

SENATE, No. 3542

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:
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District 11 (Monmouth)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes spotted lanternfly control grant program in Dept. of Agriculture; appropriates \$5 million.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT establishing a grant program for spotted lanternfly control,
2 and making an appropriation.

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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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7 1. a. The Division of Plant Industry in the Department of
8 Agriculture, established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1945, c.204
9 (C.4:1-17), under the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture, shall
10 establish a program to provide grants to municipalities in the State
11 for spotted lanternfly control. Grant awards totaling an amount not
12 to exceed \$5 million shall be awarded under the program.

13 b. In establishing the grant program pursuant to this section,
14 the Division of Plant Industry shall:

15 (1) develop guidelines and procedures for the submission of
16 applications by municipalities to receive a grant from the program;

17 (2) establish criteria for a municipality to qualify for a grant
18 from the program;

19 (3) establish a system to prioritize grants to municipalities, in
20 greatest need, that: are located in spotted lanternfly quarantine
21 zones as designated by the Department of Agriculture; have
22 incurred damages caused by spotted lanternflies; have demonstrated
23 widespread infestations among buildings located within the
24 municipality; or have native vegetation that is threatened by spotted
25 lanternflies; and

26 (4) designate acceptable uses for the grants, including, but not
27 limited to: the inspection of buildings located within a municipality
28 for infestations; the use of extermination services; and the
29 engagement in remediation activities.

30 c. The Division of Plant Industry shall develop and recommend
31 to all municipalities in the State: best practices to be applied in
32 quarantine zones to prevent the spread of spotted lanternflies, and
33 best practices regarding the means and methods that are used to
34 find, control, and destroy spotted lanternflies.

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36 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division
37 of Plant Industry in the Department Agriculture the sum of \$5
38 million to be used for the purposes of providing grants to
39 municipalities pursuant to section 1 of this act.

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41 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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44 **STATEMENT**

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46 This bill would require the Division of Plant Industry in the
47 Department of Agriculture, under the direction of the Secretary of
48 Agriculture, to establish a program to provide grants to

1 municipalities in the State for spotted lanternfly control. Under the
2 program, the Division of Plant Industry would:

3 (1) develop guidelines and procedures for the submission of
4 applications by municipalities to receive a program grant;

5 (2) establish criteria for a municipality to qualify for a program
6 grant;

7 (3) establish a system to prioritize the issuance of grants to
8 municipalities, in greatest need, that: are located in spotted
9 lanternfly quarantine zones as designated by the Department of
10 Agriculture; have incurred damages caused by spotted lanternflies;
11 have demonstrated widespread infestations among buildings located
12 within the municipality; or have native vegetation that is threatened
13 by spotted lanternflies; and

14 (4) designate acceptable uses for the grants, including, but not
15 limited to: the inspection of buildings located within a municipality
16 for infestations; the use of extermination services; and the
17 engagement in remediation activities.

18 The bill appropriates \$5 million from the General Fund to be
19 used for the grant program established pursuant to the bill.