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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
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**SYNOPSIS**

Designates Common Eastern Bumble Bee as New Jersey State Native Pollinator.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 essential part of the State's pollinator communities by gathering  
2 pollen and nectar from a wide variety of flowering plants. Bumble  
3 bees are important to New Jersey's working farms as key  
4 pollinators of blueberries, cranberries, tomatoes and peppers.  
5 Pollinators are also vital to the health of diverse ecosystems,  
6 because the fruits and seeds derived from insect pollination are a  
7 major part of the diet of all birds and mammals, including over 30  
8 percent of the foods and beverages that humans consume. The  
9 benefits that native pollinators provide to New Jersey have been  
10 documented through extensive research at Rutgers, the State  
11 University, and other institutions of higher learning.