

**9:17A-4.2 TO 9:17A-4.4
LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST**

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LAWS OF: 2015 **CHAPTER:** 287

NJSA: 9:17A-4.2 TO 9:17A-4.4 ("Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone Law"; permits minors to give consent for behavioral health care.)

BILL NO: A3435 (Substituted for S2503 (1R))

SPONSOR(S) Garcia, Carmelo G., and others

DATE INTRODUCED: June 23, 2014

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Women and Children

SENATE: Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** 1/11/2016

SENATE: 12/3/2015

DATE OF APPROVAL: January 19, 2016

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Third Reprint enacted) Yes

A3435

INTRODUCED BILL: (Includes sponsor(s) statement) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

SENATE: Yes

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

S2503 (1R)

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SENATE: Yes

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P.L.2015, CHAPTER 287, *approved January 19, 2016*
Assembly, No. 3435 (*Third Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning minor's consent for behavioral health care,
2 designated as "Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone Law," and
3 amending¹, and supplementing¹ P.L.1968, c.230.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. Section 1 of P.L.1968, c.230 (C.9:17A-4) is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 1. The consent to the provision of medical or surgical care or
11 services by a hospital, public clinic, or the performance of medical
12 or surgical care or services by a physician ²**[,]**² licensed to practice
13 medicine, when executed by a minor who is or believes that he ²or
14 she² may be afflicted with a venereal disease, or who is at least 13
15 years of age and is or believes that he ²or she² may be infected with
16 the human immunodeficiency virus or have acquired immune
17 deficiency syndrome, or by a minor who, in the judgment of a
18 treating physician, appears to have been sexually assaulted, shall be
19 valid and binding as if the minor had achieved ²**[his or her]** the age
20 of² majority ²**[,]** as the case may be². Any such consent shall not
21 be subject to later disaffirmance by reason of minority. In the case
22 of a minor who appears to have been sexually assaulted, the minor's
23 parents or guardian shall be notified immediately, unless the
24 attending physician believes that it is in the best interests of the
25 patient not to do so; however, inability of the treating physician,
26 hospital, or clinic to locate or notify the parents or guardian shall
27 not preclude the provision of any necessary emergency medical or
28 surgical care to the minor.

29 When a minor believes that he ²or she² is suffering from the use
30 of drugs or is a drug dependent person as defined in section 2 of
31 P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-2) or is suffering from alcohol
32 dependency or is an alcoholic as defined in section 2 of P.L.1975,
33 c.305 (C.26:2B-8), ²**[his]** the minor's² consent to treatment under
34 the supervision of a physician licensed to practice medicine, or an
35 individual licensed or certified to provide treatment for alcoholism,
36 or in a facility licensed by the State to provide for the treatment of

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 underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AWC committee amendments adopted October 9, 2014.

²Senate SHH committee amendments adopted May 7, 2015.

³Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's
recommendations November 9, 2015.

1 alcoholism ^{2,2} shall be valid and binding as if the minor had
 2 achieved **his or her** the age of majority **], as the case may be]**.
 3 Any such consent shall not be subject to later disaffirmance by
 4 reason of minority. Treatment for drug use, drug abuse, alcohol use
 5 or alcohol abuse that is consented to by a minor shall be considered
 6 confidential information between the physician, the treatment
 7 provider, or the treatment facility, as appropriate, and **his** the
 8 patient, and neither the minor nor ²**his** the minor's² physician,
 9 treatment provider, or treatment facility, as appropriate, shall be
 10 required to report such treatment when it is the result of voluntary
 11 consent, except as may otherwise be required by law.

12 When a minor ³who is sixteen years of age or older³ believes that
 13 he ²or she² is in need of behavioral health care services for the
 14 treatment of mental illness or emotional disorders, ²his the
 15 minor's² consent to ³temporary outpatient³ treatment ³, excluding
 16 the use or administration of medication,³ under the supervision of a
 17 physician licensed to practice medicine, ²an advanced practice
 18 nurse,² or an individual licensed to provide professional counseling
 19 under Title 45 of the Revised Statutes, including, but not limited to,
 20 a psychiatrist, licensed practicing psychologist, certified social
 21 worker, licensed clinical social worker, licensed social worker,
 22 licensed marriage and family therapist, certified psychoanalyst, ³or³
 23 licensed psychologist ³[^{2,2} or licensed clinical social worker]³ ,
 24 ²[¹advanced practice nurse,¹]² or in ³[a] an outpatient³ health care
 25 facility licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) ^{2,2}
 26 shall be valid and binding as if the minor had achieved the age of
 27 majority. Any such consent shall not be subject to later
 28 disaffirmance by reason of minority. Treatment for behavioral
 29 health care services for mental illness or emotional disorders that is
 30 consented to by a minor shall be considered confidential
 31 information between the physician, the individual licensed to
 32 provide professional counseling, ²the² ¹advanced practice nurse,¹ or
 33 the health care facility, as appropriate, and the patient, and neither
 34 the minor nor ²his the minor's² physician, professional counselor,
 35 ¹nurse,¹ or ³outpatient³ health care facility, as appropriate, shall be
 36 required to report such treatment when it is the result of voluntary
 37 consent.

38 The consent of no other person or persons, including but not
 39 limited to, a spouse, parent, custodian ^{2,2} or guardian, shall be
 40 necessary in order to authorize ²a minor to receive² such hospital
 41 ²services², facility ^{2,2} or clinical care or services **[or]**, medical or
 42 surgical care or services, or counseling ²**[to be provided by:]**
 43 services from² a physician licensed to practice medicine [or by]
 44 ²[:] ² an individual licensed or certified to provide treatment for
 45 alcoholism ²[:] an advanced practice nurse,² or an individual

1 licensed to provide professional counseling under Title 45 of the
2 Revised Statutes, as appropriate ²[, to such a minor]^{2 3}, except that
3 behavioral health care services for the treatment of mental illness or
4 emotional disorders shall be limited to temporary outpatient
5 services only³.

6 (cf: P.L.2005, c.342, s.1)

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8 ¹2. (New section) ³[a.]³ The Department of Children and
9 Families shall prepare and make available on the department's
10 Internet website, ²[both in print and]² in an easily printable format,
11 information on the ²behavioral health² provisions of section 1 of
12 P.L.1968, c.230 (C.9:17A-4), including, but not limited to, the
13 provisions ²[mandating] which specify² that ²[the] a minor's²
14 consent ²[of a minor]² to treatment under the supervision of a
15 ²licensed² physician ²[licensed to practice medicine]² , ²an²
16 advanced practice nurse, or an individual licensed to provide
17 professional counseling under Title 45 of the Revised Statutes is ²to
18 be considered² valid and binding as if the minor had achieved the
19 age of majority, and the ²provisions which specify that² treatment
20 consented to by a minor ²[shall] is to² be considered confidential
21 information.

