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# ASSEMBLY, No. 3050

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 11, 2000

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**District 27 (Essex)**

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**SYNOPSIS**

"Leonard Cohen's Law"; concerns hospital patient transfers.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/12/2000)

A3050 COHEN, GILL

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1 AN ACT concerning the transfer of hospital patients and supplementing  
2 Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Leonard Cohen's  
8 Law."

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10 2. A general hospital licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136  
11 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) shall not transfer a patient to another health care  
12 facility unless the patient is accompanied by a complete discharge  
13 summary from the transferring hospital at the time of the transfer.

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15 3. A hospital that fails to comply with the provisions of section 2  
16 of this act shall be subject to such penalties as the Commissioner of  
17 Health and Senior Services shall determine pursuant to sections 13 and  
18 14 of P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-13 and 26:2H-14).

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20 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill, which is designated as "Leonard Cohen's Law," prohibits  
26 a licensed general hospital from transferring a patient to another health  
27 care facility unless the patient is accompanied by a complete discharge  
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29 hospital that fails to comply with the provisions of this bill shall be  
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ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3050**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 1, 2001

The Assembly Health Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3050.

This bill, which is designated as "Leonard Cohen's Law," prohibits a licensed general hospital from transferring a patient to another health care facility unless the patient is accompanied by a complete discharge summary from the transferring hospital at the time of the transfer. A hospital that fails to comply with the provisions of this bill shall be subject to such penalties as the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services determines pursuant to N.J.S.A.26:2H-13 and 26:2H-14.

SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3050**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 31, 2001

The Senate Health Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3050.

This bill, which is designated as "Leonard Cohen's Law," prohibits a licensed general hospital from transferring a patient to another health care facility unless the patient is accompanied by a complete discharge summary from the transferring hospital at the time of the transfer. A hospital that fails to comply with the provisions of this bill shall be subject to such penalties as the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services determines pursuant to N.J.S.A.26:2H-13 and 26:2H-14.

P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 207, *approved August 8, 2001*  
Assembly, No. 3050

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## CHAPTER 207

AN ACT concerning the transfer of hospital patients and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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

C.26:2H-12.9b Short title.

1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Leonard Cohen's Law."

C.26:2H-12.9c Discharge summary required for transfer of patients.

2. A general hospital licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) shall not transfer a patient to another health care facility unless the patient is accompanied by a complete discharge summary from the transferring hospital at the time of the transfer.

C.26:2H-12.9d Noncompliance, penalties.

3. A hospital that fails to comply with the provisions of section 2 of this act shall be subject to such penalties as the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall determine pursuant to sections 13 and 14 of P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-13 and 26:2H-14).

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 8, 2001.



# Office of the Governor

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## NEWS RELEASE

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RELEASE: Aug 8, 2001

### Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco signed the following legislation today:

**SCS-1833, 839**, sponsored by Senators Peter Inverso (R-Mercer/Middlesex), Anthony Bucco (R-Morris) and Diane Allen (R-Burlington/Camden) and Assembly members Rose Heck (R-Bergen) and Kevin O'Toole (R-Essex/Union), allows police and firefighters who transferred to the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) under a 1993 law to receive full benefits under PFRS for public safety service rendered prior to the transfer without having to pay the increased cost to the system of providing those benefits.

**A-2118**, sponsored by Senator Leonard Connors (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Ocean) and Assemblymen John Kelly (R-Bergen/Essex/Passaic) and Kevin O'Toole (R-Essex/Union), increases the number of members of the fire safety commission from 21 to 23. The role of the commission is to assist and advise the Commissioner of Community Affairs in the enforcement of the state's fire safety laws.

**A-3050**, sponsored by Assemblymen Neil Cohen (D-Union) and Nia Gill (D-Essex), termed "Leonard Cohen's Law," prohibits a licensed hospital from transferring a patient to another health care facility unless the patient is accompanied by a complete discharge summary from the transferring hospital at the time of the transfer.

**S-2050**, sponsored by Senators Andrew Ciesla (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Richard Codey (D-Essex) and Assemblyman Alex DeCroce (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic), provides that a court, in its discretion, may award prejudgment interest on the whole or part of a judgment arising out of or relating to claims for the construction or installation of improvements to real property in accordance with principles of equity.

**S-1330**, sponsored by Senators Robert Littell (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Jack Sinagra (R-Middlesex) and Assembly members Nicholas Felice (R-Bergen/Passaic) and Charlotte Vandervalk (R-Bergen), requires health insurers that provide prescription drug coverage to issue standardized pharmacy identification cards to decrease administrative burdens and to streamline the dispensing of prescription drugs and devices.

**A-2913**, sponsored by Senator Joseph Palaia (R-Monmouth) and Assembly members Michael Amone (R-Monmouth) and Anthony Impreveduto (D-Bergen/Hudson), prohibits "no damage for delay" clauses in certain contracts made with local units under the "Local Public Contracts Law" and the "Public Schools Contracts Law."

**A-1203**, sponsored by Assemblyman Steve Corodemus (R-Monmouth), establishes the World Language Instruction Committee in the Department of Education and provides credit toward

high school graduation requirements for world language courses offered by religious and non-public school organizations.

**A-2204**, sponsored by Senators Diane Allen (R-Burlington/Camden) and Richard Codey (D-Essex) and Assemblymen Frank Blee (R-Atlantic) and Joseph Charles (D-Hudson), renames the Office of Minority Health in the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) as Office on Minority and Multicultural Health and provides additional responsibilities for the office and appropriates \$1.5 million to the new office to implement the bill.

**AJR-35**, sponsored by Assemblymen Joseph Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Samuel Thompson (R-Middlesex/Monmouth), designates the third Monday in April of each year as "Patriots Day" in New Jersey.