

# ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 693**

with committee amendments

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 9, 2021

The Assembly Human Services Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 693.

As amended by committee, this bill amends the law governing temporary guardianship by providing that a temporary guardian may be authorized to arrange for temporary placement of an alleged incapacitated person in a more appropriate environment, which may be less restrictive or more cost-effective than the person's current environment. The placement would include, but not be limited to, a nursing home, assisted living facility, group home or some other supervised living arrangement that provides for access to care and services necessary for the safety and continued well-being of the person.

Current law provides for a temporary guardian to be granted authority to arrange for temporary accommodations determined to be necessary to deal with critical needs of or risk of substantial harm to the alleged incapacitated person or the alleged incapacitated person's property or assets. This bill would add to that authority.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2020-2021 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

#### COMMITTEE STATEMENT

The committee amended the bill to make a technical correction involving syntax and grammar.