22 ³[b. The department shall prepare an informational pamphlet
23 that contains the information posted on its website pursuant to
24 subsection a. of this section. The department shall distribute the
25 pamphlet, at no charge, to all psychiatrists, licensed practicing
26 psychologists, certified social workers, licensed clinical social
27 workers, licensed social workers, licensed marriage and family
28 therapists, certified psychoanalysts, licensed psychologists, licensed
29 clinical social workers, advanced practice nurses, or health care
30 facilities licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) in
31 the State that provide behavioral health care services to children and
32 young adults.¹]³

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34 ²3. (New section) Nothing in section 1 of P.L.1968, c.230
35 (C.9:17A-4) shall be construed to:

36 a. require a provider to continue to provide behavioral or
37 mental health treatment to a minor if, in the provider's professional
38 judgment, the consent or participation of the minor's parents is
39 necessary for the proper care of the minor; or

40 b. allow a minor to refuse consent to mental or behavioral
41 health treatment, except as may be otherwise authorized by law,
42 when both the minor's provider and the minor's parents deem such
43 treatment to be necessary.²

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45 ³4. (New section) The Director of the Division of Consumer
46 Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety, in consultation

1 with the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services,
2 pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410
3 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), may adopt rules and regulations necessary to
4 implement the provisions of this act.³

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6 ¹[2.] ²[3.1] ³[4.2] ⁵.³ This act shall take effect immediately.

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11 "Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone Law"; permits minors to give
12 consent for behavioral health care.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3435

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 23, 2014

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman CARMELO G. GARCIA

District 33 (Hudson)

Assemblyman RAJ MUKHERJI

District 33 (Hudson)

Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblyman CHARLES MAINOR

District 31 (Hudson)

Assemblyman TIMOTHY J. EUSTACE

District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

Assemblywoman GABRIELA M. MOSQUERA

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

SYNOPSIS

"Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone Law"; permits minors to give consent for behavioral health care.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/10/2014)

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22 appears to have been sexually assaulted, the minor's parents or
23 guardian shall be notified immediately, unless the attending
24 physician believes that it is in the best interests of the patient not to
25 do so; however, inability of the treating physician, hospital, or
26 clinic to locate or notify the parents or guardian shall not preclude
27 the provision of any necessary emergency medical or surgical care
28 to the minor.

29 When a minor believes that he is suffering from the use of drugs
30 or is a drug dependent person as defined in section 2 of P.L.1970,
31 c.226 (C.24:21-2) or is suffering from alcohol dependency or is an
32 alcoholic as defined in section 2 of P.L.1975, c.305 (C.26:2B-8), his
33 consent to treatment under the supervision of a physician licensed
34 to practice medicine, or an individual licensed or certified to
35 provide treatment for alcoholism, or in a facility licensed by the
36 State to provide for the treatment of alcoholism shall be valid and
37 binding as if the minor had achieved **his or her** the age of
38 majority **], as the case may be].** Any such consent shall not be
39 subject to later disaffirmance by reason of minority. Treatment for
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41 to by a minor shall be considered confidential information between
42 the physician, the treatment provider, or the treatment facility, as
43 appropriate, and **his** the patient, and neither the minor nor his
44 physician, treatment provider, or treatment facility, as appropriate,
45 shall be required to report such treatment when it is the result of

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3 care services for the treatment of mental illness or emotional
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6 provide professional counseling under Title 45 of the Revised
7 Statutes, including, but not limited to, a psychiatrist, licensed
8 practicing psychologist, certified social worker, licensed clinical
9 social worker, licensed social worker, licensed marriage and family
10 therapist, certified psychoanalyst, licensed psychologist or licensed
11 clinical social worker, or in a health care facility licensed pursuant
12 to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) shall be valid and binding as
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21 appropriate, shall be required to report such treatment when it is the
22 result of voluntary consent.

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24 limited to, a spouse, parent, custodian or guardian, shall be
25 necessary in order to authorize such hospital, facility or clinical care
26 or services **【or】**, medical or surgical care or services, or counseling
27 to be provided by: a physician licensed to practice medicine **【or**
28 **by】**; an individual licensed or certified to provide treatment for
29 alcoholism; or an individual licensed to provide professional
30 counseling under Title 45 of the Revised Statutes, as appropriate, to
31 such a minor.

32 (cf: P.L.2005, c.342, s.1)

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34 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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39 This bill, designated as "Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone Law,"
40 amends current law to permit a minor to give consent for behavioral
41 health care for the treatment of mental illness or emotional
42 disorders. The bill provides that the minor's consent to treatment
43 under the supervision of a physician, an individual licensed to
44 provide professional counseling, including, but not limited to, a
45 psychiatrist, licensed practicing psychologist, certified social
46 worker, licensed clinical social worker, licensed social worker,
47 licensed marriage and family therapist, certified psychoanalyst,
48 licensed psychologist or licensed clinical social worker, or in a

1 health care facility would be valid and binding as if the minor had
2 achieved majority.

3 Additionally, this treatment would be considered confidential
4 information between the physician, the individual who is licensed to
5 provide professional counseling, or the health care facility, as
6 appropriate, and the patient.

7 The provisions of the bill are similar to those which already
8 permit a minor to consent to treatment for venereal disease, human
9 immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome,
10 sexual assault, or drug or alcohol abuse.

11 The bill is designated as "Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone Law" in
12 honor of the members of the Keystone Club of the Hudson County
13 Boys & Girls Clubs, who were concerned about suicide and self
14 harm among teenagers.

ASSEMBLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3435

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 9, 2014

The Assembly Women and Children Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments, Assembly Bill No. 3435.

As amended by the committee, this bill, designated as "Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone Law," amends current law to permit a minor to give consent for behavioral health care for the treatment of mental illness or emotional disorders. The bill provides that the minor's consent to treatment under the supervision of a physician, an individual licensed to provide professional counseling, including, but not limited to, a psychiatrist, licensed practicing psychologist, certified social worker, licensed clinical social worker, licensed social worker, licensed marriage and family therapist, certified psychoanalyst, licensed psychologist or licensed clinical social worker, an advanced practice nurse, or in a health care facility would be valid and binding as if the minor had achieved majority.

Additionally, this treatment would be considered confidential information between the physician, the individual who is licensed to provide professional counseling, the nurse, or the health care facility, as appropriate, and the patient.

The provisions of the bill are similar to those which already permit a minor to consent to treatment for venereal disease, human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, sexual assault, or drug or alcohol abuse.

The bill also requires the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to prepare and make available on its internet site, both in print and in an easily printable format, information on the provisions of section 1 of P.L.1968, c.230 (C.9:17A-4), including, but not limited to, the provisions permitting a minor to give consent for behavioral health care for the treatment of mental illness or emotional disorders, stipulating that the consent given would be valid and binding as if the minor had achieved majority, and that the treatment consented to by the minor is confidential information.

