

SENATE, No. 4092

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

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District 9 (Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Prohibits enforcement of certain trapping violations in areas subject to law enforcement investigation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning trapping violations, and supplementing Title 23
2 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. The Department of Environmental Protection or any other
8 person authorized to enforce the provisions of chapter 4 of Title 23
9 of the Revised Statutes, or the State Fish and Game Code, shall not
10 issue a violation to a trapping licensee for failure to check a trap
11 within the required time period if the trap is located in an area
12 subject to a law enforcement investigation and the licensee has been
13 instructed by a federal, State, or local law enforcement agent to
14 vacate the area.

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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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21 This bill would prohibit the Department of Environmental
22 Protection or any other person authorized to enforce provisions of
23 chapter 4 of Title 23 of the Revised Statutes, or the State Fish and
24 Game Code, from issuing a violation to a trapping licensee for
25 failure to check a trap within the required time period if the trap is
26 located in an area subject to a law enforcement investigation and the
27 licensee has been instructed by a federal, State, or local law
28 enforcement agent to vacate the area. Current State Fish and Game
29 Code regulations, at N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.12(i), require that all traps set
30 or in use must be checked, tended, and maintained at least once per
31 calendar day for the trapping of semi-aquatic species in tidal areas,
32 and at least once in every 24 hours for all other trappings.