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ASSEMBLY, No. 3638

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 20, 1983

By Assemblymen SCHWARTZ, VAN WAGNER, Assemblywoman PERUN, Assemblymen PELLY, DORIA, CHARLES, PATERNITI, PANKOK, Assemblywoman COSTA, Assemblymen HERMAN, ZANGARI, Assemblywoman GARVIN, Assemblymen OTLOWSKI, HAYTAIAN and FELICE

AN ACT to create the Alzheimer's Disease Study Commission.

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

1 1. The Legislature finds and determines:

2 a. In recent years Alzheimer's disease has come to be recognized
 3 as presenting a medical and social problem of grave dimensions.

4 b. A degenerative ***[disease affecting the frontal and temporal**
 5 **lobes of the brain, Alzheimer's disease strikes mainly at persons**
 6 **in the 40-to-65-year age bracket, producing speech disturbances**
 7 **and progressive loss of mental faculties, with effects resembling**
 8 **a premature senility, and leading to incapacity and death over a**
 9 **period which may extend for several years]* **and fatal brain***
 9A *disease of undetermined origin, Alzheimer's disease currently af-*
 9B *fects four million people in the United States, some as young as 40,*
 9C *causing progressive memory loss, confusion, inability to communi-*
 9D *cate, extreme personality change, and eventual inability to perform*
 9E *the most basic tasks*.*

10 c. No effective treatment for this disease is at present known,
 11 and proper care for persons afflicted with it is difficult and ex-
 12 pensive to procure; coping with the needs of those afflicted becomes
 13 more arduous as the disease progresses; and adequate care for
 14 those afflicted is beyond the means of many families.

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 printed in italics thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

***—Assembly committee amendments adopted June 27, 1983.**

15 d. It is appropriate that State Government take due cognizance
 16 of this significant problem in the field of public health and social
 17 welfare; that it take such measures as may be feasible and appro-
 18 priate to ease the burdens of the afflicted and their families; and
 19 that it facilitate the study and awareness of means to care for the
 20 victims of Alzheimer's disease and of present or prospective ap-
 21 proaches to the treatment of the disease.

1 2. a. There is created the Alzheimer's Disease Study Commis-
 2 sion, which shall consist of:

3 (1) The Commissioners of the Departments of Health, Human
 4 Services and Community Affairs, who shall serve during their
 5 continuance in their respective offices;

6 (2) Two members of the Senate, who shall not be of the same
 7 political party, to be appointed by the President of the Senate,
 8 and who shall serve during their continuance in office as Senators;

9 (3) Two members of the General Assembly, who shall not be
 10 of the same political party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the
 11 General Assembly, and who shall serve during their continuance
 12 in office as members of the General Assembly;

13 (4) Seven citizen members, **including no more than three health*
 13A *professionals who are currently involved in direct services to vic-*
 13B *tims of Alzheimer's disease,** to be appointed by the Governor,
 14 who shall be chosen from among persons who by reason of family
 15 relationship or legal guardianship bear, or have borne, responsi-
 16 bility in caring for victims of Alzheimer's disease.

17 b. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled
 18 in the same manner as the original appointments were made.

19 c. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation,
 20 but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses neces-
 21 sarily incurred in carrying out their duties as members of the
 22 commission.

1 3. The commission shall organize as soon as may be practicable
 2 after the appointment of its members and shall select a chairman
 3 from among its members and a secretary who need not be a mem-
 4 ber of the commission.

1 4. It shall be the duty of the commission:

2 a. To study the extent and severity of the incidence of Alz-
 3 heimer's disease in this State, with due consideration to the con-
 4 sequent need for specialized modes and facilities for the care of
 5 those afflicted;

6 b. To study the needs of both the victims of the disease and their
 7 families, the availability and affordability of long-term care ar-

8 rangements, including in-home care and other alternatives to in-
9 stitutionalization;

10 c. To gather and disseminate data and information relative to
11 the care and treatment of persons afflicted with this disease, so as
12 to stimulate awareness and provide accurate data for health care
13 professionals and governmental policymakers having responsi-
14 bilities relevant to this problem.

1 5. The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance and
2 avail itself of the services of such employees of any State, county
3 or municipal department, board, bureau, commission or agency
4 as it may require and as may be available to it for the purposes
5 of carrying out its duties under this act, and to employ such
6 stenographic and clerical assistants and incur such traveling and
7 other miscellaneous expenses as it may deem necessary in order
8 to perform its duties, and as may be within the limits of funds
9 appropriated or otherwise made available to it for those purposes.

1 6. The commission may meet and hold hearings at such place or
2 places as it shall designate during the sessions or recesses of the
3 Legislature, and shall report its findings and recommendations to
4 the Governor and the Legislature, accompanying the same with
5 any legislative bills which it may desire to recommend for adoption
6 by the Legislature, as soon as may be practicable after its appoint-
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STATEMENT

This bill would create a commission to study Alzheimer's disease, and in particular those long-term care needs arising from the disease to which State Government may address itself.

The commission would consist of the Commissioners of Health, Human Services and Community Affairs, ex-officio; two members each of the Senate and General Assembly; and seven citizen members chosen from among family members or legal guardians of persons afflicted by Alzheimer's disease.

The commission is directed to make an initial report "as soon as may be practicable, and other reports from time to time as its studies progress; and it is asked to report to the Governor and the Legislature any recommendations it may have as to proposed legislation or other governmental action to deal with the needs of the sufferers from Alzheimer's disease and their families.

A 3638 (1983)

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON AGING

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3638

with Assembly committee amendment

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 27, 1983

This bill creates a commission to study Alzheimer's disease and the social and medical needs which result from it. Members of the commission would include the Commissioners of Health, Human Services and Community Affairs, ex-officio, two Senators, two Assemblymen and seven citizens including three health professionals, and family members or legal guardians of persons afflicted with the disease.

The bill directs the commission to promptly prepare an initial report and other reports as its studies progress, and requests it to report to the Governor and the Legislature recommendations for governmental action or proposed legislation to assist and alleviate the needs of victims of Alzheimer's disease and their families.

Two technical amendments were adopted by the committee.