DCF would also be required to prepare an informational pamphlet containing the information posted on its website, and to distribute the pamphlet, at no charge, to all psychiatrists, licensed practicing psychologists, certified social workers, licensed clinical social

workers, licensed social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists, certified psychoanalysts, licensed psychologists or licensed clinical social workers, advanced practice nurses, or health care facilities providing substance abuse treatment and behavioral health care services to children and young adults.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to include advance practice nurses as one of the professionals who a minor is permitted to give consent for behavioral health care.

The bill was also amended to require DCF to prepare and make available on its internet website, both in print and in an easily printable format, information on the provisions of section 1 of P.L.1968, c.230 (C.9:17A-4), including, but not limited to, the provisions permitting a minor to give consent for behavioral health care for the treatment of mental illness or emotional disorders, stipulating that the consent given would be valid and binding as if the minor had achieved majority, and specifying that the treatment consented to by the minor is confidential information.

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SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]
ASSEMBLY, No. 3435

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 4, 2015

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 3435 (1R).

This bill, designated as "Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone Law," amends current law to permit a minor to give consent for behavioral health care for the treatment of mental illness or emotional disorders. The bill provides that the minor's consent to treatment under the supervision of a physician, an individual licensed to provide professional counseling, including, but not limited to, a psychiatrist, licensed practicing psychologist, certified social worker, licensed clinical social worker, licensed social worker, licensed marriage and family therapist, certified psychoanalyst, licensed psychologist or licensed clinical social worker, an advanced practice nurse, or in a health care facility would be valid and binding as if the minor had achieved majority.

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The committee amended the bill to:

- specify that nothing in the bill's provisions may be deemed to require a provider to continue to provide behavioral or mental health treatment to a minor if, in the provider's professional judgment, the consent or participation of the minor's parents is necessary for the proper care of the minor; and that nothing in the bill's provisions may be deemed to allow a minor to refuse consent to mental or behavioral health treatment, except as may be otherwise authorized by law, when both the minor's provider and the minor's parents deem such treatment to be necessary; and
- make technical and clarifying corrections.

As reported, this bill is identical to S-2503(SCA) (Stack), which the committee also reported favorably on this date.

SENATE, No. 2503

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 16, 2014

Sponsored by:

Senator BRIAN P. STACK

District 33 (Hudson)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Sacco

SYNOPSIS

"Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone Law"; permits minors to give consent for behavioral health care.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/10/2015)

S2503 STACK

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 2503

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 4, 2015

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2503.

As amended by the committee, this bill, which is designated as "Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone Law," would permit a minor to give consent for behavioral health care for the treatment of mental illness or emotional disorders. The bill provides that the minor's consent to treatment under the supervision of a physician, an individual licensed to provide professional counseling, including, but not limited to, a psychiatrist, licensed practicing psychologist, certified social worker, licensed clinical social worker, licensed social worker, licensed marriage and family therapist, certified psychoanalyst, licensed psychologist or licensed clinical social worker, or in a health care facility would be valid and binding as if the minor had achieved majority.

Additionally, this treatment would be considered confidential information between the physician, the individual who is licensed to provide professional counseling, or the health care facility, as appropriate, and the patient.

The provisions of the bill are similar to those which already permit a minor to consent to treatment for venereal disease, human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, sexual assault, or drug or alcohol abuse.

The bill is designated as "Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone Law" in honor of the members of the Keystone Club of the Hudson County Boys & Girls Clubs, who were concerned about suicide and self harm among teenagers.

The committee amended the bill to:

- include advanced practice nurses as one of the professionals who a minor is permitted to give consent for behavioral health care;
- require DCF to prepare and make available on its Internet website, information on the behavioral health provisions of section 1 of P.L.1968, c.230 (C.9:17A-4), including information on the provisions stipulating that a minor's consent will be valid and binding

as if the minor had reached the age of majority, and that treatment consented to by a minor will be treated as confidential information;

- require DCF to prepare an informational pamphlet containing the information posted on its website, and distribute the pamphlet, at no charge, to persons and facilities that provide behavioral health care to children;

- specify that nothing in the bill may be deemed to require a provider to continue to provide behavioral or mental health treatment to a minor if, in the provider’s professional judgment, the consent or participation of the minor’s parents is necessary for the proper care of the minor; and that nothing in the bill may be deemed to allow a minor to refuse consent to mental or behavioral health treatment, except as may be otherwise authorized by law, when both the minor’s provider and the minor’s parents deem such treatment to be necessary; and

- make technical and clarifying corrections.

As reported, this bill is identical to A-3435(1R)(SCA) (Garcia/Mukherji/Vainieri Huttel/Mainor/Eustace/Mosquera), which the committee also reported favorably on this date.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3435
(Second Reprint)

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Assembly Bill No. 3435 (Second Reprint) with my recommendations for reconsideration.

This bill would permit minors to obtain professional behavioral health treatment without parental consent or notification. Under the terms of this bill, once a minor consents to treatment, the treatment would be confidential between the minor and the professional, and no other approval would be required to authorize treatment.

I have long promoted greater access to mental health care. In fact, the Fiscal Year 2016 budget continues this commitment by dedicating over \$100 million in new funding to support home and community-based services for individuals with mental illness. Additionally, over the course of my Administration, we have dedicated resources to initiatives that provide greater access to community services including support for Family Success Centers and for 24-hour Mobile Response and Stabilization Services to help children and youth who are in immediate need of emotional or behavioral support.

The unique challenges that some minors may face in obtaining treatment for mental illness and emotional disorders require a particularly sensitive approach. However, I am concerned that, as written, this bill could lead to unintended consequences. For instance, unlike several other states, this bill lacks parameters to define age appropriateness for certain treatments or therapy. Moreover, nothing in the bill would prevent treating a minor with powerful antidepressants or psychotropic medications. I do not support removing parents or guardians from the decision-making process regarding such

significant levels of medical care. Furthermore, at a time when we continue our battle against the disease of addiction, we must be ever cautious when exposing minors to medications with addictive qualities.

Therefore, I propose amendments to this bill to provide appropriate safeguards that would protect against any unreasonable interpretations. These recommendations include providing a minimum age at which a minor may receive care under the law, and expressly defining what that care may include.

