

ASSEMBLY, No. 371

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Sponsored by:

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SYNOPSIS

Permits cardiologist to bear full legal and medical responsibility for medical treatment of patient within ambulatory care facility irrespective of whether cardiologist is physician who treats patient within ambulatory care facility.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning cardiologists and supplementing Title 26 of the
2 Revised Statutes.

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

7 1. a. As used in this act:

8 “Ambulatory care facility” means a facility licensed to provide
9 surgical and related services pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-
10 1 et seq.).

11 “Physician” means a physician licensed pursuant to Title 45 of
12 the Revised Statutes.

b. The Department of Health may permit a physician, who practices cardiology, upon application to and approval of the Department of Health, to refer a patient of the physician to an ambulatory care facility and permit the physician to bear full legal and medical responsibility for the medical treatment of the patient within the ambulatory care facility, by extension of the physician's medical license to the ambulatory care facility during the period in which the physician's patient is being treated within the facility, and irrespective of whether the physician treats the patient within the ambulatory care facility or whether the physician practices cardiology within the ambulatory care facility.

c. The Department of Health may permit a physician, who practices cardiology and has been approved to practice medicine as provided in subsection b. of this section, to bill himself or herself for the cost of the treatment of the physician's patient within the ambulatory care facility, irrespective of whether the physician treated the patient within the ambulatory care facility or whether the physician practices cardiology within the ambulatory care facility.

2. The Commissioner shall adopt, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and regulations as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

37 3. This act shall take effect 180 days after the date of
38 enactment.

41 STATEMENT

43 This bill permits a cardiologist to bear full legal and medical
44 responsibility for the medical treatment of a patient within an
45 ambulatory care facility irrespective of whether cardiologist is the
46 physician who treats the patient within the ambulatory care facility.

47 Under the bill, the Department of Health may permit a physician,
48 who practices cardiology, upon application to and approval of the

1 Department of Health, to refer a patient of the physician to an
2 ambulatory care facility and permit the physician to bear full legal
3 and medical responsibility for the medical treatment of the patient
4 within the ambulatory care facility, by extension of the physician's
5 medical license to the ambulatory care facility during the period in
6 which the physician's patient is being treated within the facility,
7 and irrespective of whether the physician treats the patient within
8 the ambulatory care facility or whether the physician practices
9 cardiology within the ambulatory care facility.

10 The bill provides that the Department of Health may permit a
11 physician, who practices cardiology and has been approved to
12 practice medicine as provided in this bill, to bill himself or herself
13 for the cost of the treatment of the physician's patient within the
14 ambulatory care facility, irrespective of whether the physician
15 treated the patient within the ambulatory care facility or whether the
16 physician practices cardiology within the ambulatory care facility.