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SENATE: Yes Commerce
Budget & Approp.

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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 467, *approved January 21, 2020*
Assembly, No. 1604 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT providing for the licensure of recreational therapists,
2 ¹**[and]**¹ supplementing Title 45 of the Revised Statutes ¹, and
3 amending ²**[P.L. , c. (C.)¹]** P.L.2019, c.273 (C.)².

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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. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
9 “Recreational Therapists Licensing Act.”

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11 2. The Legislature finds and declares that the profession of
12 recreational therapy affects the public health, safety, and welfare of
13 the citizens of the State of New Jersey. It is therefore in the public
14 interest to regulate persons offering recreational therapy services
15 and to establish professional licensing and certification standards
16 for those persons presently practicing recreational therapy and for
17 those seeking to practice. Licensing and certification will enable
18 other professionals, health services providers, employers, and the
19 general public to recognize qualified practicing recreational
20 therapists, and will provide assurances that professionals engaged in
21 recreational therapy meet acceptable standards of education,
22 experience, ethics, and competency.

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24 3. As used in this act:

25 “Board” means the State Board of ¹**[Medical Examiners]**
26 Creative Arts ²and Activities² Therapies established in section 4 of
27 ²**[P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as Assembly**
28 Bill No. 1220 of 2018)¹] P.L.2019, c.273 (C.)² .

29 “Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist” (CTRS) means any
30 individual certified by the National Council for Therapeutic
31 Recreation Certification.

32 ²**[“Committee” means the Recreational Therapy Advisory**
33 **Committee established pursuant to section 4 of this act.]²**

34 “Recreational therapist” means any person licensed to practice
35 recreational therapy pursuant to provisions of this act.

36 “Recreational therapy” means a systematic process utilizing
37 recreation, leisure, and play interventions for the treatment 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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹**Senate SCM committee amendments adopted December 12, 2019.**

²**Senate SBA committee amendments adopted January 6, 2020.**

1 maintenance of functional abilities and the promotion of health and
2 wellness for individuals with disabilities or those affected by an
3 illness in order to accomplish any of the following:

4 (1) restoring or remediating an individual's participation levels
5 in recreation and leisure activities that may be limited due to an
6 impairment in physical, social, cognitive, or emotional abilities;

7 (2) reducing or eliminating limitations or restrictions to
8 participation in recreation, leisure, and play activities; or

9 (3) using recreational modalities in designed intervention
10 strategies to maximize physical, social, cognitive, or emotional
11 abilities to promote participation in recreation and leisure activities.

12 "Recreational therapy services" means those services provided
13 for the purpose of accomplishing recreational therapy goals
14 including:

15 (1) conducting an individualized assessment for the purpose of
16 collecting systematic, comprehensive, and accurate data necessary
17 to determine the course of action and subsequent individualized
18 treatment plan;

19 (2) planning and developing an individualized recreational
20 therapy treatment plan that identifies an individual's goals,
21 objectives, and potential treatment intervention strategies for play,
22 recreation, leisure, and related community activities;

23 (3) implementing an individualized recreational therapy
24 treatment plan that is consistent with the overall treatment plan;

25 (4) systematically evaluating and comparing the individual's
26 response to the individualized recreational therapy treatment plan
27 and making modifications as appropriate;

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29 individual and the individual's family, treatment team, and other
30 identified support networks where appropriate;

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32 recreation, and leisure equipment;

33 (7) identifying, providing, and educating individuals to use play,
34 recreation, leisure, and community resources that support a healthy,
35 active, and engaged life;

36 (8) providing leisure education and counseling to address issues
37 that hinder health and engagement in play, recreation, leisure, and
38 related community activities;

39 (9) providing community integration, reintegration, inclusion,
40 and transitioning services to maximize health and participation in
41 play, recreation, leisure, and related community activities;

42 (10) addressing functional skill recovery, development, or
43 maintenance related to health and participation in play, recreation,
44 leisure, and community activities and utilizing play, recreation, and
45 leisure activities as modalities to advance health and functioning;

46 (11) assisting individuals in constructing a healthy leisure
47 lifestyle that supports continued recovery, health promotion, and
48 quality of life;

1 (12) providing play, recreation, and leisure opportunities for
2 individuals with illness, disability, or challenges for therapeutic
3 purposes; or

4 (13) consulting with groups, programs, organizations, or
5 communities to improve physical, social, and programmatic
6 accessibility in recreational and leisure activities.