Accordingly, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 3435 (Second Reprint) and recommend that it be amended as follows:

<u>Page 3, Section 1, Line 5:</u>	After " <u>minor</u> " insert " <u>who is sixteen years of age or older</u> "
<u>Page 3, Section 1, Line 7:</u>	After " <u>to</u> " insert " <u>temporary outpatient</u> "
<u>Page 3, Section 1, Line 7:</u>	After " <u>treatment</u> " insert " <u>, excluding the use or administration of medication,</u> "
<u>Page 3, Section 1, Line 14:</u>	After " <u>psychoanalyst,</u> " insert " <u>or</u> "
<u>Page 3, Section 1, Lines 14-15:</u>	After " <u>psychologist</u> " delete " <u>, or licensed clinical social worker</u> "
<u>Page 3, Section 1, Line 16:</u>	Delete " <u>a</u> " and insert " <u>an outpatient</u> "
<u>Page 3, Section 1, Line 26:</u>	After " <u>or</u> " insert " <u>outpatient</u> "
<u>Page 3, Section 1, Line 37:</u>	After " <u>appropriate</u> " insert " <u>, except that behavioral health care services for the treatment of mental illness or emotional disorders shall be limited to temporary outpatient services only</u> "
<u>Page 3, Section 2, Line 40:</u>	Delete " <u>a.</u> "
<u>Page 4, Section 2, Lines 8-18:</u>	Delete in their entirety
<u>Page 4, Line 30:</u>	Insert new section 4: "4. The Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety, in consultation with the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure

Act," P.L.1968, c.410
(C.52:14B-1 et seq.), may
adopt rules and regulations
necessary to implement the
provisions of this act."

Page 4, Section 4, Line 31:

Delete "4." and insert "5."

Respectfully,

Chris Christie
Governor

Attest:

Thomas P. Scrivo
Chief Counsel to the Governor

Governor Chris Christie Takes Action On Pending Legislation From The 216th Legislative Session

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Trenton, NJ – Furthering his administration's commitment to New Jersey's veterans and military personnel, Governor Chris Christie took action today on legislation from the 216th Legislative Session, including 11 legislative measures designed to assist both active military members and veterans, along with their families.

"From the very start of this administration, we have focused on serving the needs of our veterans and the men and women still in active duty, assisting them with everything from securing jobs to finding the proper health care and social services," said Governor Christie. "The bills I signed today continue to make good on our promise to help those who have given so much of themselves to defend and serve this nation find a seamless transition back to civilian life and receive a helping-hand, when needed, no matter how long after their discharge from the military."

The enacted legislation includes:

- **S-172/A-2276 (Whelan, Beach/DeAngelo, Quijano)** - Exempts disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients from payment of municipal parking meter fees when their vehicles bear a disable veteran's or Purple Heart license plate or placard issued by New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
- **S-2972/A-4465 (Van Drew, Cruz-Perez/Andrzejczak, Tucker, Benson)** - Requires DMVA assist and mentor veterans through criminal justice system
- **A-1667/S-2155 (Johnson, DeAngelo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Pintor Marin/Van Drew, A.R. Bucco)** - Permits child whose parent or guardian is ordered into active military service to remain enrolled in school district where child's parent or guardian resided prior to active military service
- **A-2935/S-1325 (Andrzejczak, Lagana, Webber, Mosquera, Lampitt/Van Drew, A.R. Bucco)** - Authorizes property tax deferral for deployed military personnel
- **A-2299/S-239 (Andrzejczak, Benson/Van Drew, Stack)** - Requires municipalities to exempt 100% disabled veterans from construction permit surcharge fees for improvements to promote living unit accessibility; appropriates \$20,000 for municipal reimbursements
- **A-3552/S-2636 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Benson/Beach, Van Drew)** - Creates financial planning assistance program for disabled veterans and their caregivers
- **A-3554/S-2606 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Benson, Danielsen/Beach, Cruz-Perez)** - Increases income eligibility cap to receive respite care for certain veterans
- **AS for A-3750/S-2569 (Lampitt, Tucker, Andrzejczak, Singleton, Mosquera/Beach, Allen)** - Requires Adjutant General to create informational webpage for women veterans
- **A-4148/S-2731 (Andrzejczak, Benson/Van Drew, Beach)** - Provides an excused absence on Veterans Day for pupil who participates in certain activities for veterans or active duty members of United States Armed Forces or New Jersey National Guard

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- **A-4323/S-2952 (DeAngelo, Lagana, Muoio, Benson/Beach, Whelan)** - Expands timeframe for renewal of driver's license, registration, and inspection by military personnel and immediate family members under certain circumstances.
- **AJR-117/SJR-85 (Tucker, Holley, Vainieri Huttie/Beach, Whelan, Madden)** - Urges Congress to restore funding to Vets4Warriors veteran suicide hotline

The Governor also took the following action on other pending legislation:

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- **S-451/A-1103 (Ruiz, Allen/Vainieri Huttie, Singleton, Benson)** - Establishes Office of the Special Education Ombudsman in DOE
- **S-485/A-1976 (Cunningham, Ruiz/Lampitt, Mosquera, Quijano)** -Requires president of public institution of higher education to regularly report on-campus criminal and fire events to the institution's governing board
- **S-489/A-4926 (Cunningham, T. Kean/Diegnan, Mukherji, Benson)** - Authorizes institutions of higher education to grant college credit to high school students who complete the Jersey Boys State or Jersey Girls State program
- **S-832/A-2039 (Whelan, Beach/Moriarty, Stender, Garcia)** - Permits voter registration of certain persons at age 17 for voting at next election occurring on or after 18th birthday
- **S-1046/A-2721 (Turner, Scutari/Gusciora)** - Concerns alterations in child support obligations in response to changes to status of supported child
- **S-1184/A-1950 (Vitale, Beach/Conaway, Diegnan, Sumter, Danielsen)** - Revises requirements for licensure and creates physician-delegated scope of practice for physician assistants
- **S-1346wGR/A-3837 (Rice/Coughlin, Garcia, Rodriguez-Gregg, Pintor Marin, Jasey)** - Concerns the recording of mortgages
- **S-1447/A-2829 (Greenstein, Addiego/Johnson, Mainor, Rible, Quijano)** - Prohibits posting, publishing on the Internet, or disclosing certain information regarding law enforcement officers
- **S-1567/A-410 (A.R. Bucco, Van Drew/A.M. Bucco, Bramnick, Johnson, Quijano, Rumana)** - Establishes DOT roadside memorial program for fallen police officers, sheriff's officers, EMS workers, and firefighters; designated as "Patrolman Joseph Wargo's Law"
- **S-1687/A-4924 (Ruiz, Vitale/Diegnan, Eustace)** - Permits students made homeless by act of terrorism or natural disaster to attend tuition-free the school district in which they resided prior to being homeless for two school years after the event
- **S-2032wGR/A-3440 (Codey, Turner/Diegnan, Eustace)** - Requires DOE to review Core Curriculum Content Standards to ensure that they incorporate modern computer science standards where appropriate
- **S-2110/A-3343 (Oroho/Space, Vainieri Huttie, Schaer, Phoebus, Pinkin)** - Requires nursing homes to offer form designating beneficiary of personal needs allowance accounts from incoming and current residents

- **S-2201/A-3273 (O'Toole/Russo, Rumana, Casagrande)** - Authorizes youth camps to maintain supply of epinephrine and permit trained employees to administer epinephrine to camp members suffering from anaphylaxis

