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P.L.2015, CHAPTER 305, *approved January 19, 2016*
Assembly, No. 4476 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the licensure of certain surgical practices and
2 ambulatory care facilities and amending P.L.1971, c.136.

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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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7 1. Section 12 of P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-12) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 12. a. No health care service or health care facility shall be
10 operated unless it shall: (1) possess a valid license issued pursuant
11 to this act, which license shall specify the kind or kinds of health
12 care services the facility is authorized to provide; (2) establish and
13 maintain a uniform system of cost accounting approved by the
14 commissioner; (3) establish and maintain a uniform system of
15 reports and audits meeting the requirements of the commissioner;
16 (4) prepare and review annually a long range plan for the provision
17 of health care services; and (5) establish and maintain a centralized,
18 coordinated system of discharge planning which assures every
19 patient a planned program of continuing care and which meets the
20 requirements of the commissioner which requirements shall, where
21 feasible, equal or exceed those standards and regulations
22 established by the federal government for all federally-funded
23 health care facilities but shall not require any person who is not in
24 receipt of State or federal assistance to be discharged against his
25 will.

26 b. (1) Application for a license for a health care service or
27 health care facility shall be made upon forms prescribed by the
28 department. The department shall charge a single, nonrefundable
29 fee for the filing of an application for and issuance of a license and
30 a single, nonrefundable fee for any renewal thereof, and a single,
31 nonrefundable fee for a biennial inspection of the facility, as it shall
32 from time to time fix in rules or regulations; provided, however,
33 that no such licensing fee shall exceed \$10,000 in the case of a
34 hospital and \$4,000 in the case of any other health care facility for
35 all services provided by the hospital or other health care facility,
36 and no such inspection fee shall exceed \$5,000 in the case of a
37 hospital and \$2,000 in the case of any other health care facility for
38 all services provided by the hospital or other health care facility.
39 No inspection fee shall be charged for inspections other than
40 biennial inspections. The application shall contain the name of the

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Matter underlined thus is new matter

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHE committee amendments adopted June 1, 2015. ²

²Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations November 9, 2015.

1 health care facility, the kind or kinds of health care service to be
2 provided, the location and physical description of the institution,
3 and such other information as the department may require.

4 (2) A license shall be issued by the department upon its findings
5 that the premises, equipment, personnel, including principals and
6 management, finances, rules and bylaws, and standards of health
7 care service are fit and adequate and there is reasonable assurance
8 the health care facility will be operated in the manner required by
9 this act and rules and regulations thereunder.

10 (3) The department shall post on its Internet website each
11 inspection report prepared following an inspection of a residential
12 health care facility, as defined in section 1 of P.L.1953,
13 c.212 (C.30:11A-1) or licensed pursuant to P.L.1971,
14 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.), that is performed pursuant to this
15 subsection, along with any other inspection report prepared by or on
16 behalf of the department for such facility.

17 If an inspection reveals a serious health and safety violation at a
18 residential health care facility, the department shall post the
19 inspection report, including the name of the facility and the owner
20 of the facility, on its website no later than 72 hours following the
21 inspection. If a license of a residential health care facility is
22 suspended, the department shall post the suspension on its website
23 no later than 72 hours following the suspension. The department
24 shall update its website to reflect the correction of a serious health
25 and safety violation, and the lifting of a suspension.

26 The department shall notify, as soon as possible, the
27 Commissioner of Human Services, or the commissioner's designee,
28 and the director of the county board of social services or county
29 welfare agency, as appropriate, in the county in which a residential
30 health care facility is located, of a serious health and safety
31 violation at the facility and of any suspension of a license to operate
32 such facility.

33 If the inspection responsibilities under this subsection with
34 respect to such facility are transferred or otherwise assigned to
35 another department, that other department shall post on its Internet
36 website each inspection report prepared following an inspection of
37 such facility performed pursuant to this subsection, along with any
38 other inspection report prepared by or on behalf of that department
39 for such facility, and shall comply with the other requirements
40 specified in this subsection.

41 c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1998, c.43).

42 d. The commissioner may amend a facility's license to reduce
43 that facility's licensed bed capacity to reflect actual utilization at the
44 facility if the commissioner determines that 10 or more licensed
45 beds in the health care facility have not been used for at least the
46 last two succeeding years. For the purposes of this subsection, the
47 commissioner may retroactively review utilization at a facility for a
48 two-year period beginning on January 1, 1990.

