

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 2743

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

The Assembly Agriculture and Food Security Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2743 with committee amendments.

As amended by the committee, this bill would require the Department of State, in coordination with the Department of Agriculture and appropriate agricultural organizations and operations, aquaculture farming organizations and operations, and restaurant organizations and operations, to establish and promote an awards program to be known as the “New Jersey Farm-to-Table Restaurant Awards Program.” The program would annually recognize the best farms in the State, including aquaculture farms, that provide locally sourced products to restaurants, and the best restaurants in the State that offer food made with locally sourced farm products.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) clarify that the name of the awards program being established thereunder is the “New Jersey Farm-to-Table Restaurant Awards Program”;

(2) provide for the Department of State, not the Department of Agriculture, to establish and promote the awards program;

(3) clarify that awards, under the program, are to be issued to the best farms and restaurants in the State; and

(4) make technical changes to improve sentence structure, incorporate new subdivision designations, and improve clarity.