- **SCS for S-2251/A-3708 (Oroho, Barnes/Diegnan, Webber, Johnson, Space, Phoebus)** - Increases monetary amounts for transfer of estate assets without administration and for exemption from debts of the deceased

- **S-2260wGR/A-688 (Scutari, Cardinale/Schaer)** - Modifies certain fees charged by, and requirements imposed on, check casher licensees

- **S-2284wGR/A-3549 (Pou, Weinberg/Schaer, Vainieri Huttle, Webber, Singleton, Jimenez, Johnson, Bramnick)** - Requires Medicaid managed care organizations to meet certain conditions prior to reducing reimbursement rates for personal care assistant services and home-based supportive care services

- **S-2442/A-3891 (T. Kean, Sarlo/Bramnick, Rodriquez-Gregg, Johnson, Casagrande, Schepisi)** - Establishes NJ Innovation and Research Fellowship Program in DOLWD

- **S-2495/A-3868 (Codey, Rice/Conaway, Singleton, Eustace, Coughlin)** - Authorizes State-chartered banks, savings banks, savings and loans, and credit unions to conduct certain savings account promotions

- **S-2617/A-3944 (Cardinale/Garcia, McKeon, Auth, Eustace, Pinkin)** - Requires DEP to adopt regulations to allow cultivation of commercial shellfish species in certain coastal and inner harbor waters for research, educational, or restoration purposes; requires community engagement process for revision thereof

- **S-2627/A-3957 (Cardinale, Sacco/Schepisi, Auth, Eustace, Rumana, Johnson)** - Designates State Highway Route 17 in Borough of Ramsey as "Staff Sergeant Timothy R. McGill Memorial Highway"

- **S-2695/A-4110 (T. Kean, Sacco/Dancer, Benson, Jimenez, Johnson)** - Requires MVC conduct study and make recommendations concerning electronic driver's licenses and mobile applications

- **S-2741/A-4213 (Doherty/Vainieri Huttle, Webber)** - Permits unregulated solicitation to perform snow shoveling within 24 hours of predicted snowstorm

- **S-2787wGR/A-4273 (Sweeney/Singleton, Burzichelli, Giblin, Prieto, Wimberly)** - Establishes vocational training pilot program in DOC; provides for inmate compensation for education and workforce training participation

- **S-2880/A-4704 (Lesniak, T. Kean/Diegnan, Wisniewski)** - Provides up to \$25 million in tax credits under Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant Program for certain infrastructure at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey

- **S-2922/A-4925 (Ruiz, Turner/Diegnan, Jasey)** - Requires DOE on its website to link to Department of Treasury's website where list is maintained of all third party individuals and vendors employed or retained for work associated with State assessments

- **S-2923/A-4901 (Ruiz, Turner/Jasey, Caputo)** - Requires school district or charter school to provide notification to parent or guardian of enrolled student on upcoming administration of State assessments or commercially-developed standardized assessment

- **S-2960/A-4331 (Codey, Rice/Garcia, Vainieri Huttle, Danielsén, DeAngelo, Holley, Benson, Mukherji)** -

Establishes requirements for training programs for homemaker-home health aides in care of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders

- **S-3019/A-4771 (Sweeney, Stack/Burzichelli, Muoio)** - Requires filing of financial agreement for long term tax exemption with county finance officer and counsel; requires quarterly payment of county share of payment in lieu of tax
- **S-3129/A-4728 (Madden, Cunningham/DeAngelo, Benson, Lampitt, Quijano)** - Directs DOLWD to provide information regarding employee leave and benefit rights
- **S-3168/A-4769 (Sweeney, O'Toole/Burzichelli)** - Limits increase in annual budget requests of certain county entities
- **S-3170/A-4768 (Pou, Bateman/Burzichelli)** - Requires county superintendent of elections to operate pursuant to county administrative code; subjects certain salary costs of office of county superintendent of elections to review and approval by county governing body
- **S-3171/A-4575 (Whelan, Oroho/Greenwald, Burzichelli)** - Creates definition of certified mail
- **S-3182/A-4690 (Ruiz, Pou/Pintor Marin, Spencer, Sumter)** - Delays certain documentation submission deadlines under certain business tax credit programs
- **S-3207/A-4714 (Vitale, T. Kean/Lampitt, Mosquera)** - Limits liability of caregivers when facilitating normalcy for children in foster care
- **S-3240/A-4878 (Lesniak, Allen/Spencer, Sumter, Holley, Eustace)** - Authorizes establishment of recovery high school alternative education programs
- **S-3242/A-4856 (Vitale, Sweeney/Vainieri Huttie)** - Clarifies best interests of the child should be primary consideration in actions undertaken by State governmental entities and courts of law
- **S-3243/A-4702 (Vitale, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttie, Spencer)** - Provides that if minor appears to have been sexually assaulted, health care professionals in addition to physicians may authorize forensic sexual assault examination and medical care without parental consent
- **S-3247/A-4928 (Ruiz, Pou/Sumter, Wimberly)** - Eliminates cap on cost of SDA district school facilities projects that may be constructed by district and included in capital outlay budget
- **S-3282wGR/A-4850 (Rice, Cunningham/Wimberly, Mainor, Johnson)** - Expands Police Training Commission membership to include representative from Northern New Jersey and South Jersey Chapters of National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives
- **S-3303/A-4469 (Whelan/Quijano, Mukherji, Jimenez)** - Makes fraudulent use of social security number to collect lottery winnings crime of fourth degree
- **S-3321/A-4927 (Smith, Van Drew, Bateman/Spencer, Rumana)** - Authorizes DEP to require public access to waterfront and adjacent shoreline as condition of waterfront development approvals and CAFRA permits