7 “Related community activities” means those activities necessary
8 for individuals to participate in recreation and leisure at home and
9 in the community.

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11 ²[4. There is created within the Division of Consumer Affairs in
12 the Department of Law and Public Safety under the State Board of
13 ¹[Medical Examiners] Creative Arts Therapies established in
14 section 4 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as
15 Assembly Bill No. 1220 of 2018)¹ a Recreational Therapy Advisory
16 Committee. The Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee shall
17 consist of five members who are residents of the State. All members
18 shall have been actively engaged in the practice of recreational
19 therapy in this State for at least five years immediately preceding
20 their appointment, and except for the members first appointed, shall
21 all be licensed recreational therapists. The members first appointed
22 to the committee shall be qualified for licensure pursuant to the
23 provisions of this act and shall become licensed recreational
24 therapists as soon as practical.

25 The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall
26 appoint each member of the committee for three years, except that
27 of the members first appointed, three shall serve for a term of three
28 years and two shall serve for a term of two years. Any vacancy in
29 the membership shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner
30 provided by the original appointment. No member of the committee
31 may serve more than two successive terms in addition to any
32 unexpired term to which the member has been appointed.

33 The Governor may remove any member of the committee for
34 misconduct, incompetency, or neglect of duty after providing the
35 committee member with a written statement of charges and an
36 opportunity for a hearing.]²

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38 ²[5. Members of the committee shall be reimbursed for
39 expenses and provided with the office, meeting facilities, and
40 personnel required for the proper conduct of the business of the
41 committee.]²

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43 ²[6. The committee shall organize within 30 days after the
44 appointment of its members and shall annually elect from among its
45 members a chairperson and a vice-chairperson, and may appoint a
46 secretary, who need not be a member of the committee. The
47 committee shall meet at least twice a year and may hold additional

1 meetings as necessary to discharge its duties. A majority of the
2 committee membership shall constitute a quorum.】²

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4 ²【7.】4.² The ²【committee】 State Board of Creative Arts and
5 Activities Therapies² shall ²【have the following powers and
6 ²【duties】²:

7 a. evaluate the qualifications and make a determination of the
8 eligibility for licensure of all applicants under this act, attesting to
9 the applicant's professional qualification to practice as a licensed
10 recreational therapist;

11 b. issue and renew licenses for recreational therapists pursuant
12 to the provisions of this act;

13 c. investigate allegations of and conduct hearings regarding
14 misconduct or violations of provisions of this act;

15 d. suspend, revoke, or fail to renew the license of a recreational
16 therapist pursuant to P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-14 et seq.);

17 e. maintain a list of the names and addresses of all licensed
18 recreational therapists who are licensed under this act;

19 f. establish standards for the continuing education of licensed
20 recreational therapists;

21 g. prescribe or change the fees for licensures, renewals, and
22 other services performed pursuant to P.L.1974, c.46 (C.45:1-3.1 et
23 seq.); and

24 h. promulgate rules and regulations to carry out matters
25 ²【delegated to the committee by the board】² concerning any
26 provisions of this act, in conformance with the “Administrative
27 Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

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29 ²【8.】5.² a. No person shall practice or indicate an ability to
30 practice recreational therapy, whether or not compensation is
31 received or expected; make any representation as a recreational
32 therapist; use the term “recreational therapist,” “licensed
33 recreational therapist,” the initials “CTRS,” “CTRS/L,” or other
34 similar terms or abbreviations; or provide recreational therapy
35 services unless the person holds a valid license to practice in this
36 State.

37 b. Only an individual may be licensed to practice recreational
38 therapy within the State. No firm, partnership, association or
39 corporation may advertise or otherwise offer to provide or convey
40 the impression that it is providing recreational therapy services
41 unless an individual holding a current valid license pursuant to the
42 provisions of this act shall be rendering the recreational therapy
43 services.

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45 ²【9.】6.² Nothing in this act shall be construed to apply to:

46 a. the activities and services of qualified members of other
47 professions licensed by the State, when acting within the scope of
48 their profession and doing work of a nature consistent with their

1 training, provided they do not hold themselves out to the public as
2 possessing a license issued pursuant to this act or represent
3 themselves by any professional designation protected by this act;

4 b. any person enrolled in a course of study leading to a degree
5 or certificate in therapeutic recreation who is performing
6 recreational therapy services incidental to the person's course work
7 when supervised by a licensed professional, if the person is
8 designated by a title which clearly indicates his or her status as a
9 student;

10 c. any therapeutic recreation assistant providing therapeutic
11 recreation services under the direct supervision of a licensed
12 therapeutic recreation specialist. Such an individual would not be
13 permitted to conduct assessments and/or develop treatment plans; or

14 d. any individual providing recreational or activity programs to
15 a person with disabilities as a normal part of the leisure lifestyle of
16 the person with disabilities.

