

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 51**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE

District 19 (Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Memorializes Congress to enact legislation to provide Medicare coverage for incontinence products.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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4 **WHEREAS**, More than 26 million people live with incontinence in the
5 United States; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Although Medicare Part B benefits include coverage for
10 certain medical supplies related to incontinence, Medicare Part B
11 benefits do not include coverage for adult incontinent products,
12 such as absorbent undergarments and adult diapers, and most
13 private insurance plans do not cover these products either; and

17 **WHEREAS**, An overriding concern of senior citizens is finding ways to
18 continue living in their own homes as long as possible and
19 incontinence is a leading cause of institutionalization of the elderly;
20 and

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26 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the*
27 *General Assembly concurring):*

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the Secretary of the Senate to the presiding officers of the Congress of the United States and each of the members of the United States Congress elected from the State of New Jersey.

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42 This resolution respectfully memorializes the United States
43 Congress to enact legislation to provide Medicare Part B coverage
44 for incontinence products in order to alleviate the financial burden
45 that many senior citizens face and to enable them to remain vibrant
46 members of their community living in their own homes.