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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOH to establish public awareness campaign regarding potential fraud related to COVID-19 vaccine.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the COVID-19 vaccine.

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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. The Department of Health shall establish and undertake a
7 public information campaign to educate and inform the public on
8 potential fraudulent activity involving the COVID-19 vaccine,
9 including, but not limited to, false promises of providing access to
10 the vaccine and the sale or administration of counterfeit COVID-19
11 vaccines and other treatments, as well as using the COVID-19
12 vaccine as a means to engage in other forms of fraudulent activity,
13 such as attempting to obtain secure, private, or personal
14 information. The campaign shall include information about
15 recognizing and reporting fraud involving the COVID-19 vaccine.

16 b. The public information campaign shall include, but not be
17 limited to, the preparation, publication, and distribution of
18 information through the Department of Health's Internet website,
19 and booklets, pamphlets, or other pertinent materials regarding
20 fraud involving the COVID-19 vaccine.

21 c. The Department of Health shall provide a toll-free telephone
22 number for individuals to obtain additional information or to make
23 an inquiry regarding COVID-19 vaccines.

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon
26 the end of the public health emergency declared in response to the
27 COVID-19 pandemic.

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STATEMENT

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32 This bill requires the Department of Health (department) to
33 establish a public awareness campaign regarding fraud related to the
34 COVID-19 vaccine.

35 Under the bill, the department is to establish and undertake a
36 public information campaign to educate and inform the public on
37 potential fraudulent activity involving the COVID-19 vaccine, such
38 as false promises of providing access to the vaccine and the sale or
39 administration of counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines and treatments.
40 The campaign is to include information about recognizing and
41 reporting COVID-19 vaccine fraud. The public information
42 campaign is to include, but not be limited to, the preparation,
43 publication, and distribution of information through the
44 department's Internet website, and booklets, pamphlets, or other
45 pertinent materials regarding COVID-19 vaccine fraud. The
46 department is to provide a toll-free telephone number for
47 individuals to obtain additional information or to make an inquiry
48 regarding COVID-19 vaccines.