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SPONSOR(S) Kean and others

DATE INTRODUCED: February 8, 2010

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SENATE: Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY: June 21, 2010

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FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

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S1342

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes

SENATE: Yes

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

A2504

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes

SENATE: No

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

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NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: Yes

"Gov. Chris Christie names UMDMJ trauma center after Assemblyman Eric Munoz," Daily Record, 10-7-10

"Newark hospital's trauma center renamed in honor of late Assemblyman Eric Munoz," NewJerseyNewsroom.com, 10- 7-10

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[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 1342

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 8, 2010

Sponsored by:

Senator THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

District 21 (Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union)

Senator ROBERT M. GORDON

District 38 (Bergen)

Assemblyman ALBERT COUTINHO

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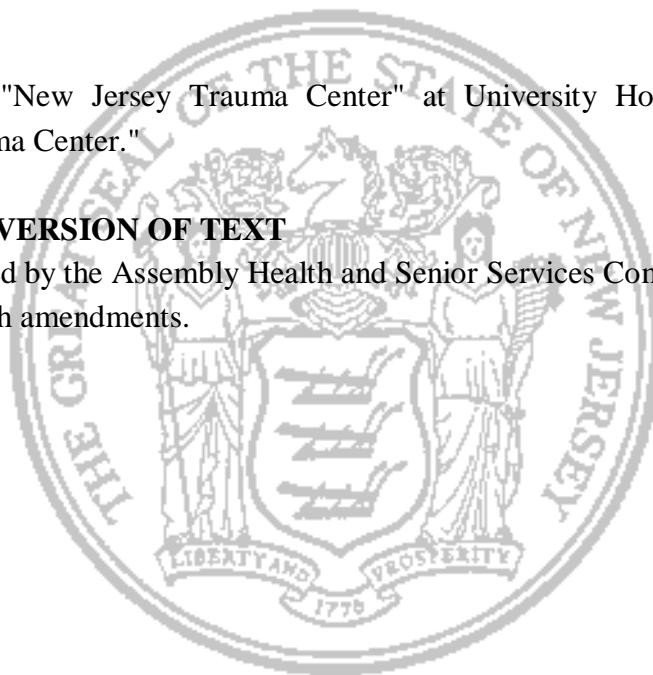
Senator Ruiz, Assemblyman Scalera and Assemblywoman Wagner

SYNOPSIS

Renames "New Jersey Trauma Center" at University Hospital as "Eric Munoz Trauma Center."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee on June 10, 2010, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/22/2010)

1 AN ACT concerning the trauma center at University Hospital and
2 amending P.L.1986, c.106.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1986, c.106 (C.26:2K-35) is amended to
8 read as follows:

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10 a. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department
11 of Health.

12 b. "Dispatch" means the coordinated request for and dispatch
13 of the emergency medical service helicopter response unit by a
14 central communications center located in the service area, following
15 protocols developed by the mobile intensive care hospital, the
16 regional trauma or critical care center, the commissioner and the
17 superintendent.

18 c. "Emergency medical service helicopter response unit" means
19 a specially equipped hospital-based emergency medical service
20 helicopter staffed by advanced life support personnel and operated
21 for the provision of advanced life support services under the
22 medical direction of a mobile intensive care program and the
23 regional trauma or critical care center authorized by the
24 commissioner.

25 d. "Emergency medical transportation" means the prehospital
26 or interhospital transportation of an acutely ill or injured patient by
27 a dedicated emergency medical service helicopter response unit
28 operated, maintained and piloted by the Division of State Police of
29 the Department of Law and Public Safety, pursuant to regulations
30 adopted by the commissioner under chapter 40 of Title 8 of the New
31 Jersey Administrative Code.

32 e. "Medical direction" means the medical control and medical
33 orders transmitted from the physician of the mobile intensive care
34 hospital or from the physician at the regional trauma or critical care
35 center to the staff of the helicopter. The mobile intensive care unit
36 coordinating center and regional trauma or critical care center shall
37 have the ability to cross patch and consult with each other as
38 approved by the commissioner.

39 f. "Mobile intensive care hospital" means a hospital authorized
40 by the commissioner to develop and maintain a mobile intensive
41 care unit to provide advanced life support services in accordance
42 with P.L. 1984, c. 146 (C. 26:2K-7 et al.).

