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SYNOPSIS

Requires DHS to ensure distribution to senior citizens of notice from Division of Consumer Affairs concerning risks and prevention of fraud.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning the distribution of information to a senior
2 citizen and supplementing Titles 30 and 52 of the Revised
3 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. a. The Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs in the
9 Department of Law and Public Safety shall prepare a notice that, at
10 a minimum:

11 (1) provides information to alert a senior citizen about the
12 different ways in which the senior citizen may be contacted for, or
13 lured into providing, information or funds for a fraudulent purpose;
14 and

15 (2) advises a senior citizen of ways to prevent the loss of funds
16 or identity theft.

17 b. The notice prepared pursuant to this section shall be
18 distributed pursuant to section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
19 before the Legislature as this bill).

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21 2. The Commissioner of Human Services shall ensure the
22 distribution of the notice prepared by the Director of the Division of
23 Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety
24 pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
25 Legislature as this bill), by requiring an organization, which
26 receives State funding from the Department of Human Services and
27 sends a printed or electronic communication to a senior citizen 60
28 years of age or older, to include with the communication the notice
29 that is prepared pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.)
30 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) concerning the ways in
31 which a senior citizen may be contacted for, or lured into providing,
32 information or funds for a fraudulent purpose, and the ways to
33 prevent the loss of funds or identity theft.

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35 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
36 next following the date of enactment.

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39 STATEMENT

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41 This bill requires the Director of the Division of Consumer
42 Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety to prepare a
43 notice about fraudulent practices that affect senior citizens, and
44 requires the Commissioner of Human Services to ensure its
45 distribution.

46 Under the bill, the director would prepare a notice that, at a
47 minimum, provides information to alert a senior citizen about the
48 different ways in which the senior citizen may be contacted for, or

1 lured into providing, information or funds for a fraudulent purpose,
2 and the ways to prevent the loss of funds or identity theft.
3 The Commissioner of Human Services is to ensure the
4 distribution of the notice, by requiring an organization, which
5 receives State funding from the Department of Human Services and
6 sends a printed or electronic communication to a senior citizen 60
7 years of age or older, to include with the communication the notice
8 prepared by the Division of Consumer Affairs.