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SYNOPSIS

Requires hospitals to report to DOH on their supplies of personal protective equipment.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning personal protective equipment and
2 supplementing Title 26 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. a. The Department of Health shall require every hospital
8 licensed pursuant to Title 26 of the Revised Statutes to report to the
9 department, on a monthly basis, information on the hospital's
10 supply of personal protective equipment.

11 b. The department shall:

12 (1) be authorized to conduct or cause to be conducted spot
13 checks of hospitals to assure compliance with, and the accuracy and
14 integrity of the information received on personal protective
15 equipment pursuant to, the provisions of subsection a. of this
16 section; and

17 2) compile the reported information by the counties and
18 municipalities where the hospitals are located.

19 c. The department shall publish on its Internet website, and
20 update on a monthly basis, the information received pursuant to
21 subsection a. of this section.

22 d. As used in this section, "personal protective equipment"
23 means equipment worn to minimize exposure to hazards that cause
24 serious illnesses or infection from viral or communicable diseases,
25 including, but not limited to, disposable gloves, shoe coverings,
26 facial masks, facial shields, safety glasses or goggles, respirators,
27 and surgical gowns.

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29 2. The Department of Health shall prepare and submit an
30 annual report to the Governor and to the Legislature, pursuant to
31 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 27 (C.52:14-19.1), on or before
32 December 1 of each year. The report shall compile the information
33 received pursuant to subsection a. of section 1 of this act.

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35 3. The Department of Health, pursuant to the "Administrative
36 Procedures Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) shall adopt
37 rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this
38 act.

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40 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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43 STATEMENT

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45 This bill mandates that the Department of Health (DOH) require
46 every hospital licensed pursuant to Title 26 of the Revised Statutes,
47 on a monthly basis, to report information on their supply of
48 personal protective equipment on a monthly basis.

1 As defined in the bill “personal protective equipment” means
2 equipment worn to minimize exposure to hazards that cause serious
3 illnesses or infection from viral or communicable diseases,
4 including, but not limited to, disposable gloves, shoe coverings,
5 facial masks, facial shields, safety glasses or goggles, respirators,
6 and surgical gowns.

7 Under the provisions of the bill, the DOH would also: be
8 authorized to conduct or cause to be conducted spot checks to
9 assure compliance with, and the accuracy and integrity of the
10 information received on personal protective equipment pursuant to,
11 the provisions of the bill; compile the reported information by the
12 counties and municipalities where the hospitals are located; publish
13 on its Internet website, and update on a monthly basis, the
14 information received on personal protective equipment; and prepare
15 and submit an annual report on the information complied pursuant
16 to the bill to the Governor and to the Legislature on or before
17 December 1 of each year.