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SYNOPSIS

Requires State and county correctional facilities to offer inmates hepatitis B and hepatitis C testing.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning the testing of inmates for hepatitis B and
2 hepatitis C and supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. The Commissioner of Corrections shall, upon
8 commencement of the period of confinement, offer blood testing for
9 hepatitis B and hepatitis C to every inmate who is sentenced to a
10 term of incarceration at a State correctional facility. An inmate
11 shall not be required to submit to the testing.

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13 2. The chief executive officer, warden, or keeper of any county
14 correctional facility shall, upon commencement of the period of
15 confinement, offer blood testing for hepatitis B and hepatitis C to
16 each person incarcerated in the facility. An inmate shall not be
17 required to submit to the testing.

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19 3. The Commissioner of Corrections shall adopt rules and
20 regulations pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,”
21 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to effectuate the purposes of
22 sections 1 and 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
23 Legislature as this bill).

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25 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month
26 after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill requires State and county correctional facilities to offer
32 inmates hepatitis B and hepatitis C testing.

33 Under the bill, the Commissioner of Corrections and the chief
34 executive officer, warden, or keeper of any county correctional
35 facility are required to offer blood testing for hepatitis B and
36 hepatitis C to every inmate who is sentenced to a term of
37 incarceration at a State or county correctional facility.

38 The testing at State and county correctional facilities would be
39 offered upon commencement of an inmate’s period of confinement;
40 however, an inmate is not to be required to submit to the testing.