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SYNOPSIS

Requires coronavirus disease 2019 testing for patients and staff of certain facilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning coronavirus disease 2019 testing.

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

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6 1. a. The Department of Health shall require the administration
7 of coronavirus disease 2019 tests to the patients and staff of long-term
8 care facilities and the patients and staff of the State developmental
9 centers and State psychiatric hospitals listed in R.S.30:1-7.

10 b. The Department of Health shall require that, pursuant to section
11 15 of P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-15), persons who test positive for
12 coronavirus disease 2019 pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall
13 be isolated or quarantined to help reduce the transmission of infection.

14 c. The provisions of subsection a. of this section shall be carried
15 out to the extent that necessary personnel, resources, and coronavirus
16 disease 2019 tests are available.

17 d. As used in this section:

18 "Long-term care facility" means a nursing home, assisted living
19 residence, comprehensive personal care home, residential health
20 care facility, or dementia care home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971,
21 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

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23 2. The Department of Health shall adopt, pursuant to the
24 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.),
25 any rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this act.

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27 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire
28 following the end of the Governor's declared public health
29 emergency regarding the coronavirus disease 2019.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill requires coronavirus disease 2019 testing for the
35 patients and staff of certain facilities.

36 Under the bill, the Department of Health (DOH) is to require the
37 administration of coronavirus disease 2019 tests to the patients and
38 staff of long-term care facilities and the patients and staff of the
39 State developmental centers and State psychiatric hospitals listed in
40 R.S.30:1-7.

41 The bill provides that the DOH is to require that persons who test
42 positive for coronavirus disease 2019 are to be isolated or quarantined
43 to help reduce the transmission of infection. The bill's provisions are
44 to be carried out to the extent that necessary personnel, resources, and
45 coronavirus disease 2019 tests are available.