

SENATE, No. 2677

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Requires hospitals and long-term care facilities to maintain 90-day supply of personal protection equipment during coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning personal protection equipment during the
2 coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.

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

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7 1. a. As used in this section:

8 "Long-term care facility" means a nursing home, assisted living
9 residence, comprehensive personal care home, residential health
10 care facility, or dementia care home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971,
11 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

12 "Personal protection equipment" means equipment, such as
13 gloves, masks, and aprons or gowns, which is worn by hospital staff
14 to minimize the spread of disease.

15 b. Acute care general hospitals licensed pursuant to P.L.1971,
16 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) and long-term care facilities shall
17 maintain, at all times, a supply of personal protection equipment
18 that is sufficient to sustain the health care needs of the hospital or
19 the long-term care facility for a period of 90 days, if there is
20 sufficient personal protection equipment available, either by
21 contribution from a third-party or for purchase at a reasonable cost
22 to the hospital or long-term care facility, if the purchase of such
23 personal protection equipment is within the financial means of the
24 hospital or long-term care facility.

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

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31 STATEMENT

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33 This bill requires hospitals and long-term care facilities to
34 maintain a 90-day supply of personal protection equipment during
35 the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.

36 Under the bill, acute care general hospitals and long-term care
37 facilities are to maintain, at all times, a supply of personal
38 protection equipment that is sufficient to sustain the health care
39 needs of the hospital or long-term care facility for a period of 90
40 days, if there is sufficient personal protection equipment available,
41 either by contribution from a third-party or for purchase at a
42 reasonable cost to the hospital or long-term care facility, if the
43 purchase of such personal protection equipment is within the
44 financial means of the hospital or long-term care facility.