1 e. If a prospective applicant for licensure for a health care
2 service or facility that is not subject to certificate of need review
3 pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et al.) so requests, the
4 department shall provide the prospective applicant with a pre-
5 licensure consultation. The purpose of the consultation is to
6 provide the prospective applicant with information and guidance on
7 rules, regulations, standards and procedures appropriate and
8 applicable to the licensure process. The department shall conduct
9 the consultation within 60 days of the request of the prospective
10 applicant.

11 f. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the
12 contrary, an entity that provides magnetic resonance imaging or
13 computerized axial tomography services shall be required to obtain
14 a license from the department to operate those services prior to
15 commencement of services, except that a physician who is
16 operating such services on the effective date of P.L.2004, c.54 shall
17 have one year from the effective date of P.L.2004, c.54 to obtain the
18 license.

19 g. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the
20 contrary, an entity that operates a surgical practice on the effective
21 date of this section of P.L.2009, c.24, as defined in this subsection,
22 shall be required to register with the department within one year of
23 the effective date of P.L.2009, c.24.

24 (2) An entity that has not commenced operation as a surgical
25 practice on the effective date of this section of P.L.2009, c.24, but
26 has filed or files before the 180th day after the effective date of this
27 section of P.L.2009, c.24 its plans, specifications, and required
28 documents with the municipality in which the surgical practice will
29 be located, shall register with the department prior to the
30 commencement of services.

31 (3) As a condition of registration with the department, a surgical
32 practice shall be required to obtain certification by the Centers for
33 Medicare and Medicaid Services as an ambulatory surgery center
34 provider or obtain ambulatory care accreditation from an
35 accrediting body recognized by the Centers for Medicare and
36 Medicaid Services and continually maintain such accreditation.

37 (4) As a condition of registration with the department, a surgical
38 practice shall be required to report the following information
39 annually: the number of patients served by payment source,
40 including the number of Medicaid-eligible and medically indigent
41 persons served; the number of new patients accepted; and the
42 number of physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice
43 nurses providing professional services at the surgical practice.

44 (5) As used in this subsection and subsection i. of this section,
45 "surgical practice" means a structure or suite of rooms that has the
46 following characteristics:

47 (a) has no more than one room dedicated for use as an operating
48 room which is specifically equipped to perform surgery, and is

1 designed and constructed to accommodate invasive diagnostic and
2 surgical procedures;

3 (b) has one or more post-anesthesia care units or a dedicated
4 recovery area where the patient may be closely monitored and
5 observed until discharged; and

6 (c) is established by a physician, physician professional
7 association surgical practice, or other professional practice form
8 specified by the State Board of Medical Examiners pursuant to
9 regulation solely for the physician's, association's or other
10 professional entity's private medical practice.

11 "Surgical practice" includes an unlicensed entity that is certified
12 by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as an
13 ambulatory surgery center provider.

14 (6) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the
15 State Board of Medical Examiners from establishing standards of
16 care with respect to the practice of medicine.

17 h. An ambulatory care facility licensed to provide surgical and
18 related services shall be required to obtain ambulatory care
19 accreditation from an accrediting body recognized by the Centers
20 for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a condition of licensure by
21 the department.

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23 and related services on the effective date of this section of
24 P.L.2009, c.24 shall have one year from the effective date of this
25 section of P.L.2009, c.24 to obtain ambulatory care accreditation.

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28 practice or a new license to an ambulatory care facility to provide
29 surgical and related services unless:

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31 facility in which a transfer of ownership of the practice or facility is
32 proposed, the commissioner reviews the qualifications of the new
33 owner or owners and approves the transfer;

34 (2) (a) except as provided in subparagraph (b) of this paragraph,
35 in the case of a registered surgical practice or licensed facility for
36 which a relocation of the practice or facility is proposed, the
37 relocation is within 20 miles of the practice's or facility's current
38 location or the relocation is to a "Health Enterprise Zone"
39 designated pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2004, c.139 (C.54A:3-7),
40 there is no expansion in the scope of services provided at the new
41 location from that of the current location, and the commissioner
42 reviews and approves the relocation prior to its occurrence; or

