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Laws of 1975 Chapter 397

Bill No. S 1387

Sponsor(s) Beadleston

Date Introduced Sept. 19, 1974

Committee: Assembly Institutions, Health & Welfare

Senate Institutions, Health & Welfare

Amended during passage Yes No Senate Committee substitute enacted- amendments during passage denoted by asterisks

Date of passage: Assembly Jan. 8, 1976

Senate Jan. 27, 1975

Date of approval March 5, 1976

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement No

Committee Statement: Assembly Yes

Senate Yes

Fiscal Note No

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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE, No. 1387

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 25, 1974

AN ACT relating to the cost of drugs to patients and residents of nursing homes and convalescent homes.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. As used in this act "nursing home" or "convalescent home"
2 means a health care facility licensed by the Department of Health
3 to provide professional nursing care on a daily basis and includes
4 intermediate care facilities.

1 2. No nursing home or convalescent home may charge a patient
2 or resident for drugs more than the cost thereof to the home
3 ****[plus an amount not in excess of *15%]* *10%*** to reimburse
4 the home for the administrative costs of purchasing and dispensing
5 such drugs]** ***plus an amount not in excess of 5% to reimburse*
6 *the home for the administrative costs of purchasing and dispensing*
7 *such drugs**.*

1 3. Any person who violates the provisions of this act shall be
2 liable for a penalty of \$100.00 to be collected by a summary pro-
3 ceeding instituted by the Attorney General at the request of the
4 Commissioner of Health pursuant to the Penalty Enforcement Law
5 (N. J. S. 2A:58-1 et seq.).

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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SENATE, No. 1387

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 19, 1974

By Senator BEADLESTON

Referred to Committee on Institutions, Health and Welfare

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1 2. No nursing home or convalescent home shall prohibit or
2 restrict a patient or a member of his immediate family from obtain-
3 ing drugs from a source other than said nursing home or con-
4 valescent home for the use of the patient, provided said drugs are
5 prescribed for the patient by a licensed physician and are dispensed
6 by authorized personnel of the nursing home or convalescent home.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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ASSEMBLY INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND
WELFARE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE, No. 1387

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 14, 1975

The committee amended this Senate Committee Substitute to remove the 10% administrative charge allowed to nursing homes or convalescent homes for the administrative costs of supplying drugs to patients.

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SENATE INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND
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STATEMENT TO
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE, No. 1387

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 25, 1974

This Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1387 would limit the extent to which nursing or convalescent homes can mark up the prices of drugs charged to patients or residents. Patients could be charged no more than the cost of the drugs to the home plus an amount not to exceed 15% of such cost to cover administrative expenses.