

# SENATE, No. 2616

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**SYNOPSIS**

Provides for preparation and distribution of written notice to senior citizens concerning risks and prevention of fraud and identity theft.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/25/2020)

1   **AN ACT** concerning the distribution of information on fraud and  
2       identity theft to senior citizens and supplementing Titles 30 and  
3       52 of the Revised Statutes.

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5       **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6       *of New Jersey:*

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8       1.   a.   The Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs in the  
9       Department of Law and Public Safety shall prepare a notice that, at  
10      a minimum:

11       (1) provides information to alert a senior citizen about the  
12      different ways in which the senior citizen may be contacted for, or  
13      lured into providing, information or funds for a fraudulent purpose;  
14      and

15       (2) advises a senior citizen of ways to prevent the loss of funds  
16      or identity theft.

17      b.   The notice prepared pursuant to this section shall be:

18       (1) regularly revised and updated by the director, as appropriate,  
19      to reflect the most current information on fraud and identity theft;  
20      and

21       (2) annually distributed to senior citizens pursuant to section 2  
22      of P.L.     , c.   (C.     ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
23      bill).

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25      2.   a.   The Commissioner of Human Services shall annually  
26      disseminate the notice on fraud and identity theft that is prepared by  
27      the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department  
28      of Law and Public Safety pursuant to section 1 of  
29      P.L.     , c.   (C.     ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).  
30      At a minimum, the notice shall be distributed to: (1) members of  
31      the public, upon request; and (2) each organization that is  
32      contracted by or receives State funding from the Department of  
33      Human Services and that provides services to senior citizens 60  
34      years of age or older, for dissemination thereby to senior citizens in  
35      the course of business.

36      b.   The commissioner shall annually post an updated copy of  
37      the notice prepared pursuant to this section on the Internet website  
38      of the Department of Human Services.

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40      3.   This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month  
41      next following the date of enactment.

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44                                   STATEMENT

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46      This bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services to  
47      annually disseminate, to appropriate parties, a notice on fraud and  
48      identity theft that is to be prepared by the Director of the Division  
49      of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

1       At a minimum, the notice prepared by the director is to provide  
2 information necessary to alert a senior citizen about the different  
3 ways in which the senior citizen may be contacted for, or lured into  
4 providing, information or funds for a fraudulent purpose, and the  
5 ways to prevent the loss of funds or identity theft. The director will  
6 be required to regularly review and update the notice to ensure that  
7 it contains the most current information on fraud and identity theft.

8       The bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services, at a  
9 minimum, to distribute the notice to: 1) members of the public,  
10 upon request; and 2) each organization that is contracted by or  
11 receives State funding from the Department of Human Services  
12 (DHS) and that provides services to senior citizens 60 years of age  
13 or older, for dissemination thereby to senior citizens in the course  
14 of business. The bill further requires the commissioner to post a  
15 copy of the notice on the DHS website.