- **SJR-22/AJR-40 (Weinberg/Johnson, Vainieri Huttie)** - Designates January 14 of each year as "Hannah G. Solomon Day"
- **ACS for A-206, 471, 1663, 2879, 3060, 3108wGR/S-2663 (Green, Spencer, Gusciora, Johnson, McKeon, Giblin, Wimberly, Mainor, Quijano/Turner, Lesniak, Pou)** - Shortens waiting periods for expungement of criminal and other records and information; makes various changes to other expungement procedures and requirements
- **A-311/S-2426 (Bramnick, Diegnan, Wimberly, Gusciora/Ruiz, T. Kean)** - Requires public schools to weight courses in visual and performing arts equally with other courses worth same number of credits in calculating grade point average
- **ACS for A-428/S-393 (Jimenez, Prieto/Sacco, Sarlo)** - Expands DNA database to include samples from disorderly persons who are fingerprinted and permits law enforcement officers to collect certain biological samples
- **A-801wGR/S-861 (Coughlin, Wisniewski, Mazzeo/Vitale, Sacco)** - Directs New Jersey Turnpike Authority and South Jersey Transportation Authority to study and report on potential revenue generating services of rest areas and service plazas
- **A-984/S-1534 (Andrzejczak, Wimberly/Van Drew, Bateman)** - Enhances penalty for tampering with evidence after fleeing the scene of an accident resulting in death
- **A-1455/S-2011 (Diegnan, Mosquera, Caputo, Jasey, Mukherji/Madden, Holzapfel)** - Abigail's Law; requires that newly-manufactured school buses be equipped with sensors
- **A-1462/S-3288 (Diegnan, Wimberly/Gill)** - Requires coin redemption machine operators to disclose fees
- **A-1466 (Diegnan, O'Donnell, Mainor, Garcia)** - Allows for waiver of school bus requirements for mobility assistance vehicle technicians who transport students with medical needs to and from school
- **A-1726wGR/S-308 (Eustace, Lagana, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie, Wimberly/Gordon)** - Amends "Flood Hazard Area Control Act" to require DEP to take certain actions concerning delineations of flood hazard areas and floodplains
- **A-1812/S-2717 (Mosquera, Mazzeo, Andrzejczak/Cruz-Perez, Oroho, Jones)** - Extends protections of the new vehicle "lemon law" to new farm tractors purchased or leased in New Jersey
- **A-1958/S-1848 (Allen, Van Drew)** - Concerns exemptions from permits for certain agricultural activities under "Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act"
- **A-2597/S-2161 (Singleton, Diegnan, DiMaio/Ruiz, Beach)** - Provides that beginning with the 2016-2017 grade nine class, Advanced Placement computer science course may satisfy a part of the mathematics credits required for high school graduation
- **A-2839/S-2620 (Burzichelli, Space, Phoebus/Oroho, Turner)** - "New Jersey Rural Microenterprise Act"
- **A-2915/S-2035 (Lagana, McKeon, Ciattarelli/Bateman, Barnes)** - "Uniform Trust Code"

- **A-2943/S-1312 (Andrzejczak, DeAngelo, Mazzeo, Quijano, Danielsen/Van Drew, Allen)** - Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for active duty members of United States Armed Forces, Reserve components thereof, and National Guard from New Jersey

- **A-3006/S-3272 (Conaway, Singleton, Eustace, DiMaio, Danielsen/Beach, Turner)** - Establishes procedure for consolidating fire districts

- **A-3019/S-1978 (Singleton, Conaway, Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Garcia, Mosquera/Van Drew, Beach)** - Requires State Employment and Training Commission to prepare annual report on State workforce

- **A-3043/S-1943 (Space, DeAngelo, Egan, Phoebus, Moriarty/Oroho, Van Drew)** - Concerns authority of DOLWD to inspect prevailing wage public work projects

- **A-3044/S-1944 (Space, DeAngelo, Egan, Phoebus, Moriarty/Oroho, Van Drew)**
Requires Commissioner of DOLWD to disseminate certain information to contractors who bid on or perform prevailing wage public work

- **A-3225/S-2333 (Singleton, Rible, Lampitt, Quijano, Pintor Marin, Jimenez/Sweeney)** - Provides for licensure of chiropractic assistants

- **A-3228/S-2499 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie, Mosquera, Garcia/Turner)** - Requires sober living homes and other substance abuse aftercare treatment facilities to provide certain notifications to next-of-kin when patient is released from care; designated as "Nick Rohdes' Law"
- **A-3257wGR/S-2125 (Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Burzichelli/Van Drew)** - Provides that determination by county agriculture development board or State Agriculture Development Committee as to what qualifies as farm-based recreational activity in pinelands protection area is binding on Pinelands Commission

- **A-3276/S-2248 (Mazzeo/Whelan)** - "Mainland Memoriam Act"; directs MVC to create graduated driver's license informational material to be distributed by motor vehicle dealers

- **A-3435wGR/S-2503 (Garcia, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie, Mainor, Eustace, Mosquera/Stack, Gordon)** - "Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone Law"; permits minors to give consent for behavioral health care

- **A-3850/S-2467 (DeAngelo, Eustace, Mazzeo, Pintor Marin, Benson/Turner, Singer)** - Requires BPU to establish procedures allowing electric power and gas supplier customers to switch energy suppliers

- **A-3927/S-2820 (Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Taliaferro, Dancer/Van Drew, Oroho)** - Requires drivers to slow down before passing slow moving vehicles; establishes Statewide educational campaign on rural roadway safety; updates agriculture-related motor vehicle laws to reflect current industry practices

- **A-3955/S-2644 (Conaway, Benson, Vainieri Huttie, Munoz, Sumter, Mukherji/Vitale, Codey)** - Requires development and maintenance of database to advise public about open bed availability in residential substance use disorders treatment facilities

- **A-4098/S-2877 (Pinkin, Sumter, Benson/Codey, Greenstein)** - Prohibits sale or distribution of liquid nicotine except in child-resistant containers

- **A-4105/S-2977 (Garcia, Mainor, Mukherji, O'Donnell, Sumter, Rible, A.M. Bucco/Greenstein, Cunningham)** - Expands scope of law governing registration of security guards; designated as "Detective Vincent Santiago's Law"

- **A-4133/S-2997 (Giblin, Pinkin/Cruz-Perez, Allen)** - Allows dispensation of certain nutritional supplements by physician or podiatric physician

- **A-4275wGR/S-2831 (Prieto, Eustace, Lagana, Greenwald, Quijano, Danielsen, Mukherji/Sweeney, Turner, Sarlo)** - "New Jersey Secure Choice Saving Program Act"; establishes retirement savings program for certain workers

- **A-4386wGR/S-3042 (Coughlin, Pinkin, Vitale, Singer)** - Permits candidates for school board to circulate petitions jointly and be bracketed together on ballot; permits short nonpolitical designation of principles on petitions and ballots; provides for study of impact of changes

- **A-4387/S-3016 (Coughlin, Wisniewski, Wimberly/Vitale)** - Requires MVC to allow submission of "Next-of-Kin Registry" information by mail

- **A-4388/S-3041 (Coughlin, Wisniewski/Vitale)** - Designates State Highway 184 in Woodbridge Township as "Bruce Turcotte Memorial Highway"

- **A-4415/S-3279 (Diegnan, Garcia, Pinkin/Turner, Ruiz)** - Establishes State Seal of Biliteracy to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of bilingual proficiency

- **A-4420/S-3056 (Mazzeo, Vainieri Huttie, DeAngelo, Lampitt/Gordon, Greenstein)** - Requires certain notifications for termination of services to persons with developmental disabilities and providers

- **A-4476wGR/S-2876 (Conaway/Codey)** - Requires certain surgical practices and ambulatory care facilities licensed in this State to be owned by hospital or medical school located in the State

