

ASSEMBLY, No. 365

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Mrs. DWYER

Referred to Committee on Public Health

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Title 9 of the Revised Statutes.

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2 *Jersey:*

1 1. The article to which this act is a supplement shall not be construed
2 to deny the right of a parent, guardian or person having the care, custody
3 and control of any child to treat or provide treatment for an ill child in
4 accordance with the religious tenets of any church as authorized by other
5 statutes of this State; *provided*, that the laws, rules, and regulations relat-
6 ing to communicable diseases and sanitary matters are not violated.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The object of this supplement is to clarify this act so as to prevent any construction that would affect or interfere with the right of a parent or person standing in parental relationship from providing treatment for a child in accordance with any recognized religion and it is desirable to indicate that it is the policy of the State not to interfere with such religious practices when they are carried on in accordance with our statutes. This is consonant with every concept of religious freedom as guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the New Jersey Constitution.

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