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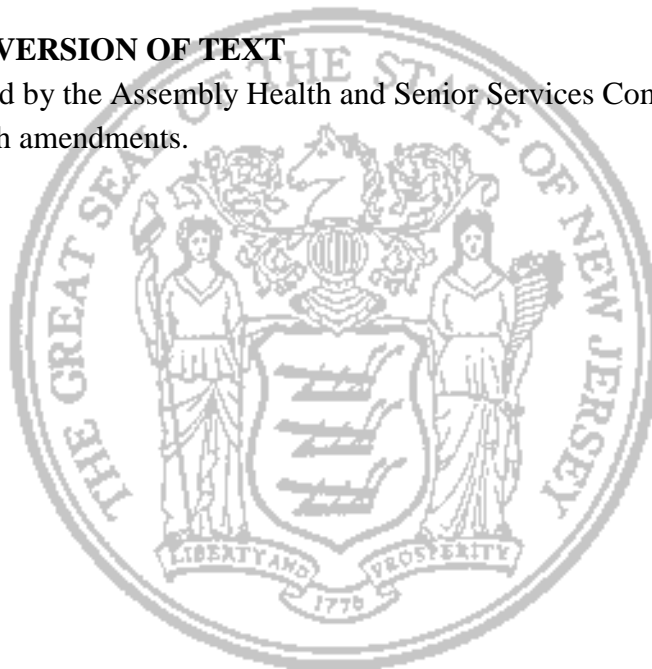
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes public awareness campaign to promote early conversations about advance care planning and end-of-life care.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee on May 13, 2019, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/17/2019)

1 AN ACT establishing an end-of-life care public awareness campaign
2 and supplementing 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. a. The Commissioner of Health shall establish a public
8 awareness campaign to foster community-wide discussions and to
9 promote early conversations about advance care planning and
10 patient preferences to improve decision-making in relation to end-
11 of-life care.

12 b. The commissioner, in establishing the public awareness
13 campaign, shall develop outreach efforts and provide information
14 and educational materials to the general public on various end-of-
15 life care topics including, but not limited to:

16 (1) how to effectively conduct advance care planning
17 conversations with family members, friends, caregivers, healthcare
18 providers, and other individuals involved in a patient's care,
19 regarding personal goals, preferences, and the type of care desired
20 ¹**[at the end-of-life]** during the final stages of the patient's life¹ ;

21 (2) how community leaders and members can appropriately, and
22 in an ethnically, culturally, and linguistically sensitive way,
23 facilitate community-wide discussions regarding advance care
24 planning and end-of-life care;

25 (3) definitions, procedures, and other information related to
26 advance directives, established pursuant to P.L.1991, c.201
27 (C.26:2H-53 et seq.);

28 (4) the differences between the two types of advance directives,
29 namely proxy directives and instructive directives;

30 (5) the importance of having an advance directive, or advance
31 directives, and the differences between advance directives and
32 ¹**[Practitioner] Physician**¹ Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment
33 ¹(POLST)¹ forms;

34 (6) definitions, procedures, and other information related to
35 ¹**[Practitioner Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment]** POLST¹
36 forms, established pursuant to P.L.2011, c.145 (C.26:2H-129 et
37 seq.);

38 (7) standardized and approved definitions of, and differences
39 between, palliative care, hospice care, comfort care, and other end-
40 of-life-care terms; and

41 (8) any other topics or matters related to advance care planning
42 and end-of-life care ¹**[.]**¹ as the commissioner may deem necessary.

43 c. Information provided under the public awareness campaign
44 shall be disseminated using ethnically, culturally, and linguistically

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:

¹Assembly AHE committee amendments adopted May 13, 2019.

- 1 appropriate means, in a manner that demonstrates respect for
2 individual dignity and sensitivity for ethnic, cultural, and linguistic
3 differences. Where feasible and appropriate, the information shall
4 be made available in a variety of languages.
- 5 d. As necessary, the commissioner shall partner with, and
6 expand upon, community-based initiatives and training programs
7 that educate the general public on advance care planning and end-
8 of-life care.
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- 10 2. This act shall take effect immediately.