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SYNOPSIS

Requires coronavirus disease 2019 testing for certain persons.

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. The Department of Health shall require the administration of
7 coronavirus disease 2019 tests to first responders and health care
8 workers. The Department of Health shall require that the results of the
9 coronavirus disease 2019 tests be expedited.

10 b. The Department of Health shall require that, pursuant to section
11 15 of P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-15), persons who test positive for
12 coronavirus disease 2019 pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall
13 be isolated or quarantined to help reduce the transmission of infection.

14 c. The provisions of subsection a. of this section shall be carried
15 out to the extent that necessary personnel, resources, and coronavirus
16 disease 2019 tests are available.

17 d. As used in this section:

18 "First Responder" means a corrections officer, law enforcement
19 officer, firefighter, or other person who has been trained to provide
20 emergency medical first response services in a program recognized by
21 the Commissioner of Health.

22 "Health care facility" means health care facility as defined in section
23 2 of P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-2).

24 "Health care worker" means an individual who is employed by a
25 health care facility.

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27 2. The Department of Health shall adopt, pursuant to the
28 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.),
29 any rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this act.

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31 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire
32 following the end of the Governor's declared public health
33 emergency regarding the coronavirus disease 2019.

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36 STATEMENT

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38 This bill requires coronavirus disease 2019 testing for certain
39 persons.

40 Under the bill, the Department of Health (DOH) is to require the
41 administration of coronavirus disease 2019 tests to first responders and
42 health care workers. The DOH is to require that the results of the
43 coronavirus disease 2019 tests be expedited.

44 The bill provides that the DOH is to require that persons who test
45 positive for coronavirus disease 2019 are to be isolated or quarantined
46 to help reduce the transmission of infection. The bill's provisions are to
47 be carried out to the extent that necessary personnel, resources, and
48 coronavirus disease 2019 tests are available.