- **A-4719/S-3250 (Moriarty, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie, DeAngelo, Diegnan, Mukherji/Cruz-Perez, Ruiz)** - Extends use of stored driver's license picture for person undergoing chemotherapy or other treatment for certain medical illnesses

- **CC for A-4863/S-3233 (A.M. Bucco, Phoebus, Munoz, Wisniewski, Oliver/A.R. Bucco)** - Requires warning sign to be posted at pontoon boat rental businesses; designated as "Christopher's Law"

- **AJR-112/SJR-86 (Conaway/Weinberg)** - Designates May of each year as "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month"

BILLS POCKET VETOED:

- **S-221/A-4155 (Allen, Vitale/Vainieri Huttie, Sumter, Lampitt)** - Prohibits the restraint of prisoners during and immediately after childbirth

- **S-316/A-1739 (Gordon/Eustace, Ciattarelli, Lagana, Gusciora)** - Increases flexibility, clarity, and available tools of optional municipal consolidation process

- **S-564/A-4186 (Smith, Bateman/Eustace, McKeon, Spencer, Benson)** - Establishes "Solar Roof Installation Warranty Program" in EDA and transfers \$2 million from societal benefits charge to initially fund program

- **S-602/A-3254 (Codey, Vitale/Vainieri Huttle, Angelini, Lampitt, Diegnan, Jasey, Conaway, Moriarty)** - Raises minimum age for purchase and sale of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices from 19 to 21
- **SCS for S-726, 1257/ACS for A-1405 (Turner, Cruz-Perez, Beach, T. Kean/Lampitt, Egan, Quijano, Sumter, Danielsén)** - Establishes innovation zone program to stimulate technology industry clusters around New Jersey's research institutions; allows certain technology businesses located in certain innovation zones to receive certain tax credits under Grow New Jersey Assistance Program
- **S-1232/A-3314 (Weinberg, Pennacchio/Johnson, Greenwald, Wimberly, Mosquera)** - Establishes Office of State Dental Director and New Jersey Oral Health Commission
- **S-1279/A-2325 (Rice, Van Drew/Spencer, Muoio, Benson, Pintor Marin)** - Makes FY 2016 supplemental Grants-in-Aid appropriation of \$10 million to DCA for Lead Hazard Control Assistance Fund
- **S-1414/A-2405 (Smith, Bateman/Eustace, Benson, Johnson)** - Concerns low emission and zero emission vehicles; establishes Clean Vehicle Task Force
- **SCS for S-1420/ACS for A-1603 (Beach, Whelan, Smith, Sweeney, Bateman, Thompson/Spencer, Eustace, Quijano, Wimberly)** - Requires paint producers to implement or participate in paint stewardship program
- **S-1436/A-4687 (Rice/Green, Holley)** - Exempts sales to homeowner assistance and recovery programs from realty transfer fees
- **S-1594/A-4044 (Turner/Peterson, Lagana, Rible, Jasey, Wimberly)** - Requires a public school district to provide a daily recess period for students in grades kindergarten through 5
- **S-1961/A-4111 (Codey/McKeon, Jasey, Vainieri Huttle, Garcia)** - Establishes certain minimum and maximum temperatures in emergency shelters, rooming and boarding houses, and certain nursing homes and residential health care facilities
- **S-2143/ACS for A-1682, 3547 (Van Drew, Singer/Wisniewski, Andrzejczak, Webber)** - Establishes time periods for adverse possession of certain property
- **S-2375/A-3700 (Vitale, Singer/Mazzeo, Vainieri Huttle, Lagana, Sumter, A.M. Bucco)** - Provides for licensure of ambulatory care facilities to provide integrated primary care services including behavioral health care
- **S-2491/A-4069 (Smith/Danielsen, Pinkin, Benson)** - Establishes position of State Oceanographer
- **S-2515/A-3269 (Scutari/Mukherji, Burzichelli, McKeon, Garcia)** - Confers title of Acting Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on certain judges of the Superior Court, Appellate Division, temporarily assigned to the Supreme Court
- **SCS for S-2521/ACS for A-3888 (Gill, Allen/Lampitt, Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Eustace)** - Establishes Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Council
- **S-2623/A-4849 (Turner/Wimberly, Mainor, Johnson)** - Requires law enforcement agencies in this State to establish minority recruitment and selection programs; establishes reporting requirement

- **S-2640/A-4026 (Madden, Pou/Lampitt, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie)** - Establishes New Jersey Caregiver Task Force to evaluate and provide recommendations on caregiver support services
- **S-2711/A-4128 (Smith, Whelan/Mazzeo, DeAngelo, Spencer, Singleton, McKeon, Daniels, Johnson)** - Permits BPU to approve qualified wind energy project; requires BPU to provide application periods for those projects
- **S-2716/A-4359 (Ruiz, Turner/Pintor Marin, Spencer, Sumter, Caride)** - Requires that school district's request for permission to use unrecognized position title include list of abolished positions and positions in which there have been layoffs and detailed job descriptions for them
- **S-2769/AS for ACS for A-4197, 4206 (Smith, Bateman/Andrzejczak, McKeon, Spencer, Pintor Marin, Dancer, Vainieri Huttie)** - Implements 2014 constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for certain environmental purposes; revises State's open space, farmland, and historic preservation programs
- **S-2793/A-3962 (Whelan/Vainieri Huttie)** - Increases from 17 to 21 public members of New Jersey State Council on the Arts; requires members to be residents of NJ; imposes specific criteria for four new members initially appointed
- **S-2806/A-4913 (Cunningham, Vitale, Singer/Muoio, Spencer)** - Removes restrictions on convicted drug offenders receiving general assistance benefits under Work First New Jersey program
- **S-2878/A-4636 (Stack, Weinberg/Jimenez, Lagana, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie, Giblin, Moriarty)** - Establishes minimum certified nurse aide-to-resident ratios in nursing homes
- **S-2975/A-4548 (Sarlo, Pou/Wimberly)** - Establishes pilot program in Paterson authorizing non-disclosure of records of certain expungements
- **S-3067/A-4653 (Barnes, Turner/Diegnan, Oliver)** - Requires teachers of health and physical education in grades kindergarten through six in public schools to possess appropriate endorsement to instructional certificate
- **S-3071/A-4639 (Weinberg, Gordon/Vainieri Huttie, Garcia, Eustace, Johnson)**
Establishes Mike Adler Aphasia Task Force to assess needs of persons with aphasia, and their families, and ensure adequate provision of support services and information thereto
- **S-3201/A-3607 (Barnes, Holzapfel/Dancer, McGuckin, Rible, A.M. Bucco)** - Requires interior light of motor vehicle be turned on when stopped by law enforcement under certain circumstances
- **S-3244/A-2740 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Diegnan, Johnson, Jasey)** - Eliminates school district budget per pupil administrative cost limits
- **S-3249/A-4717 (Weinberg, Codey/Johnson, Vainieri Huttie, Eustace, Garcia)** - Requires firearm retailers to sell personalized handguns
- **S-3277/A-4764 (Cruz-Perez/Burzichelli)** - Expands municipal authority to license and inspect residential rental property
- **S-3299/A-4903 (Sweeney, Singer, Vitale/Burzichelli, Rible, Pintor Marin, Mukherji, Lagana, Vainieri Huttie)** -

