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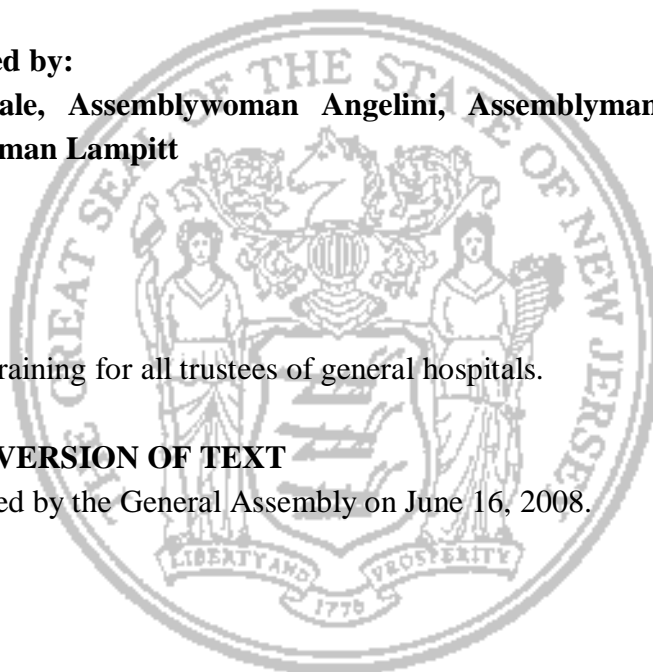
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SYNOPSIS

Requires training for all trustees of general hospitals.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on June 16, 2008.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/24/2008)

1 AN ACT concerning hospital trustees and amending P.L.2007, c.74.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
4 of New Jersey:

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6 1. Section 1 of P.L.2007, c.74 (C.26:2H-12.34) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 1. a. (1) As a condition of serving as a member of the board of
9 trustees of a general hospital licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136
10 (C.26:2H-1 et al.), a person shall be required to complete a training
11 program approved by the Commissioner of Health and Senior
12 Services that is designed to clarify the roles and duties of a hospital
13 trustee and is at least one day in length.

14 (2) The training shall be completed no later than six months
15 after the date that the person is appointed as a member of the board,
16 except that a person who is appointed as a member of a hospital
17 board of trustees on or after the date of enactment of this act but
18 prior to the effective date thereof shall complete the training no
19 later than six months after the effective date.

20 (3) A person who was appointed as a member of a hospital board
21 of trustees prior to the date of enactment of P.L.2007, c.74 shall
22 complete the training no later than ¹[24] ²[12¹] six² months after
23 the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as
24 this bill).

25 b. The commissioner shall, in consultation with the New Jersey
26 Hospital Association, the Hospital Alliance of New Jersey, and the
27 New Jersey Council of Teaching Hospitals:

28 (1) prescribe the subject matter of the training, which shall
29 include, but need not be limited to, a review of the types of
30 financial, organizational, legal, regulatory, and ethical issues that a
31 hospital trustee may be required to consider in the course of
32 discharging the trustee's governance responsibilities;

33 (2) arrange for, or specify, the entity or entities to provide the
34 training;

35 (3) specify the timeframe within which the training is to be
36 completed;

37 (4) certify completion of the training for each trustee upon
38 receipt of documentation thereof, as provided on a form and in a
39 manner prescribed by the commissioner, or otherwise arrange for
40 certification by the training entity; and

41 (5) take such other actions as the commissioner determines
42 appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this act.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SHH committee amendments adopted May 15, 2008.

²Assembly floor amendments adopted June 16, 2008.

1 【c. The provisions of this act shall apply only to those persons
2 who are appointed to serve as a member of a hospital board of
3 trustees on or after the date of enactment of this act.】

4 (cf: P.L.2007, c.74, s.1)

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6 2. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, pursuant
7 to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
8 1 et seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the
9 purposes of this act.

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11 3. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after enactment,
12 but the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services may take such
13 anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as shall be
14 necessary for the implementation of this act.