43 (b) in the case of a licensed facility described in paragraph (5)
44 or (6) of this subsection for which a relocation of the facility is
45 proposed, the commissioner reviews and approves the relocation
46 prior to its occurrence;

- 1 (3) the entity is a surgical practice required to be registered
2 pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection g. of this section and meets
3 the requirements of that subsection;
- 4 (4) the entity has filed its plans, specifications, and required
5 documents with the Health Care Plan Review Unit of the
6 Department of Community Affairs or the municipality in which the
7 surgical practice or facility will be located, as applicable, on or
8 before the 180th day following the effective date of this section of
9 P.L.2009, c.24;
- 10 (5) the facility is owned jointly by a general hospital in this
11 State and one or more other parties; or
- 12 (6) the facility is owned by a ¹general¹ hospital or medical
13 school in this State, or the facility is owned by any hospital
14 approved ²as of March 1, 2015 on or before the effective date of
15 this act² to provide ambulatory surgery services in this State, or the
16 facility is owned by a hospital which applied on or before ²March
17 1, 2015 the effective date of this act² to provide ambulatory
18 surgery services in this State ²[,]² so long as the hospital is later
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20 the facility is owned by any hospital approved to provide
21 ambulatory surgery services at another facility in this State.
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23 registration as a surgical practice, as provided in subsection g. of
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28 practice, the names and addresses of all owners of the practice, the
29 scope of services provided at the practice, proof of certification by
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33 commissioner deems necessary and as provided by regulation.
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35 be renewed upon submission to the department of an application for
36 renewal.
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38 registration if the registrant or applicant, as applicable, is not in
39 compliance with the requirements of this section.
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41 operated by any person convicted of a crime relating adversely to
42 the person's capability of owning, managing, or operating the
43 practice.
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45 application for registration and for each renewal thereof.
- 46 (cf: P.L.2015, c.6, s.1)

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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7 licensed in this State to be owned by hospital or medical school
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ASSEMBLY, No. 4476

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 1, 2015

Sponsored by:
Assemblyman HERB CONAWAY, JR.
District 7 (Burlington)

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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33 location or the relocation is to a "Health Enterprise Zone"
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36 location from that of the current location, and the commissioner
37 reviews and approves the relocation prior to its occurrence; or

38 (b) in the case of a licensed facility described in paragraph (5)
39 or (6) of this subsection for which a relocation of the facility is
40 proposed, the commissioner reviews and approves the relocation
41 prior to its occurrence;

42 (3) the entity is a surgical practice required to be registered
43 pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection g. of this section and meets
44 the requirements of that subsection;

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46 documents with the Health Care Plan Review Unit of the
47 Department of Community Affairs or the municipality in which the
48 surgical practice or facility will be located, as applicable, on or

1 before the 180th day following the effective date of this section of
2 P.L.2009, c.24;

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4 State and one or more other parties; or

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6 in this State, or the facility is owned by any hospital approved as of
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24 Medicaid Services, and such other information as the commissioner
25 deems necessary and as provided by regulation.

26 (2) The registration shall be valid for a one-year period and may
27 be renewed upon submission to the department of an application for
28 renewal.

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30 registration if the registrant or applicant, as applicable, is not in
31 compliance with the requirements of this section.

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33 operated by any person convicted of a crime relating adversely to
34 the person's capability of owning, managing, or operating the
35 practice.

36 (5) The department may charge a reasonable fee for filing an
37 application for registration and for each renewal thereof.

38 (cf: P.L.2015, c.6, s.1)

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40 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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45 This bill provides that most new surgical practices and
46 ambulatory care facilities licensed in this State must be owned by a
47 general hospital or medical school that is located in the State, as of
48 the effective date of the bill.

1 The bill responds to a provision of P.L.2009, c.24, which
2 permitted certain surgical practices and ambulatory care facilities to
3 be exempt from a moratorium on the development of new
4 ambulatory surgical facilities. P.L.2009, c.24 acknowledged the
5 need for certain exceptions to the moratorium to encourage
6 collaboration between hospitals and their physician partners and
7 medical schools. However, under current law, ambulatory surgical
8 facilities that are jointly owned by a hospital and one or more
9 parties are exempt from the moratorium. The law also exempts
10 ambulatory surgery facilities that are owned by a hospital or a
11 medical school. However, P.L.2009, c.24 does not explicitly
12 require these hospitals or medical schools to be located in the State,
13 and the Department of Health recently concluded that simple
14 language of the law that allows a “licensed hospital” to be exempt
15 from the moratorium applies to both hospitals licensed in New
16 Jersey as well as any out-of-State licensed hospital.