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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:

¹Assembly AHE committee amendments adopted June 10, 2010.

1 emergency medical services to an accident or trauma victim,
2 including, but not limited to, the level one trauma centers at the
3 University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-University
4 Hospital in Newark, known as the "Eric Munoz Trauma Center,"
5 and at the Cooper Hospital/University Medical Center in Camden.

6 h. "Critical care center" means a hospital authorized by the
7 commissioner to provide regional critical care services, such as
8 trauma, burn, spinal cord, cardiac, poison or neonatal care.

9 i. "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of the Division
10 of State Police of the Department of Law and Public Safety.

11 (cf: P.L.1986, c.106, s.1)

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13 2. The board of **'[directors] trustees'** of **'the'** University
14 **'[Hospital] of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey'** shall rename
15 the "New Jersey Trauma Center" at University Hospital as the "Eric
16 Munoz Trauma Center."

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18 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
19 next following the date of enactment.

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INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 8, 2010

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District 21 (Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union)

Senator ROBERT M. GORDON

District 38 (Bergen)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Ruiz

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22 This bill renames the "New Jersey Trauma Center" at University
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31 School, where he worked since 1988, until his death on March 30,
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SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1342

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 10, 2010

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1342.

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This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2504 (Coutinho), which is pending in the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.

ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1342

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 10, 2010

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1342.

As amended by the committee, this bill renames the "New Jersey Trauma Center" at University Hospital in Newark, which is the principal teaching hospital of the New Jersey Medical School at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), after the late Dr. Eric Munoz (1947-2009), who served as a member of the General Assembly from 2001 to 2009 and as a member of this committee from 2004 to 2009.

The trauma center, to be known as the "Eric Munoz Trauma Center," is the sole Level I Trauma Center for the densely populated region of northern New Jersey and, with its multiple missions of clinical service, research, and education, is a leader in the advancement of trauma care in New Jersey and nationwide.

A 1974 graduate of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Dr. Munoz was a professor of surgery at the UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School and worked as a trauma surgeon at the New Jersey Trauma Center from 1988 until his death on March 30, 2009. By renaming the trauma center after Dr. Munoz, this bill honors, and will help to sustain the memory of, his service as a long-time, dedicated trauma surgeon and professor of surgery at UMDNJ.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments to the bill make a technical revision that directs the board of trustees of UMDNJ, rather than the board of directors of University Hospital, to rename the "New Jersey Trauma Center" as the "Eric Munoz Trauma Center."

ASSEMBLY, No. 2504

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INTRODUCED MARCH 15, 2010

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ALBERT COUTINHO

District 29 (Essex and Union)

Assemblywoman ANNETTE QUIJANO

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STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2504

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Governor Christie Signs Bill to Rename Trauma Center at University Hospital After the Late Assemblyman Eric Munoz

Wednesday, October 6, 2010 Tags: [Pension and Health Benefits](#)

Trenton, NJ – Governor Chris Christie today signed into law S-1342, to rename the “New Jersey Trauma Center” at University Hospital the “Eric Munoz Trauma Center,” after the late Assemblyman Eric Munoz. Assemblyman Munoz was a trauma surgeon at the trauma center and also a professor of surgery at the UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, where he worked from 1988 until his death on March 30, 2009.

“Eric Munoz was a dedicated public servant, a skilled and respected surgeon and teacher, and a friend who is dearly missed to this day,” said Governor Christie. “Today, I am honored to take this action to honor and continue his memory in a small but significant way. As anyone who was fortunate enough to cross paths with Eric knows, his memory and legacy are best remembered through the work he dedicated himself to – the people he saved and the countless lives he improved through his work as a surgeon and a lawmaker.”

Governor Christie signed the legislation at a ceremony at UMDNJ’s University Hospital. He was joined by Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz, the late assemblyman’s widow, and members of the Munoz family. Sponsors of the bill, some of whom were in attendance, are as follows: Senators Robert Gordon, Tom Kean Jr., Teresa Ruiz and Connie Wagner; Assemblymembers Jon Bramnick, Albert Coutinho, Annette Quijano and Frederick Scalera.

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