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SYNOPSIS

Requires availability of certain laboratory testing for coronavirus disease 2019.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning coronavirus disease 2019 laboratory 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. As used in this section:

7 "Clinical laboratory" means a laboratory licensed by the
8 Department of Health, pursuant to the "New Jersey Clinical
9 Laboratory Improvement Act," P.L.1975, c.166 (C.45:9-
10 42.26 et seq.).

11 "Health care professional" means a person licensed or certified to
12 practice a health care profession pursuant to Title 45 of the Revised
13 Statutes.

14 b. Subject to the availability of coronavirus disease 2019 tests,
15 a clinical laboratory shall offer in-person specimen collection or at-
16 home specimen collection kits for diagnostic testing for the
17 coronavirus disease 2019, and in-person serologic testing for the
18 coronavirus disease 2019, to patients who have been authorized by
19 a health care professional to receive a test for the coronavirus
20 disease 2019.

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22 2. This act shall take effect 30 days following the date of
23 enactment and shall expire upon the end of both the state of
24 emergency and the public health emergency declared in response to
25 the coronavirus disease 2019.

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28 STATEMENT

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30 This bill requires the availability of certain laboratory testing for
31 coronavirus disease 2019. The bill provides that, subject to the
32 availability of coronavirus disease 2019 tests, a clinical laboratory
33 is to offer in-person specimen collection or at-home specimen
34 collection kits for diagnostic testing and in-person serologic testing
35 for the coronavirus disease 2019 to patients who have been
36 authorized by a health care professional to receive a test for the
37 coronavirus disease 2019.