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LAWS OF: 1990 **CHAPTER:** 36

Bill No: A328

Sponsor(s): Deverin

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Committee: Assembly: Health & Human Services

Senate: Institutions, Health & Welfare

Amended during passage: No

Date of Passage: Assembly: March 22, 1990

Senate: May 17, 1990

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P.L.1990, CHAPTER 36, *approved June 13, 1990*
1990 Assembly No. 328

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Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

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ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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DATED: FEBRUARY 8, 1990

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The testing requirement established in this bill would apply to all current nursing home staff and to all new employees upon employment. This testing program would be subject to the same requirements as the existing employee tuberculin examination program in general hospitals and special hospitals.

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This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 1990-1991 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

SENATE INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

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DATED: APRIL 26, 1990

The Senate Institutions, Health and Welfare Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 328.

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This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2495 (Paternıiti), which the committee also reported favorably on this date.

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ADVISORY

Governor Jim Florio today signed the following bills:

A 328/S2495, Sponsored by Assemblyman Tom Deverin/Senator Thomas Paterniti

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A 823, Sponsored by Assemblywoman Stephanie Bush and Assemblyman Robert Menendez

This bill requires the tenant's rights statement be published in the Spanish language version as well as the English language version.

A 1009, Sponsored by Assemblyman John Watson

This bill expands the time frame during which the boards of county special services school districts must organize annually, allowing the boards to organize during the first two weeks of July. They are currently required to have their annual organizational meeting on July 1.

The Governor also conditionally vetoed the following bill and the veto message is attached:

A 12/S1328, Sponsored by Assemblyman Joseph Patero and Anthony Cimino/Senator Edward O'Connor

This bill establishes a "voluntary registration" program to combat motor vehicle theft.