STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

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Senate, Nos. S2566 and S2677

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator Diegnan)

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 29, 2020

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The Senate amendments revise the requirement for long-term care facilities and hospitals to maintain a specific minimum supply of PPE to provide that the facilities and hospitals are to make a good faith effort to maintain the minimum supplies. The amendments provide that, any determination as to whether a facility or hospital has made a good faith effort to maintain the minimum supply of PPE is to include consideration of the current supply chain of PPE in the State.

The Senate amendments require long-term care facilities and hospitals to reevaluate their supplies of PPE when a state of emergency involving an infectious disease is declared, as well as when a public health emergency involving an infectious disease is declared.

The Senate amendments add definitions for “general acute care hospital” and “infectious disease.”

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