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18 ²[10.] 7.² To be eligible for licensure as a recreational therapist,
19 an applicant shall ²[fulfill the following requirements]²:

20 a. be at least 18 years of age;

21 b. be of good moral character;

22 c. submit to the ²[committee] board² evidence of having
23 successfully completed a bachelor level program or higher in
24 recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation, or a bachelor level
25 program or higher in a related field which includes courses
26 pertaining to recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation as
27 required for certification by the National Council for Therapeutic
28 Recreation Certification; and

29 d. submit to the ²[committee] board² evidence of having
30 successfully completed all certification requirements for, and
31 maintained certification as, a certified therapeutic recreational
32 specialist by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation
33 Certification.

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35 ²[11.] 8.² a. The ²[committee] board² shall issue a license to
36 any applicant who, in the opinion of the ²[committee] board², has
37 satisfactorily met all the requirements of this act.

38 b. All licenses shall be issued for a two year period upon the
39 payment of the prescribed licensure fee and the submission of a
40 written application, and shall be renewed upon filing a renewal
41 application, payment of a renewal fee, and presentation of
42 satisfactory evidence to the ²[committee] board² of certification as
43 a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the National
44 Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification.

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46 ²[12.] 9.² Upon payment to the board of a prescribed fee and
47 the submission of a written application, the ²[committee] board²

1 may grant a license to any person who is licensed by a
 2 governmental agency located in another state if the requirements of
 3 that licensure are substantially equivalent to the requirements of this
 4 act, as determined by the ²[committee] board².

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 6 ²[13.] 10.² A recreational therapist licensed pursuant to the
 7 provisions of this act shall not disclose any confidential information
 8 that the therapist may have acquired while performing recreational
 9 therapy services for a client unless in accordance with the federal
 10 health privacy rules set forth at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164.

11
 12 ²[14.] 11.² Section 4 of ²[P.L. , c. (pending before the
 13 Legislature as Assembly Bill No. 1220 of 2018)¹] P.L.2019, c.273
 14 (C.)² is amended to read as follows:

15 4. There is created within the Division of Consumer Affairs in
 16 the Department of Law and Public Safety, the State Board of
 17 Creative Arts ²and Activities² Therapies. The board shall consist of
 18 ²[eleven] thirteen² members who are residents of the State. Except
 19 for the members first appointed: ¹[eight] ²[seven¹] ten² of the
 20 members shall be therapists who are licensed in creative arts
 21 therapies ²or activities therapies², including but not limited to ²two
 22 members licensed in² art therapy, ²two members licensed in²
 23 dance/movement therapy, ²two members licensed in² drama
 24 therapy, ²two members licensed in recreational therapy,² and ²two
 25 members licensed in² music therapy under the provisions of ²[this
 26 act] the “Art Therapist Licensing Act,” P.L.2015, c.199 (C.45:8B-
 27 51 et seq.), the “Creative Arts Therapies Licensing Act,” P.L.2019,
 28 c.273 (C.), the “Recreational Therapists Licensing Act,”
 29 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), or
 30 the “Music Therapist Licensing Act,” P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
 31 before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 1687 or Assembly Bill No.
 32 2183 of 2018), as applicable,² and shall have been actively engaged
 33 in the practice of a creative arts therapy ²or activities therapy² for at
 34 least five years immediately preceding their appointment. ²[¹One
 35 member shall be licensed as a recreational therapist pursuant to the
 36 provisions of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
 37 as Senate Bill No. 2734 and Assembly Bill No. 1604 of 2018).¹]²
 38 The remaining members shall be public members. ²The members
 39 first appointed shall include: two members licensed in art therapy,
 40 two members who practice dance/movement therapy, two members
 41 who practice drama therapy, two members who practice recreational
 42 therapy, and two members who practice music therapy.²

43 The Governor shall appoint the members with the advice and
 44 consent of the Senate. Each member shall be appointed for a term
 45 of three years, except that of the members first appointed, ²[three]
 46 five² shall serve for a term of three years, ²[two] five² shall serve

1 for a term of two years and ²~~one~~ three² shall serve for a term of
2 one year. Each member shall hold office until his successor has
3 been qualified and appointed. Any vacancy in the membership of
4 the board shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner
5 provided for in the original appointment. No member of the board
6 may serve more than two successive terms in addition to any
7 unexpired term to which the member has been appointed.¹
8 (cf: P.L.2019, c.273, s.4)

9
10 ²12. Section 3 of P.L.2019, c.273 (C.) is amended to read
11 as follows:

12 3. As used in this act:

13 “Board” means the State Board of Creative Arts **[Therapists]**
14 and Activities Therapies.

