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SYNOPSIS

Requires infection control training for nursing home and assisted living administrator licensure and certification.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** requiring infection control training for nursing home and
2 assisted living administrators and supplementing Title 26 and
3 Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. Each applicant for a nursing home administrator license
9 shall complete course work or training, approved by the Department
10 of Health, regarding infection control protocols and shall submit
11 documentation of course completion to the Department of Health, in
12 a manner determined by the Commissioner of Health.

13 b. The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the
14 Nursing Home Administrator's Licensing Board, shall determine
15 the curriculum regarding infection control protocols for nursing
16 home administrators and develop or identify an acceptable training
17 program to fulfill the requirements of subsection a. of this section.
18 The curriculum, at a minimum, shall cover infection control topics
19 that include:

- 20 (1) hand hygiene;
21 (2) proper use of personal protective equipment;
22 (3) screening and disease surveillance;
23 (4) environmental cleanliness;
24 (5) cohorting; and
25 (6) safe admissions and transfers.

26 c. The Department of Health shall require, as a condition of
27 license renewal, each nursing home administrator licensee to
28 complete continuing education credit hours that include infection
29 control concepts and related topics, as specified by the Department
30 of Health and the Nursing Home Administrator's Licensing Board.

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32 2. a. Each applicant for an assisted living administrator
33 certification shall complete course work or training, approved by
34 the Department of Health, regarding infection control protocols and
35 shall submit documentation of course completion to the Department
36 of Health, in a manner determined by the Commissioner of Health.

37 b. The Commissioner of Health shall determine the curriculum
38 regarding infection control protocols for assisted living
39 administrators and develop or identify an acceptable training
40 program to fulfill the requirements of subsection a. of this section.
41 The curriculum, at a minimum, shall cover infection control topics
42 that include:

- 43 (1) hand hygiene;
44 (2) proper use of personal protective equipment;
45 (3) screening and disease surveillance;
46 (4) environmental cleanliness;
47 (5) cohorting; and
48 (6) safe admissions and transfers.

1 c. The Department of Health shall require, as a condition of
2 certificate renewal, each certified assisted living administrator to
3 complete continuing education credit hours that include infection
4 control concepts and related topics, as specified by the Department
5 of Health.

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7 3. The Commissioner of Health, pursuant to the
8 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
9 1 et seq.), shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the
10 provisions of this act.

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12 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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15 STATEMENT

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17 This bill requires each applicant for a nursing home
18 administrator license or assisted living administrator certification to
19 complete course work or training, approved by the Department of
20 Health, regarding infection control protocols. Applicants will be
21 required to submit documentation of course completion to the
22 Department of Health, in a manner determined by the
23 Commissioner of Health.

24 The bill requires the Commissioner of Health to determine the
25 curriculum regarding infection control protocols. The
26 Commissioner of Health will consult with the Nursing Home
27 Administrator’s Licensing Board when determining the curriculum
28 for nursing home administrators. The curriculum for nursing home
29 and assisted living administrators, at a minimum, will cover
30 infection control topics that include: hand hygiene; proper use of
31 personal protective equipment; screening and disease surveillance;
32 environmental cleanliness; cohorting; and safe admissions and
33 transfers.

34 The bill also requires each nursing home administrator and
35 assisted living administrator to complete administrator to complete
36 continuing education credit hours that include infection control
37 concepts and related topics, as a condition for license and
38 certification renewal.