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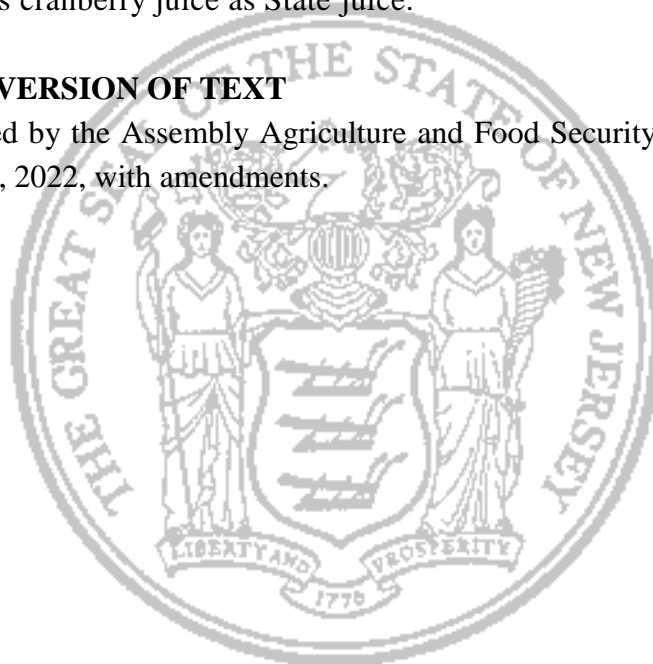
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**SYNOPSIS**

Designates cranberry juice as State juice.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Agriculture and Food Security Committee on December 12, 2022, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT designating cranberry juice as the State <sup>1</sup>**【beverage】** juice<sup>1</sup>.  
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3 **WHEREAS**, A fruit native to North America, the cranberry grows on an  
4 evergreen shrub that thrives in wet areas, such as bogs or wetlands;  
5 and  
6 **WHEREAS**, The history of cranberries predates the arrival of the first  
7 European settlers in the Western Hemisphere as cranberries were a  
8 staple of the diets of Native-Americans; and  
9 **WHEREAS**, The Lenni Lenape people from southern New Jersey  
10 harvested wild cranberries and used the fruit in a variety of  
11 remedies, foods, and drinks; and  
12 **WHEREAS**, In New Jersey, commercial cranberry farming began in  
13 1835 in a bog in Burlington County and New Jersey is now the  
14 third largest cranberry producing state in the United States; and  
15 **WHEREAS**, Records indicate that cranberries sold for as much as \$50 a  
16 barrel in the 1840s when merchants sold cranberries to sailors who  
17 consumed the fruit for its high Vitamin C content to help ward off  
18 scurvy; and  
19 **WHEREAS**, In <sup>1</sup>**【1917】** 1912<sup>1</sup>, Elizabeth Lee of New Jersey was <sup>1</sup>one  
20 of<sup>1</sup> the first <sup>1</sup>**【person】** people<sup>1</sup> to create <sup>1</sup>jellied<sup>1</sup> cranberry sauce  
21 from the berries and later joined forces with other farmers to start  
22 the company that became known as Ocean Spray, famous for its  
23 bottled cranberry juice; and  
24 **WHEREAS**, Research indicates that cranberry juice is full of nutrients  
25 that may have significant health benefits by boosting the immune  
26 system; and  
27 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey does not have a state <sup>1</sup>**【beverage】** juice<sup>1</sup> and it  
28 is fitting and proper to formally recognize the significance of  
29 cranberries to the history and culture of our State and its people by  
30 designating cranberry juice as the State <sup>1</sup>**【beverage】** juice<sup>1</sup>; now,  
31 therefore,  
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33 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
34 of New Jersey:

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36 1. Cranberry juice is designated as the State <sup>1</sup>**【beverage】**  
37 juice<sup>1</sup>.  
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39 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted and is 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>Assembly AAN committee amendments adopted December 12, 2022.