

ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4559

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 17, 2021

The Assembly Health Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4559.

As amended, under P.L.2020, c.18, enacted April 14, 2020, a health care facility or a health care system that owns or operates more than one health care facility is not liable for civil damages for injury or death alleged to have been sustained as a result of an act or omission by one or more of its agents, officers, employees, servants, representatives or volunteers in the course of providing medical services in support of the State's response to the outbreak of coronavirus disease during the public health emergency and state of emergency declared by the Governor in Executive Order 103 of 2020, issued March 9, 2020.

This bill provides that, following either a 90 day period after the bill's effective date, or following the end of the public health emergency or state of emergency declared by the Governor in response to COVID-19, whichever is sooner, the bill's provisions granting immunity are no longer apply to any healthcare facility or healthcare system that is operated for profit.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments update the synopsis to reflect the amendments, and provide that, following either a 90 day period after the bill's effective date, or following the end of the public health emergency or state of emergency declared by the Governor in response to COVID-19, whichever is sooner, the bill's provisions granting immunity are no longer apply to any healthcare facility or healthcare system that is operated for profit.