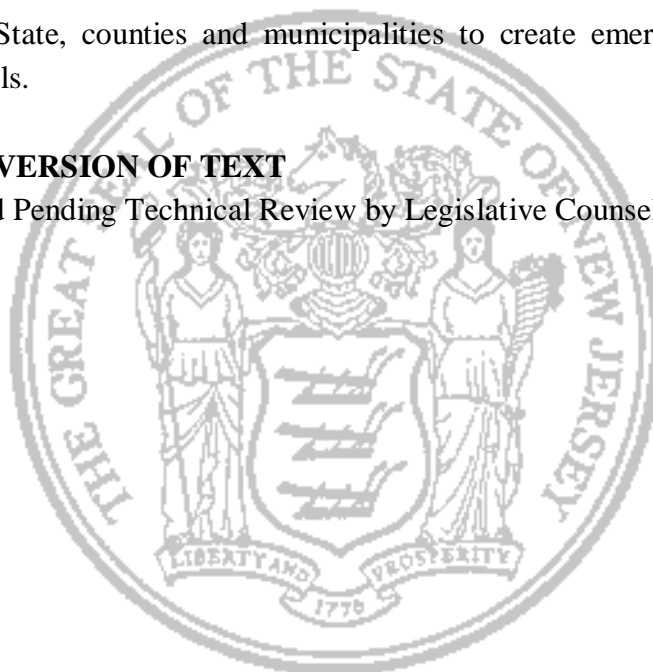
Assemblyman Scalera

SYNOPSIS

Requires State, counties and municipalities to create emergency plan for certain animals.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/10/2006)

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STATEMENT

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38 This bill requires the State Office of Emergency Management
39 and the counties and municipalities to include in their respective
40 emergency operations plans provisions to support the needs of
41 individuals with a household pet or service animal in a major
42 disaster or emergency.

43 Currently, emergency operations plans do not include household
44 pets and service animals. It is the sponsor's belief that providing for
45 household pets and service animals would both encourage

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A1929 BURZICHELLI, QUIGLEY

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- 3 crisis.

ASSEMBLY HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE
PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1929

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 9, 2006

The Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1929.

Assembly Bill No. 1929, as amended, requires the State Office of Emergency Management and the counties and municipalities to include in their respective emergency operations plans provisions to support the needs of individuals with an animal under their care, including a service animal, in a major disaster or emergency.

Currently, emergency operations plans do not include provisions addressing issues associated with pets and service animals in an emergency. It is the committee's intent that providing for household pets and service animals would both encourage individuals to evacuate when required and would spare residents the heartache of unnecessarily losing a pet or service animal during a crisis.

It is the sponsor's hope that officials developing these plans will consult with the Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, local shelters or similarly qualified groups or organizations.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2006-2007 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to clarify that the plans should include provisions to support the needs of individuals with any type of animal under their care.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND VETERANS'
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]
ASSEMBLY, No. 1929

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 8, 2006

The Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1929 (1R).

Current law requires the State Office of Emergency Management to adopt a State Operations Plan that is to be reviewed and updated at least every two years. Current law also requires each county and municipality in this State to prepare a written Emergency Operations Plan. This bill, as amended and reported by the committee, requires the State Office of Emergency Management and the counties and municipalities to include in their respective emergency operations plans provisions to support the needs of animals and individuals with a household pet or service animal in a major disaster or emergency. The amended bill further requires the State Office of Emergency Management to take appropriate steps to educate the public regarding the resources available in the event of an emergency and the importance of emergency preparedness planning.

The bill also requires the development of all such plans to be coordinated with the Emergency Operations Plans of the State, county and neighboring municipalities to ensure a regional coordinated response and the efficient use of resources.

The committee amended the bill to:

1) Require that the development of all emergency operations plans shall be coordinated with the Emergency Operations Plans of the State, county and neighboring municipalities to ensure a regional coordinated response and the efficient use of resources;

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3) Require the State Office of Emergency Management to take appropriate steps to educate the public regarding the resources available in the event of an emergency and the importance of emergency preparedness planning.

SENATE, No. 1681

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 20, 2006

Sponsored by:

Senator STEPHEN M. SWEENEY

District 3 (Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester)

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