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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOH to evaluate whether there is sufficient access to rapid COVID-19 tests and to provide for additional testing if necessary.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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. As used in this section:

7 “Department” means the New Jersey Department of Health.

8 “Rapid coronavirus disease 2019 test” means a coronavirus
9 disease 2019 test which yields a test result within one hour of
10 testing.

11 b. The department shall evaluate whether there is sufficient
12 access to rapid coronavirus disease 2019 tests in this State. If the
13 department determines that there is insufficient access to rapid
14 coronavirus disease 2019 tests in a particular municipality, county,
15 or geographic area of the State, the department shall provide the
16 necessary resources or contract with an entity to provide the
17 necessary resources to ensure that there is sufficient access to rapid
18 coronavirus disease 2019 tests in the particular municipality,
19 county, or geographic area of the State.

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon
22 the end of both the state of emergency and the public health
23 emergency declared in response to the coronavirus disease 2019.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill requires the Department of Health (department) to
29 evaluate whether there is sufficient access to rapid coronavirus
30 disease 2019 (COVID-19) tests in this State and to provide for
31 additional testing if necessary.

32 Under the bill, the department is to evaluate whether there is
33 sufficient access to rapid COVID-19 tests in this State. If the
34 department determines that there is insufficient access to rapid
35 COVID-19 tests in a particular municipality, county, or geographic
36 area of the State, the department is to provide the necessary
37 resources or contract with an entity to provide the necessary
38 resources to ensure that there is sufficient access to rapid COVID-
39 19 tests in the particular municipality, county, or geographic area of
40 the State.

41 The bill defines “rapid coronavirus disease 2019 test” to mean a
42 coronavirus disease 2019 test which yields a test result within one
43 hour of testing.