

# 52:27D-191.1

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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**LAWS OF:** 2011      **CHAPTER:** 125

**NJSA:** 52:27D-191.1 (Provides bill of rights for persons receiving services under Congregate Housing Services Program)

**BILL NO:** A905 (Substituted for S621)

**SPONSOR(S)** Chivikula and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** January 12, 2010

**COMMITTEE:**      **ASSEMBLY:** Human Services  
                         **SENATE:** Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** No

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**      **ASSEMBLY:** May 20, 2010  
   **SENATE:** June 29, 2011

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** September 16, 2011

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL** (Original version of introduced bill enacted)

**A905**

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill)      Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**      **ASSEMBLY:** Yes  
   **SENATE:** Yes

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**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE:** No

**S621**

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill)      Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**      **ASSEMBLY:** No  
   **SENATE:** Yes

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE:** No

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P.L.2011, CHAPTER 125, *approved September 16, 2011*  
Assembly, No. 905

1 AN ACT concerning the Congregate Housing Services Program and  
2 supplementing P.L.1981, c.553 (C.52:27D-182 et seq.).  
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34 (2) make available, upon request, the qualifications of a  
35 counselor or other professional who is providing services to  
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38 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the second month  
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# ASSEMBLY, No. 905

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2010 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman UPENDRA J. CHIVUKULA**

**District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)**

**Assemblywoman SHEILA Y. OLIVER**

**District 34 (Essex and Passaic)**

**Assemblywoman JOAN M. QUIGLEY**

**District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman Schaer, Assemblywoman Greenstein and Assemblyman Prieto**

**SYNOPSIS**

Provides bill of rights for persons receiving services under Congregate Housing Services Program.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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34 (2) make available, upon request, the qualifications of a  
35 counselor or other professional who is providing services to  
36 residents under the Congregate Housing Services Program.

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38 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the second month  
39 next following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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44 This bill establishes a bill of rights for persons receiving services  
45 under the Congregate Housing Services Program, which is a State-  
46 funded program in the Division of Aging and Community Services  
47 in the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) providing  
48 services (meal preparation, housekeeping, shopping, laundry, linens

1 change, companionship and personal care) to frail, elderly persons  
2 who reside in certain subsidized housing facilities.

3 Specifically, the bill requires DHSS to ensure that a person  
4 receiving services under the program receives those services in a  
5 manner that promotes the dignity of and shows respect for the  
6 person. In addition, the program must make information related to  
7 its services available to the manager of a subsidized housing facility  
8 that has contracted with DHSS to provide a Congregate Housing  
9 Services Program. The manager would be responsible for the  
10 distribution and dissemination of the information to its residents  
11 and would include in that information a statement that the services  
12 provided by the program are to be provided to:

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18 services and lifestyle.

19 The bill also requires a Congregate Housing Services Program  
20 to: advise a resident receiving services, in writing, of the  
21 availability of information from the Division of Aging and  
22 Community Services in DHSS about issues that may be of concern  
23 to a resident; and make available, upon request, the qualifications of  
24 a counselor or other professional who is providing congregate  
25 housing services.

# ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 905

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 13, 2010

The Assembly Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 905.

This bill establishes a bill of rights for persons receiving services under the Congregate Housing Services Program, which is a State-funded program in the Division of Aging and Community Services in the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) providing services (meal preparation, housekeeping, shopping, laundry, linens change, companionship, and personal care) to frail, elderly persons who reside in certain subsidized housing facilities.

Specifically, the bill requires DHSS to ensure that a person receiving services under the program receives those services in a manner that promotes the dignity of and shows respect for the person. In addition, the program must make information related to its services available to the manager of a subsidized housing facility that has contracted with DHSS to provide a Congregate Housing Services Program. The manager would be responsible for the distribution and dissemination of the information to its residents and would include in that information a statement that the services provided by the program are to be provided to:

- help meet the needs of a resident;
- foster the independence and individuality of a resident;
- treat a resident with respect, courtesy, consideration, and dignity;
- and
- assure a resident the right to make choices with respect to services and lifestyle.

The bill also requires a Congregate Housing Services Program to: advise a resident receiving services, in writing, of the availability of information from the Division of Aging and Community Services in DHSS about issues that may be of concern to a resident; and make available, upon request, the qualifications of a counselor or other professional who is providing congregate housing services.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 621 (Gordon), which is currently pending in the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2010-2011 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.



SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 905**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 13, 2011

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 905.

This bill provides a bill of rights for persons receiving services under the Congregate Housing Services Program, a State-funded program in the Division of Aging and Community Services in the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). The program provides meal preparation, housekeeping, shopping, laundry, linens change, companionship and personal care services to frail, elderly persons residing in certain subsidized housing facilities.

Under the bill, DHSS would ensure that these services are provided in a manner that promotes dignity and respect. The program would be required to give information about its services to the manager of a subsidized housing facility that has contracted with DHSS, and the manager would be responsible for distributing the information to residents. The information would include a statement that the services shall:

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The bill also requires a Congregate Housing Services Program to advise residents receiving services of the availability of information from the division about issues that may be of concern to them, and to provide on request the qualifications of a counselor or other professional who is providing congregate housing services.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 621 (Gordon), which the committee also reported favorably on this date.

**ASSEMBLY, No. 905**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**214th LEGISLATURE**

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**District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)**

**Assemblywoman SHEILA Y. OLIVER**

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**District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)**

**Assemblyman ANGEL FUENTES**

**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

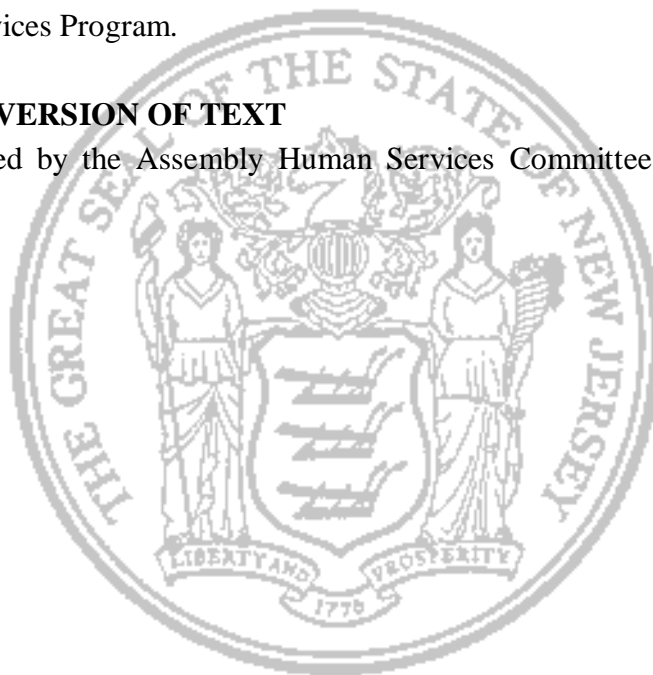
**Assemblyman Schaer, Assemblywoman Greenstein, Assemblyman Prieto,  
Assemblywoman Watson Coleman, Senators Gordon, Weinberg and Vitale**

**SYNOPSIS**

Provides bill of rights for persons receiving services under Congregate Housing Services Program.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Human Services Committee with technical review.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2011)**

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# SENATE, No. 621

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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator ROBERT M. GORDON**

**District 38 (Bergen)**

**Senator LORETTA WEINBERG**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senator Vitale**

**SYNOPSIS**

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SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 621**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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