17 It is the sponsor’s belief that allowing surgical practices or
18 ambulatory surgery centers owned by out-of-State licensed
19 hospitals to be exempt from the moratorium will create a
20 disadvantage for the in-State hospitals that the original law was
21 designed to protect from unfair competition. At the same time,
22 the sponsor understands that certain existing licensed ambulatory
23 surgical facilities, or planned facilities that have received approval
24 from the Department of Health, cannot be deprived of their
25 licensure or approval unless it occurs after March 1, 2015.
26 Therefore, the bill only pertains to a facility that is owned by a
27 general hospital or medical school in this State, or a facility that is
28 owned by any hospital approved as of March 1, 2015 to provide
29 ambulatory surgery services in this State, or a facility that is owned
30 by a hospital which applied on or before March 1, 2015 to provide
31 ambulatory surgery services in this State, so long as the hospital is
32 later approved to provide ambulatory surgery services at the
33 facility, or a facility that is owned by any hospital approved to
34 provide ambulatory surgery services at another facility in this State.

35 The bill also clarifies that the certification by the Centers for
36 Medicare and Medicaid Services as an ambulatory surgery center
37 provider, or the ambulatory care accreditation from an accrediting
38 body recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
39 Services, required for surgical practices as a condition of
40 registration with the Department of Health, must be continually
41 maintained.

42 Finally, the bill clarifies that when a registered surgical practice
43 or licensed facility proposes to relocate according to the provisions
44 of current law, the Commissioner of Health must review and
45 approve the relocation prior to its occurrence.

ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4476

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 1, 2015

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4476.

As amended, this bill provides that most new surgical practices and ambulatory care facilities licensed in this State will be required to be owned by a hospital or medical school that is located in the State.

The bill revises a provision enacted by P.L.2009, c.24, which permitted certain surgical practices and ambulatory care facilities to be exempt from a moratorium on the development of new ambulatory surgery facilities. Specifically, the exemption applies to ambulatory surgery facilities that are jointly owned by a hospital and one or more parties and to ambulatory surgery facilities that are owned by a hospital or a medical school. The law does not explicitly require these hospitals or medical schools to be located in the State, and the Department of Health (DOH) recently concluded that, for the purposes of the exemption, the term “licensed hospital” applies to hospitals licensed in State as well as out of State.

As amended, the bill requires that, for the exemption from the moratorium to apply, the ambulatory surgery facility will be required to be owned by a hospital or medical school licensed in New Jersey, or owned by any hospital that is approved to provide ambulatory surgery services at another facility in the State. Because certain hospitals and medical schools located out of the State have already received approval to operate ambulatory surgery facilities under the current law, or have planned facilities that have received DOH approval, the bill will allow these facilities to continue operation under the moratorium exemption, provided the approval or application for the facility was received by DOH as of March 1, 2015.

The bill clarifies that the certification by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as an ambulatory surgery center provider, or the ambulatory care accreditation from an accrediting body recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, required for surgical practices as a condition of registration with DOH, must be continually maintained.

The bill also clarifies that when a registered surgical practice or licensed facility proposes to relocate according to the provisions of

current law, the Commissioner of Health must review and approve the relocation prior to its occurrence.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments revise the requirement that, for the exemption from the moratorium on new ambulatory surgery facilities to apply, the facility must be owned by a general hospital or medical school located in the State; as amended, the bill permits the facility to be owned by any hospital located in the State.

SENATE, No. 2876

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 14, 2015

Sponsored by:

Senator RICHARD J. CODEY

District 27 (Essex and Morris)

SYNOPSIS

Requires certain surgical practices and ambulatory care facilities licensed in this State to be owned by general hospital or medical school located in the State.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the licensure of certain surgical practices and
2 ambulatory care facilities and amending P.L.1971, c.136.

