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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOH to develop mobile senior citizen assistance program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning assistance for senior citizens and supplementing
2 Title 26 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. Within 180 days following the effective date of this act, the
8 Department of Health shall develop and implement a mobile senior
9 citizen assistance program from available funds. The program shall
10 consist of the periodic deployment of staffed vehicles to locations at
11 or near nursing homes and senior citizen centers, events, gatherings,
12 and residences in this State to provide general assistance to senior
13 citizens which shall include, but shall not be limited to, assistance
14 with: completing applications, correspondence, food services, health
15 care services, Internet access and use, legal services, making
16 appointments, tax services, transportation, and the use of computers
17 and mobile devices.

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19 2. The Commissioner of Health shall adopt rules and
20 regulations, in accordance with the “Administrative Procedure Act,”
21 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as are necessary to effectuate
22 the provisions of this act.

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24 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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29 This bill requires the Department of Health (department) to
30 develop a mobile senior citizen assistance program.

31 Under the bill, the department is to develop and implement a
32 mobile senior citizen assistance program. The program is to consist
33 of the periodic deployment of staffed vehicles to locations at or near
34 nursing homes and senior citizen centers, events, gatherings, and
35 residences in this State to provide general assistance to senior citizens
36 which is to include, but is not to be limited to, assistance with:
37 completing applications, correspondence, food services, health care
38 services, Internet access and use, legal services, making
39 appointments, tax services, transportation, and the use of computers
40 and mobile devices.

41 This bill is based on the Ocean County MASH Unit— a program
42 implemented by the Ocean County Board of Commissioners to help
43 seniors in that county through the use of vehicles staffed by Ocean
44 County Senior Services.