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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Permits female inmate in correctional facility to request certain medication to prevent pregnancy.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the provision of certain medications to female
2 inmates 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. a. The Commissioner of Corrections shall provide to a
8 female inmate, upon request, a single dosage of Levonorgestrel.

9 b. An inmate who has requested Levonorgestrel pursuant to
10 subsection a. of this section shall be permitted to consult with a
11 licensed physician or other appropriate medical professional.

12 c. To the extent possible, a generic substitution of
13 Levonorgestrel shall be provided to a female inmate under the
14 provisions of this section.

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16 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
17 after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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22 This bill permits a female inmate in a State correctional facility
23 to request a single dosage of Levonorgestrel, more commonly
24 known as Plan B.

25 Plan B is a medication that prevents pregnancy if taken within 72
26 hours after unprotected sexual intercourse or birth control failure.
27 A prescription is not required to obtain Plan B.

28 The bill permits an inmate who has requested Plan B to consult
29 with a physician or other appropriate medical professional. The bill
30 also requires, to the extent possible, that a female inmate be
31 provided with a generic substitution of Levonorgestrel.