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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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7 1. Section 12 of P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-12) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 12. a. No health care service or health care facility shall be
10 operated unless it shall: (1) possess a valid license issued pursuant
11 to this act, which license shall specify the kind or kinds of health
12 care services the facility is authorized to provide; (2) establish and
13 maintain a uniform system of cost accounting approved by the
14 commissioner; (3) establish and maintain a uniform system of
15 reports and audits meeting the requirements of the commissioner;
16 (4) prepare and review annually a long range plan for the provision
17 of health care services; and (5) establish and maintain a centralized,
18 coordinated system of discharge planning which assures every
19 patient a planned program of continuing care and which meets the
20 requirements of the commissioner which requirements shall, where
21 feasible, equal or exceed those standards and regulations
22 established by the federal government for all federally-funded
23 health care facilities but shall not require any person who is not in
24 receipt of State or federal assistance to be discharged against his
25 will.

26 b. (1) Application for a license for a health care service or
27 health care facility shall be made upon forms prescribed by the
28 department. The department shall charge a single, nonrefundable
29 fee for the filing of an application for and issuance of a license and
30 a single, nonrefundable fee for any renewal thereof, and a single,
31 nonrefundable fee for a biennial inspection of the facility, as it shall
32 from time to time fix in rules or regulations; provided, however,
33 that no such licensing fee shall exceed \$10,000 in the case of a
34 hospital and \$4,000 in the case of any other health care facility for
35 all services provided by the hospital or other health care facility,
36 and no such inspection fee shall exceed \$5,000 in the case of a
37 hospital and \$2,000 in the case of any other health care facility for
38 all services provided by the hospital or other health care facility.
39 No inspection fee shall be charged for inspections other than
40 biennial inspections. The application shall contain the name of the
41 health care facility, the kind or kinds of health care service to be
42 provided, the location and physical description of the institution,
43 and such other information as the department may require.

44 (2) A license shall be issued by the department upon its findings
45 that the premises, equipment, personnel, including principals and

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.

1 management, finances, rules and bylaws, and standards of health
2 care service are fit and adequate and there is reasonable assurance
3 the health care facility will be operated in the manner required by
4 this act and rules and regulations thereunder.

5 (3) The department shall post on its Internet website each
6 inspection report prepared following an inspection of a residential
7 health care facility, as defined in section 1 of P.L.1953, c.212
8 (C.30:11A-1) or licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et
9 seq.), that is performed pursuant to this subsection, along with any
10 other inspection report prepared by or on behalf of the department
11 for such facility.

12 If an inspection reveals a serious health and safety violation at a
13 residential health care facility, the department shall post the
14 inspection report, including the name of the facility and the owner
15 of the facility, on its website no later than 72 hours following the
16 inspection. If a license of a residential health care facility is
17 suspended, the department shall post the suspension on its website
18 no later than 72 hours following the suspension. The department
19 shall update its website to reflect the correction of a serious health
20 and safety violation, and the lifting of a suspension.

21 The department shall notify, as soon as possible, the
22 Commissioner of Human Services, or the commissioner's designee,
23 and the director of the county board of social services or county
24 welfare agency, as appropriate, in the county in which a residential
25 health care facility is located, of a serious health and safety
26 violation at the facility and of any suspension of a license to operate
27 such facility.

28 If the inspection responsibilities under this subsection with
29 respect to such facility are transferred or otherwise assigned to
30 another department, that other department shall post on its Internet
31 website each inspection report prepared following an inspection of
32 such facility performed pursuant to this subsection, along with any
33 other inspection report prepared by or on behalf of that department
34 for such facility, and shall comply with the other requirements
35 specified in this subsection.

36 c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1998, c.43).

37 d. The commissioner may amend a facility's license to reduce
38 that facility's licensed bed capacity to reflect actual utilization at the
39 facility if the commissioner determines that 10 or more licensed
40 beds in the health care facility have not been used for at least the
41 last two succeeding years. For the purposes of this subsection, the
42 commissioner may retroactively review utilization at a facility for a
43 two-year period beginning on January 1, 1990.

