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SYNOPSIS

Requires establishment of pilot program for mosquito control activities by State Mosquito Control Commission for certain municipalities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT establishing a pilot program for mosquito control for
2 certain municipalities and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. As used in this section:

9 “Qualified municipality” means any municipality with a
10 population under 10,000 in a county of the second class with a
11 population between 300,000 and 330,000, according to the most
12 recent federal decennial census.

13 “State Mosquito Control Commission” or “commission” means
14 the State Mosquito Control Commission established pursuant to
15 section 1 of P.L.1956, c.135 (C.26:9-12.3).

16 b. The State Mosquito Control Commission shall establish a
17 five-year pilot program for mosquito control activities in any
18 qualified municipality in the State. Any qualified municipality may
19 elect to participate in the pilot program. The commission shall
20 provide oversight for mosquito control activities performed under
21 the program. The commission shall establish a partnership with a
22 qualified municipality that participates in the program and shall
23 provide technical and other assistance in developing a mosquito
24 control plan for the municipality. The commission shall, within the
25 limits of monies appropriated for such purposes, provide financial
26 assistance to a participating qualified municipality for the
27 implementation of its mosquito control plan.

28 c. The Commissioner of Health may provide for airplane
29 spraying for mosquito extermination pursuant to R.S.26:9-10 in a
30 municipality that participates in the pilot program, in accordance
31 with the health needs of the municipality.

32 d. A qualified municipality that participates in the pilot program
33 shall:

34 (1) designate a member of the governing body to oversee
35 mosquito control activities performed by the municipality;

36 (2) cooperate with the State Mosquito Control Commission by
37 providing information and performing services as requested by the
38 commission;

39 (3) develop a mosquito control plan for the work to exterminate
40 mosquitos and eliminate their breeding places within the
41 municipality, to be performed in the upcoming year;

42 (4) submit to the commission, annually, a detailed estimate of
43 the moneys required to implement the mosquito control plan for the
44 upcoming year;

45 (5) follow best management practices or other standards and
46 guidelines for mosquito control activities in the State; and

47 (6) annually prepare and submit a report to the commission,
48 pursuant to subsection e. of this section.

- 1 e. The report submitted to the commission pursuant to
2 subsection d. of this section shall include:
- 3 (1) a list of all mosquito control and extermination activities
4 performed during the year, including the location where the
5 mosquito control activity took place and the method of mosquito
6 control utilized;
- 7 (2) a description of the source reduction methods used to control
8 mosquito populations within the municipality during the previous
9 year;
- 10 (3) a description of the biological control methods used to
11 control mosquito populations within the municipality during the
12 previous year;
- 13 (4) a description of the chemical control methods used to control
14 mosquito populations within the municipality during the previous
15 year;
- 16 (5) data gathered during the previous year through the
17 surveillance of mosquito populations and an explanation of how this
18 surveillance information was used to determine the appropriate
19 method of mosquito control to be used during mosquito control
20 activities;
- 21 (6) the approximate cost of each mosquito control activity
22 carried out during the previous year; and
- 23 (7) any other information that the commission determines
24 necessary.

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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29 STATEMENT
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31 This bill would require the State Mosquito Control Commission
32 (commission) to establish a five year pilot program for mosquito
33 control activities in any qualified municipality in the State. A
34 “qualified municipality” is defined in the bill as any municipality
35 with a population under 10,000 in a county of the second class with
36 a population between 300,000 and 330,000, according to the most
37 recent federal decennial census. Any qualified municipality may
38 elect to participate in the pilot program. The commission would
39 provide oversight for mosquito control activities performed under
40 the program. The bill provides that a municipality that participates
41 in the pilot program would be required to: designate a member of
42 the governing body to oversee mosquito control activities
43 performed by the municipality; cooperate with the commission by
44 providing information and performing services as requested by the
45 commission; submit to the commission, annually, a plan for the
46 work to exterminate mosquitos and eliminate their breeding places
47 within the municipality, to be performed in the upcoming year with
48 a detailed estimate of the moneys required for mosquito control

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1 activities; follow best management practices or other standards and
2 guidelines for mosquito control activities in the State; and annually
3 prepare and submit a report to the commission. The commission
4 would be authorized, within the limits of monies appropriated for
5 such purposes, to provide financial assistance to a participating
6 qualified municipality for the implementation of its mosquito
7 control plan developed under the program.

8 The report submitted to the commission under the bill would
9 include: a list of all mosquito control and extermination activities
10 performed during the year; a description of the source reduction
11 methods used to control mosquito populations within the
12 municipality during the previous year; a description of the
13 biological and chemical control methods used during the previous
14 year; data gathered during the previous year through the
15 surveillance of mosquito populations and an explanation of how this
16 surveillance information was used to determine the appropriate
17 method of mosquito control to be used during mosquito control
18 activities; the approximate cost of each mosquito control activity
19 during the previous year; and any other information that the
20 commission determines necessary.