

52:14-17.29a

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 52:14-17.29a (Prescription drug program--State plan--
extend to certain State police retirees)

LAWS 1981 CHAPTER 304

Bill No. S1654

Sponsor(s) Dumont

Date Introduced Jan. 13, 1981

Committee: Assembly State Govt., Federal & Interstate Relations & Veterans Affairs

Senate Institutions, Health & Welfare

Amended during passage Yes ~~No~~ Amendments during passage
denoted by asterisks

Date of Passage: Assembly June 29, 1981

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Date of approval Nov. 11, 1981

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement Yes ~~No~~ (Below)

Committee Statement: Assembly Yes ~~No~~

Senate Yes ~~No~~

Fiscal Note Yes ~~No~~

Veto Message Yes ~~No~~

Message on signing Yes ~~No~~

Following were printed:

Reports Yes ~~No~~

Hearings Yes ~~No~~

Sponsor's statement:

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employee drug prescription program to include employees retiring after 25 or
more years of service and who have an illness characterized as terminal.

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SENATE, No. 1654**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

INTRODUCED JANUARY 13, 1981

By Senator DUMONT

Referred to Committee on Institutions, Health and Welfare

A SUPPLEMENT to the "New Jersey State Health Benefits Program Act," approved June 3, 1961 (P. L. 1961, c. 49, C. 52:14-17.25 et seq.), as said short title was amended by P. L. 1972, c. 75.

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

1 1. The State Health Benefits Commission shall undertake by an
2 amendatory or supplementary contract to extend the coverage of
3 the employee drug prescription ***[and other health care benefits]***
4 program, authorized pursuant to subsection (F) of section 5 of
5 P. L. 1961, c. 49 (C. 52:14-17.29), to State employees retiring **or*
6 *who have retired on or after January 1, 1980** under ***[a State**
7 **administered retirement system]*** **the State Police Retirement*
8 *System** after 25 or more years of service **and** who ***[at]*** **as of**
8A the time of their retirement are **or shall be** medically certified
8B to be suffering from an illness characterized as terminal by two
9 or more physicians licensed in the practice of medicine and surgery
10 in this State.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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**SENATE INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND WELFARE
COMMITTEE**

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1654

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 9, 1981

As amended by committee, this bill permits members of the State Police Retirement System who retired on or after January 1, 1980 with 25 or more years of service and who are certified as being terminally ill as of the time of retirement, to participate in the employee drug prescription program.

The committee amendments clarify the intent of the sponsor to limit the bill to terminally ill State Police who retired on or after January 1, 1980.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

NOVEMBER 12, 1981

KATHRYN FORSYTH

Governor Brendan Byrne today signed the following bills:

S-1295, sponsored by Senator Matthew Feldman (D-Bergen), which expands the scope of the evidentiary privileges respecting confidential communications between a priest and a penitent or between a psychologist and a client.

The psychologist-client privilege, which stands on the same basis as the attorney-client privilege, is expanded to cover communications involving a group or family receiving therapy.

Under the existing priest-penitent privilege, a clergyman may not be compelled to disclose confessions or other confidential communications made to him "in his professional character or as a spiritual advisor."

This bill expands that privilege to include "relations and communications between and among him and individuals, couples, families or groups with respect to the exercise of his professional counseling role."

S-1654, sponsored by Senator Wayne Dumont (R-Warren), which authorizes the State to extend the coverage of the employee drug prescription program to include terminally ill employees who retired under the State Police Retirement System on or after January 1, 1980, with at least 25 years of service.

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