Maintains property tax exemption for certain nonprofit hospitals with on-site for-profit medical providers; requires these hospitals to pay community service contributions to host municipalities; establishes Nonprofit Hospital Community Service Contribution Study Commission

- **S-3416/A-4808 (Lesniak, Sarlo/Eustace, Gusciora)** - Prohibits possession, transport, import, export, processing, sale, or shipment of parts and products of certain animal species threatened with extinction
- **SJR-77/A-JR104 (Bateman, Whelan/Ciattarelli, McKeon, Eustace)** - Permits county commissioners of registration and boards of election to conduct "Electronic Poll Book Demonstration Project" in certain districts during 2016 elections; requires Division of Elections review and approval of proposed projects
- **A-431/S-2773 (Jimenez/Singer)** - Requires clinical laboratory that provides services for accountable care organization to establish clinical laboratory testing advisory board
- **A-943/S-2967 (Singleton, Conaway, Moriarty, Green, Lampitt, Mazzeo/Van Drew)** - Permits small businesses to qualify for loans from NJEDA for costs of energy audit and making energy efficiency or conservation improvements
- **A-945/S-2402 (Singleton, Lampitt, Schaer, Wimberly, Garcia/Rice, Turner)** - Establishes New Jersey Council on Responsible Fatherhood and Responsible Fatherhood Fund
- **A-964/S-187 (Singleton, DeAngelo, Quijano, Coughlin, Moriarty/Whelan, Madden)** - Requires certain bidders for prevailing wage public work to provide proof that the prevailing wage will be paid
- **A-986/S-247 (Andrzejczak, Benson, Danielsen, Moriarty/Van Drew, Cunningham)** - Establishes telemarketing fraud investigation unit
- **A-1035/S-2040 (Benson, Rible, A.M. Bucco/Scutari, Cardinale)** - Prohibits health insurance carriers from requiring optometrists to become providers with vision care plans as condition of becoming providers in carriers' panel of providers
- **A-1039/S-2310 (Benson, Prieto, Caride, Quijano/Sacco, Greenstein)** - Sets forth certain standards to be followed by law enforcement agencies and fire departments when utilizing drones
- **A-1431/S-1501 (Caride, Singleton, Jasey/Bateman, Addiego)** - Requires State Board of Education regulations regarding school nurse certification to include certain minimum eligibility requirements
- **A-1849/S-1766 (Lampitt, Spencer/Rice)** - Prohibits State Board of Education from limiting number of certain two-year college credits that may be applied towards meeting teacher certification requirements
- **A-2026/S-3317 (Greenwald, Pintor Marin/Sweeney, Oroho)** - Realigning the transfer inheritance tax payment due date to coincide with the payment due dates for State and federal estate taxes
- **A-2583 (DeAngelo, Pintor Marin)** - Requires development of fact sheet about bedbugs to be posted on the Department of Education's website
- **A-2586/S-1796 (DeAngelo, Quijano, Benson/Greenstein)** - Establishes "Energy Infrastructure Study Commission"

- **A-2925/S-1033 (Lagana, O'Scanlon, Burzichelli, Garcia/Weinberg, Oroho, Van Drew)** - Allows modernization for the form of disbursement for certain State government and local unit payments to individuals and business entities
- **A-3460/S-2191 (Conaway, Pinkin, Sumter, Casagrande, Wimberly/Vitale, Cruz-Perez)** - Requires Medicaid coverage for diabetes self-management education, training, services, and equipment for patients diagnosed with diabetes, gestational diabetes, and pre-diabetes
- **A-3806/S-2493 (Singleton, Dancer, Mosquera, Benson/Sweeney, Weinberg)** - Establishes four-year pilot program in Ocean County for electronic monitoring of certain domestic violence offenders; designated as "Lisa's Law"; appropriates \$2.5 million
- **A-4182/S-1995 (Eustace, Sumter, Wimberly, Danielsen, Jimenez/Bateman, Smith)** - Prohibits firearm possession by persons convicted of carjacking, gang criminality, racketeering and terroristic threats
- **A-4271/S-3036 (Conaway, Benson, Pinkin, Wimberly/Vitale, Greenstein)** - Mandates health benefits coverage for opioid analgesics with abuse-deterrent properties
- **A-4343/S-2888 (Schaer, Prieto, Sumter, Danielsen, Johnson/Turner)** - Requires county and municipal police departments to establish cultural diversity training course and plan
- **A-4384/S-3145 (DeAngelo, Pintor Marin, Danielsen, Schaer, Johnson/Whelan)** - Requires BPU to render decision on case within 12 months of final public hearing or hold another public hearing prior to deciding case
- **ACS for A-4576/S-1771 (Johnson, Wimberly, Spencer, Tucker/Turner)** - Requires lowest possible price not exceeding certain cap for inmate telephone calls
- **A-4616/S-2958 (Giblin, DeAngelo, Mukherji/Sweeney)** - Extends by two months seasonal retail consumption alcoholic beverage license
- **A-4652/S-3065 (Benson/Gordon)** - Requires Public Health Counsel to promulgate rules and regulations for use of quality control programs in bio-analytical and clinical laboratories
- **A-4763/SS for SCS for S-2973 (McKeon, Spencer, Pinkin/Smith, Bateman, Greenstein, Codey)** - Revises "Electronic Waste Management Act"
- **A-4772/S-3169 (Burzichelli/Weinberg)** - Permits counties to impose one-percent hotel tax
- **A-4773/S-3146 (Eustace, Garcia, Gusciora/Lesniak)** - Prohibits possession and transport of parts and products of certain animals at PANYNJ airports and port facilities
- **A-4918/S-3301 (Gusciora, S. Kean/Sweeney, Singer)** - Clarifies stadiums and arenas owned by local government entities are exempt from property taxation
- **A-4931/S-3325 (Mazzeo/Sweeney)** - Revises "Casino Property Tax Stabilization Act"

• **NO ACTION TAKEN ON BILLS:**

• **A-3981wGR/S-2572 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Andrzejczak/Sweeney, Whelan)** - "Casino Property Taxation Stabilization Act"

• **A-3984wGR/S-2575 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Giblin/Sweeney, Whelan)** - Reallocates casino investment alternative tax to Atlantic City to pay debt service on municipal bonds issued

• **A-3985wGR/S-2576 (Mazzeo, Burzichelli, Andrzejczak, Giblin/Sweeney, Whelan)** - Removes provisions of law relating to Atlantic City Alliance

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