

ASSEMBLY, No. 328

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Provides televisions in State buildings will display closed captioning for programming.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **AN ACT** providing that televisions in State buildings will display
2 closed captioning for programming and supplementing Title 52
3 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. Every television that is located in any portion of a building
9 owned or leased by the State for the use of any State agency that is
10 available for viewing by members of the public or public employees
11 shall continuously display closed captioning for all programming
12 for which closed captioning is available.

13 As used in this section:

14 “closed captioning” means the visual display in written words on
15 a television screen of the audio portion of video programming; and

16 “State agency” means. any of the principal departments in the
17 Executive Branch of the State Government, and any division, board,
18 bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or
19 created by such department, and, to the extent consistent with law,
20 any interstate agency to which New Jersey is a party and any
21 independent State authority, commission, instrumentality, or
22 agency.

23 The provisions of this section shall not apply to any television
24 manufactured prior to the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
25 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) that cannot
26 accommodate closed captioning.

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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33 The purpose of this bill is to enable hearing-impaired persons to
34 more easily understand television programs in State buildings. The
35 bill provides that every television that is located in any portion of a
36 building owned or leased by the State that is available for viewing
37 by members of the public or public employees will display closed
38 captioning for all programming for which closed captioning is
39 available. Under the bill, “closed captioning” is the visual display
40 in written words on a television screen of the audio portion of video
41 programming.

42 The bill will not apply to any television manufactured before the
43 bill’s effective date that cannot accommodate closed captioning.
44 Provides televisions in State buildings will display closed
45 captioning for programming.