44 e. If a prospective applicant for licensure for a health care
45 service or facility that is not subject to certificate of need review
46 pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et al.) so requests, the
47 department shall provide the prospective applicant with a pre-
48 licensure consultation. The purpose of the consultation is to

1 provide the prospective applicant with information and guidance on
2 rules, regulations, standards and procedures appropriate and
3 applicable to the licensure process. The department shall conduct
4 the consultation within 60 days of the request of the prospective
5 applicant.

6 f. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the
7 contrary, an entity that provides magnetic resonance imaging or
8 computerized axial tomography services shall be required to obtain
9 a license from the department to operate those services prior to
10 commencement of services, except that a physician who is
11 operating such services on the effective date of P.L.2004, c.54 shall
12 have one year from the effective date of P.L.2004, c.54 to obtain the
13 license.

14 g. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the
15 contrary, an entity that operates a surgical practice on the effective
16 date of this section of P.L.2009, c.24, as defined in this subsection,
17 shall be required to register with the department within one year of
18 the effective date of P.L.2009, c.24.

19 (2) An entity that has not commenced operation as a surgical
20 practice on the effective date of this section of P.L.2009, c.24, but
21 has filed or files before the 180th day after the effective date of this
22 section of P.L.2009, c.24 its plans, specifications, and required
23 documents with the municipality in which the surgical practice will
24 be located, shall register with the department prior to the
25 commencement of services.

26 (3) As a condition of registration with the department, a surgical
27 practice shall be required to obtain certification by the Centers for
28 Medicare and Medicaid Services as an ambulatory surgery center
29 provider or obtain ambulatory care accreditation from an
30 accrediting body recognized by the Centers for Medicare and
31 Medicaid Services and continually maintain such accreditation.

32 (4) As a condition of registration with the department, a surgical
33 practice shall be required to report the following information
34 annually: the number of patients served by payment source,
35 including the number of Medicaid-eligible and medically indigent
36 persons served; the number of new patients accepted; and the
37 number of physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice
38 nurses providing professional services at the surgical practice.

39 (5) As used in this subsection and subsection i. of this section,
40 "surgical practice" means a structure or suite of rooms that has the
41 following characteristics:

42 (a) has no more than one room dedicated for use as an operating
43 room which is specifically equipped to perform surgery, and is
44 designed and constructed to accommodate invasive diagnostic and
45 surgical procedures;

46 (b) has one or more post-anesthesia care units or a dedicated
47 recovery area where the patient may be closely monitored and
48 observed until discharged; and

1 (c) is established by a physician, physician professional
2 association surgical practice, or other professional practice form
3 specified by the State Board of Medical Examiners pursuant to
4 regulation solely for the physician's, association's or other
5 professional entity's private medical practice.

6 "Surgical practice" includes an unlicensed entity that is certified
7 by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as an
8 ambulatory surgery center provider.

9 (6) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the
10 State Board of Medical Examiners from establishing standards of
11 care with respect to the practice of medicine.

12 h. An ambulatory care facility licensed to provide surgical and
13 related services shall be required to obtain ambulatory care
14 accreditation from an accrediting body recognized by the Centers
15 for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a condition of licensure by
16 the department.

17 An ambulatory care facility that is licensed to provide surgical
18 and related services on the effective date of this section of
19 P.L.2009, c.24 shall have one year from the effective date of this
20 section of P.L.2009, c.24 to obtain ambulatory care accreditation.

21 i. Beginning on the effective date of this section of P.L.2009,
22 c.24, the department shall not issue a new registration to a surgical
23 practice or a new license to an ambulatory care facility to provide
24 surgical and related services unless:

25 (1) in the case of a registered surgical practice or licensed
26 facility in which a transfer of ownership of the practice or facility is
27 proposed, the commissioner reviews the qualifications of the new
28 owner or owners and approves the transfer;

29 (2) (a) except as provided in subparagraph (b) of this paragraph,
30 in the case of a registered surgical practice or licensed facility for
31 which a relocation of the practice or facility is proposed, the
32 relocation is within 20 miles of the practice's or facility's current
33 location or the relocation is to a "Health Enterprise Zone"
34 designated pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2004, c.139 (C.54A:3-7),
35 there is no expansion in the scope of services provided at the new
36 location from that of the current location, and the commissioner
37 reviews and approves the relocation prior to its occurrence; or

