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P.L.2015, CHAPTER 25, *approved March 23, 2015*
Assembly, No. 1674

1 AN ACT concerning residential community release programs and
2 supplementing Title 30 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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15 (3) expert witnesses;

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17 (5) law students.

18 b. The visits shall take place in the residential community
19 release program facilities upon request of the attorney.

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21 2. The Commissioner of Corrections, pursuant to the
22 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
23 seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the
24 provisions of this act.

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26 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 representatives of attorneys to visit incarcerated clients.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1674

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2014 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblywoman ANGELICA M. JIMENEZ

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Wilson

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/6/2014)

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36 There are currently regulations under Title 10A of the New
37 Jersey Administrative Code concerning attorney-client visits at
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39 halfway houses are required to allow attorney-client visits at the
40 halfway houses, even though they are private facilities that contract
41 with the Department of Corrections.

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1674

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 5, 2014

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1674.

Assembly Bill No. 1674 requires residential community release programs, also known as halfway houses, to permit attorneys and certain representatives of attorneys to visit clients who are incarcerated in a halfway house. The visits are required to take place in the halfway house facilities upon request of the attorney.

Currently, there are regulations in Title 10A of the New Jersey Administrative Code concerning attorney-client visits at correctional facilities. According to the sponsor's statement, the intent of the bill is to clarify that halfway houses administrators are required to allow attorney-client visits, even though halfway houses are private facilities that contract with the Department of Corrections.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2014-2015 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1674

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 15, 2015

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1674.

Assembly Bill No. 1674 requires residential community release programs, also known as halfway houses, to permit attorneys and certain representatives of attorneys to visit clients who are incarcerated in a halfway house. The visits are required to take place in the halfway house facilities upon request of the attorney.

Regulations in Title 10A of the New Jersey Administrative Code currently govern attorney-client visits at correctional facilities. According to the sponsor's statement, the intent of the bill is to clarify that halfway house administrators are required to allow attorney-client visits, even though halfway houses are private facilities under contract with the Department of Corrections.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 994, which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

SENATE, No. 994

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 27, 2014

Sponsored by:
Senator LORETTA WEINBERG
District 37 (Bergen)

SYNOPSIS

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