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P.L.2011, CHAPTER 191, *approved January 17, 2012*
Senate, No. 2282 (*First Reprint*)

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16 under R.S.19:4-1;

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19 removing barriers to the inmate's employment or participation in
20 vocational or educational rehabilitative programs, including, but not
21 limited to information concerning the "Rehabilitated Convicted
22 Offenders Act," P.L.1968, c.282 (C.2A:168A-1 et seq.) and the
23 certificate of rehabilitation under P.L.2007, c.327 (C.2A:168A-7 et
24 seq.);

25 d. A detailed written record of the inmate's participation in
26 educational, training, employment, and medical or other treatment
27 programs while the inmate was incarcerated;

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29 restitution, penalties, child support arrearages, and any other
30 obligations due and payable by the inmate upon release;

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32 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and for which the Motor
33 Vehicle Commission shall accept a former inmate's Department of
34 Corrections identification card to have a two-point value in
35 applying for the non-driver identification card;

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37 born in New Jersey;

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SLP committee amendments adopted December 8, 2011.

1 k. General written information concerning child support,
2 including child support payments owed by the inmate, information
3 on how to seek child support payments and information on where to
4 seek services regarding child support, child custody, and
5 establishing parentage; and

6 1. 'a.' ~~A [copy of the inmate's full medical record]~~
7 ~~'[comprehensive]' medical discharge summary '~~, which shall
8 include instructions on how to obtain from the commissioner a copy
9 of the inmate's full medical record. Upon request from the inmate,
10 the commissioner shall provide a copy of the inmate's full medical
11 record in a safe and secure manner,¹ at no charge to the inmate
12 ~~'[made available to the inmate in a safe and secure manner]'~~.

13 'b. Within 90 days of the effective date of this act, the
14 commissioner, in consultation with the State Board of Medical
15 Examiners, shall adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the
16 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
17 seq.), to ensure that these records are expeditiously and securely
18 provided, in a manner consistent with the provision of medical
19 records by other providers.'

20 (cf: P.L.2009, c.329, s.2)

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately ¹, but the
23 Commissioner of Corrections may take such anticipatory action in
24 advance thereof as shall be necessary for the implementation of this
25 act¹.

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31 Requires inmates be provided with comprehensive medical
discharge summary before release.

SENATE, No. 2282

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

Sponsored by:
Senator LORETTA WEINBERG
District 37 (Bergen)

SYNOPSIS

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1 1. A **【copy of the inmate's full medical record】** comprehensive
2 medical discharge summary at no charge to the inmate made
3 available to the inmate in a safe and secure manner.

4 (cf: P.L.2009, c.329, s.2)

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6 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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11 This bill would require the Commissioner of Corrections to
12 provide to an inmate who is being released with a comprehensive
13 medical discharge summary.

14 Under current law, the commissioner is required to provide
15 inmates, within 10 days of release, their full medical record, free of
16 charge and in a safe and secure manner. The requirement of a full
17 medical record would be replaced under the bill by a comprehensive
18 medical discharge summary. The bill will result in a more efficient
19 and streamlined process of delivering the medical information
20 necessary for inmates to successfully reenter society.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2282

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 8, 2011

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2282.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill requires the Commissioner of Corrections to provide any inmate who is being released with a medical discharge summary, which is to include instructions on how to obtain a copy of the inmate's full medical record. A full medical record is to be provided to an inmate upon the inmate's request, at no charge. The bill further requires the commissioner, in consultation with the State Board of Medical Examiners, to adopt rules and regulations to ensure that the records are expeditiously and securely provided in a manner consistent with the provision of medical records by other providers.

Under current law, the commissioner is required to provide inmates, within 10 days of release, their full medical record, free of charge and in a safe and secure manner. The requirement of a full medical record given at the time of release would be replaced under the added bill by a medical discharge summary, with the option to obtain the full medical record upon request.

According to the sponsor, the bill will result in a more efficient and streamlined process of delivering the medical information necessary for inmates to successfully reenter society.

The introduced version of the bill required that inmates be provided a "comprehensive medical discharge summary" at the time of release rather than a full medical record. The bill was amended by the committee to remove the term "comprehensive." The bill was further amended to specify an inmate retains access to the full medical record, which is to be provided at no charge, upon request. Finally, the bill was amended to require the commissioner, in consultation with the State Board of Medical Examiners, to adopt rules and regulations to ensure that the records are expeditiously and securely provided in a manner consistent with the provision of medical records by other providers.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3100

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JULY 1, 2010

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblywoman L. GRACE SPENCER

District 29 (Essex and Union)

Assemblyman JON M. BRAMNICK

District 21 (Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union)

SYNOPSIS

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(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/22/2011)

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ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3100

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 21, 2011

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3100.

Assembly Bill No. 3100 requires the Commissioner of Corrections to provide to an inmate who is being released a comprehensive medical discharge summary.

Under current law, the commissioner is required to provide inmates, within 10 days of release, their full medical record, free of charge and in a safe and secure manner. The requirement of a full medical record would be replaced under the bill by a comprehensive medical discharge summary.

According to the sponsor, the bill will result in a more efficient and streamlined process of delivering the medical information necessary for inmates to successfully reenter society.

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 3100

with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Assemblyman JOHNSON)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 15, 2011

Assembly Bill No. 3100 requires that inmates are to be provided with a comprehensive medical discharge summary prior to release.

These Assembly amendments remove the term “comprehensive” to require that inmates be provided with a “medical discharge summary.” The amendments specify that the summary shall also include instructions on how to obtain a copy of the inmate’s full medical record and that upon request from the inmate, the Commissioner of Corrections shall provide a copy of the record.

The amendments also provide that the Commissioner of Corrections may take such anticipatory action in advance thereof as shall be necessary for the implementation of the provisions of the bill.

These Assembly amendments make this bill identical to Senate Bill No. 2282 (1R).