38 (b) in the case of a licensed facility described in paragraph (5)
39 or (6) of this subsection for which a relocation of the facility is
40 proposed, the commissioner reviews and approves the relocation
41 prior to its occurrence;

42 (3) the entity is a surgical practice required to be registered
43 pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection g. of this section and meets
44 the requirements of that subsection;

45 (4) the entity has filed its plans, specifications, and required
46 documents with the Health Care Plan Review Unit of the
47 Department of Community Affairs or the municipality in which the
48 surgical practice or facility will be located, as applicable, on or

1 before the 180th day following the effective date of this section of
2 P.L.2009, c.24;

3 (5) the facility is owned jointly by a general hospital in this
4 State and one or more other parties; or

5 (6) the facility is owned by a general hospital or medical school
6 in this State, or the facility is owned by any hospital approved as of
7 March 1, 2015 to provide ambulatory surgery services in this State,
8 or the facility is owned by a hospital which applied on or before
9 March 1, 2015 to provide ambulatory surgery services in this State,
10 so long as the hospital is later approved to provide ambulatory
11 surgery services at the facility, or the facility is owned by any
12 hospital approved to provide ambulatory surgery services at another
13 facility in this State.

14 j. (1) The department shall require an applicant for registration
15 as a surgical practice, as provided in subsection g. of this section, to
16 submit an application for registration in a form and manner
17 prescribed by the department. The applicant shall submit the name
18 and address of the surgical practice that is to be registered, the name
19 of the chief administrator or designated agent of the practice, the
20 names and addresses of all owners of the practice, the scope of
21 services provided at the practice, proof of certification by the
22 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or accreditation from
23 an accrediting body recognized by the Centers for Medicare and
24 Medicaid Services, and such other information as the commissioner
25 deems necessary and as provided by regulation.

26 (2) The registration shall be valid for a one-year period and may
27 be renewed upon submission to the department of an application for
28 renewal.

29 (3) The commissioner may suspend, revoke, or deny a
30 registration if the registrant or applicant, as applicable, is not in
31 compliance with the requirements of this section.

32 (4) No registered surgical practice shall be owned, managed, or
33 operated by any person convicted of a crime relating adversely to
34 the person's capability of owning, managing, or operating the
35 practice.

36 (5) The department may charge a reasonable fee for filing an
37 application for registration and for each renewal thereof.

38 (cf: P.L.2015, c.6, s.1)

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40 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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45 This bill provides that most new surgical practices and
46 ambulatory care facilities licensed in this State must be owned by a
47 general hospital or medical school that is located in the State, as of
48 the effective date of the bill.

1 The bill responds to a provision of P.L.2009, c.24, which
2 permitted certain surgical practices and ambulatory care facilities to
3 be exempt from a moratorium on the development of new
4 ambulatory surgical facilities. P.L.2009, c.24 acknowledged the
5 need for certain exceptions to the moratorium to encourage
6 collaboration between hospitals and their physician partners and
7 medical schools. However, under current law, ambulatory surgical
8 facilities that are jointly owned by a hospital and one or more
9 parties are exempt from the moratorium. The law also exempts
10 ambulatory surgery facilities that are owned by a hospital or a
11 medical school. However, P.L.2009, c.24 does not explicitly
12 require these hospitals or medical schools to be located in the State,
13 and the Department of Health recently concluded that simple
14 language of the law that allows a “licensed hospital” to be exempt
15 from the moratorium applies to both hospitals licensed in New
16 Jersey as well as any out-of-State licensed hospital.

17 It is the sponsor’s belief that allowing surgical practices or
18 ambulatory surgery centers owned by out-of-State licensed
19 hospitals to be exempt from the moratorium will create a
20 disadvantage for the in-State hospitals that the original law was
21 designed to protect from unfair competition. At the same time,
22 the sponsor understands that certain existing licensed ambulatory
23 surgical facilities, or planned facilities that have received approval
24 from the Department of Health, cannot be deprived of their
25 licensure or approval unless it occurs after March 1, 2015.
26 Therefore, the bill only pertains to a facility that is owned by a
27 general hospital or medical school in this State, or a facility that is
28 owned by any hospital approved as of March 1, 2015 to provide
29 ambulatory surgery services in this State, or a facility that is owned
30 by a hospital which applied on or before March 1, 2015 to provide
31 ambulatory surgery services in this State, so long as the hospital is
32 later approved to provide ambulatory surgery services at the
33 facility, or a facility that is owned by any hospital approved to
34 provide ambulatory surgery services at another facility in this State.

