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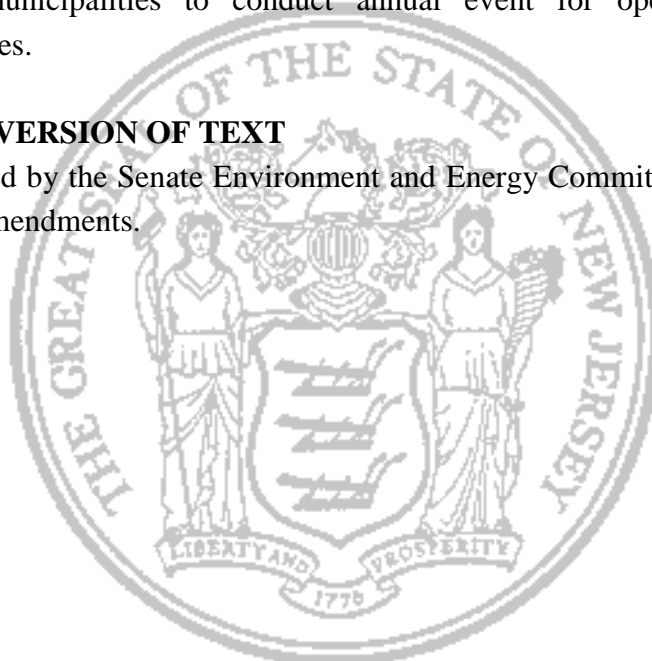
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SYNOPSIS

Allows municipalities to conduct annual event for open burning of Christmas trees.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Environment and Energy Committee on May 15, 2023, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning the open burning of Christmas trees by
2 municipalities and supplementing P.L.1954, c.212 (C.26:2C-1 et
3 seq.).

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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. Notwithstanding the provisions of the “Air Pollution Control
9 Act (1954),” P.L.1954, c.212 (C.26:2C-1 et seq.), or any rule or
10 regulation adopted pursuant thereto, to the contrary, a municipality
11 shall be permitted to conduct an event for the open burning of
12 Christmas trees once per year. ¹The municipality shall ensure that all
13 ornaments, lights, and other extraneous items are removed from the
14 trees prior to conducting the burning.¹

15 b. The Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt,
16 pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410
17 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules, regulations, and standards for the open
18 burning of Christmas trees by municipalities within the State.

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20 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:

¹Senate SEN committee amendments adopted May 15, 2023.