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SYNOPSIS

Requires declaration of Code Blue alert when National Weather Service predicts temperatures of 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/14/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning Code Blue alert declarations and amending
2 P.L.2017, c.68.

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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. Section 3 of P.L.2017, c.68 (C.App.A:9-43.20) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 3. A coordinator shall declare a Code Blue alert after
10 evaluating weather forecasts and advisories produced by the
11 National Weather Service that predict the following weather
12 conditions in the county within 24 to 48 hours:

13 a. temperatures will reach **【25 degrees Fahrenheit or lower**
14 **without precipitation or】** 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower **【with**
15 **precipitation】**; or

16 b. the National Weather Service **【windchill】** wind chill
17 temperature will be zero degrees Fahrenheit or less for a period of
18 two hours or more.

19 (cf: P.L.2017, c.68, s.3)

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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26 This bill requires the declaration of a Code Blue alert when the
27 National Weather Service predicts temperatures will reach 32
28 degrees Fahrenheit or lower.

29 Under current law, each county, through its office of emergency
30 management, is responsible for establishing a plan for issuing Code
31 Blue alerts to municipalities, social service agencies, and non-profit
32 organizations that provide services to at-risk individuals located in
33 the county. The plans are required to include the provision of
34 emergency warming centers during a Code Blue alert.

35 Currently, a Code Blue alert is to be declared when National
36 Weather Service forecasts and advisories predict that temperatures:
37 (1) will reach 25 degrees Fahrenheit or lower without precipitation
38 or 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower with precipitation; or (2) the
39 National Weather Service wind chill temperature will be zero
40 degrees Fahrenheit or less for a period of two hours or more.

41 This bill requires a Code Blue alert to be issued when: (1)
42 temperatures are predicted to reach 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower,
43 regardless of precipitation; or (2) the National Weather Service
44 wind chill temperature will be zero degrees Fahrenheit or less for a
45 period of two hours or more.

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.