35 The bill also clarifies that the certification by the Centers for
36 Medicare and Medicaid Services as an ambulatory surgery center
37 provider, or the ambulatory care accreditation from an accrediting
38 body recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
39 Services, required for surgical practices as a condition of
40 registration with the Department of Health, must be continually
41 maintained.

42 Finally, the bill clarifies that when a registered surgical practice
43 or licensed facility proposes to relocate according to the provisions
44 of current law, the Commissioner of Health must review and
45 approve the relocation prior to its occurrence.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2876

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 8, 2015

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Services Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2876.

As amended by the committee, this bill provides that most new surgical practices and ambulatory care facilities licensed in this State will be required to be owned by a hospital or medical school that is located in the State.

The bill revises a provision enacted by P.L.2009, c.24, which permitted certain surgical practices and ambulatory care facilities to be exempt from a moratorium on the development of new ambulatory surgery facilities. Specifically, the exemption applies to ambulatory surgery facilities that are jointly owned by a hospital and one or more parties and to ambulatory surgery facilities that are owned by a hospital or a medical school. The law does not explicitly require these hospitals or medical schools to be located in the State, and the Department of Health (DOH) recently concluded that, for the purposes of the exemption, the term “licensed hospital” applies to hospitals licensed in State as well as out of State.

As amended, the bill requires that, for the exemption from the moratorium to apply, the ambulatory surgery facility will be required to be owned by a hospital or medical school licensed in New Jersey, or owned by any hospital that is approved to provide ambulatory surgery services at another facility in the State. Because certain hospitals and medical schools located out of the State have already received approval to operate ambulatory surgery facilities under the current law, or have planned facilities that have received DOH approval, the bill will allow these facilities to continue in operation under the moratorium exemption, provided the approval or application for the facility was received by DOH as of March 1, 2015.

The bill clarifies that the certification by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as an ambulatory surgery center provider, or the ambulatory care accreditation from an accrediting body recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, required for

surgical practices as a condition of registration with DOH, must be continually maintained.

The bill also clarifies that when a registered surgical practice or licensed facility proposes to relocate according to the provisions of current law; the Commissioner of Health must review and approve the relocation prior to its occurrence.

The committee amended the bill to revise the requirement that specifies that, for the exemption from the moratorium on new ambulatory surgery facilities to apply, the facility must be owned by a general hospital or medical school located in the State; as amended, the bill permits the facility to be owned by any hospital located in the State.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4476
(First Reprint)

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Assembly Bill No. 4476 (First Reprint) with my recommendations for reconsideration.

Current law generally prohibits the establishment of new surgical practices and ambulatory care facilities in this State, subject to limited exceptions. Among those exceptions is a facility owned by a hospital or medical school. This bill would narrow that exemption to apply only if the parent hospital or medical school is located in New Jersey, unless the application for the new facility was submitted to the Department of Health prior to March 1, 2015.

While I believe it is important to protect the ability of our hospitals to provide care to our citizens, I am concerned about enacting policies that would encumber opportunities for healthcare investment and job growth, inhibit appropriate competition, and restrict patient access to care. Nevertheless, I also recognize that, in an era of transformation in the healthcare marketplace, hospitals, which are subject to additional regulatory restrictions and obligations, face added competition from facilities that are not bound by the same responsibilities.

Rather than retroactively cutting off applicants, I believe that a more prudent course of action would be to establish a predictable timeline that gives appropriate notice to the regulated community. As such, I recommend amending the applicability of the bill to match the date of enactment.

Accordingly, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 4476

(First Reprint) and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Page 6, Section 1, Line 7: Delete "as of March 1, 2015"
and insert "on or before the
effective date of this act"

Page 6, Section 1, Line 9: Delete "March 1, 2015" and
insert "the effective date of
this act"

Page 6, Section 1, Line 10: Delete ","

Respectfully,

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Scott A. Coffina

Senior Deputy Chief Counsel to the Governor

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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, Danielsens/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, Ribbe, 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, Danielsen)** - 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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