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Sponsor(s) Dwyer & others

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Senate Labor, Industry & Professions

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**SENATE, No. 3193**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

INTRODUCED APRIL 28, 1975

By Senators DWYER, McGAHN, WALLWORK and FAY

Referred to Committee on Labor, Industry and Professions

AN ACT concerning hospital records and amending R. S. 26:8-5.

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

1 1. R. S. 26:8-5 is amended to read as follows:

2 26:8-5. The person in charge of a hospital, almshouse, lying-in,  
3 penal, or other institution, public or private, to which any person  
4 resorts for treatment of disease or for confinement, or is committed  
5 by process of law, shall make a record of all the personal and  
6 statistical particulars relative to each inmate in such institution,  
7 at the time of admission, and shall make a complete medical record  
8 covering the period of such person's confinement in such institution.

9 The medical records provided for herein or photographic repro-  
10 ductions thereof shall be retained by the custodian of records of  
11 such institution for a period of 10 years following the most recent  
12 discharge of the patient, or until the person confined therein reaches  
13 the age of 23 years, whichever is the longer period of time. In  
14 addition, a discharge summary sheet shall be retained by such  
15 custodian of records for a period of 20 years following the most  
16 recent discharge of the patient. The discharge summary sheet shall  
17 contain the patient's name, address, dates of admission and dis-  
18 charge and a summary of the treatment and medication rendered  
19 during the patient's stay. Any X-ray films related to such confine-  
20 ment, *or any size reproductions thereof which maintain the clarity*  
21 *of the original*, shall be retained by such custodian of records for a  
22 period of 5 years.

23 In case of any person admitted or committed for treatment of  
24 disease, the physician in charge shall specify, for entry in the  
25 record, the nature of the disease and where, in his opinion, it was  
26 contracted.

27 The personal particulars and information required by this sec-

28 tion shall be obtained from the individual himself if practicable;  
29 and when not, they shall be obtained in as complete a manner as  
30 possible from relatives, friends, or other persons acquainted with  
31 the facts.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

SENATE LABOR, INDUSTRY AND  
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 3193**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
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DATED: JUNE 16, 1975

Senate Bill No. 3193 would permit hospitals to retain reproductions of X-ray films, such as microfilm thereof, rather than the X-rays themselves as presently required by law. This would allow for more effective utilization of hospital space.