15 “Board Certified Dance/Movement Therapist” means a person
16 who practices dance movement therapy and is certified by the
17 Dance/Movement Therapy Certification Board.

18 “Creative arts therapist” means any person licensed to practice a
19 creative arts therapy pursuant to the provisions of this act.

20 “Creative arts therapy” means the integrated use of
21 psychotherapeutic principles with art media, the creative process,
22 creative expression, or creative movement to assist individuals,
23 families or groups in:

- 24 (1) increasing awareness of self and others;
25 (2) coping with symptoms, stress, and traumatic experiences;
26 (3) enhancing cognitive abilities;
27 (4) identifying and assessing clients’ needs in order to
28 implement therapeutic intervention to meet developmental,
29 behavioral, mental, and emotional needs; and
30 (5) other related psychotherapeutic remedies.

31 “Dance/movement therapist” means any person licensed to
32 practice dance/movement therapy pursuant to the provisions of this
33 act.

34 “Dance/movement therapy” means the integrated use of
35 dance/movement and psychotherapeutic principles in a creative
36 process which furthers the emotional, physical, cognitive, and
37 social integration of the individual by utilizing, as a behavioral
38 health discipline, the application of fundamental mental health,
39 psychological, developmental and mind/body principles in order to:
40 (1) facilitate human development and adjustment throughout the
41 lifespan; (2) identify and assess clients with mental, emotional, or
42 behavioral disorders that interfere with mental health or adequate
43 functioning in order to implement therapeutic intervention to meet
44 developmental, behavioral, mental and emotional needs; (3)
45 conduct assessment for the purposes of evaluation and establishing
46 treatment goals and objectives; and (4) plan, implement and
47 evaluate treatment interventions designed to meet developmental,
48 behavioral, mental and emotional needs for individuals or groups.

1 “Drama therapist” means any person licensed to practice drama
2 therapy pursuant to the provisions of this act.

3 “Drama therapy” means the integrated use of psychotherapeutic
4 principles, theater and creative processes to further the emotional,
5 physical, cognitive, and social well-being of the individual. As a
6 behavioral health discipline, the application of fundamental mental
7 health, psychological, developmental, and mind/body principles are
8 synthesized in an experiential process in order to: (1) facilitate
9 human development and adjustment throughout the lifespan; (2)
10 identify and assess clients with mental, emotional or behavioral
11 disorders that interfere with mental health or adequate functioning
12 in order to implement therapeutic intervention to meet
13 developmental, behavioral, mental and emotional needs; (3)
14 conduct assessment for the purposes of evaluation and establishing
15 treatment goals and objectives; and (4) plan, implement and
16 evaluate treatment interventions designed to meet developmental,
17 behavioral, mental, and emotional needs for individuals or groups.

18 “Drama Therapy Board Certified Trainer” means a person who
19 has been practicing drama therapy for a minimum of five years and
20 is certified by the North American Drama Therapy Association.

21 “Licensed associate art therapist” means an individual who holds
22 a current, valid license issued pursuant to section 11 of P.L.2015,
23 c.199 (C.45:8B-61).

24 “Licensed associate dance/movement therapist” means an
25 individual who holds a current, valid license issued pursuant to
26 section 13 of this act.

27 “Licensed associate drama therapist” means an individual who
28 holds a current, valid license issued pursuant to section 12 of this
29 act.

30 “Licensed clinical dance/movement therapist” means an
31 individual who holds a current, valid license issued pursuant to
32 section 11 of this act.

33 “Licensed clinical drama therapist” means an individual who
34 holds a current, valid license issued pursuant to section 10 of this
35 act.

36 “Licensed professional art therapist” means an individual who
37 holds a current, valid license issued pursuant to section 10 of
38 P.L.2015, c.199 (C.45:8B-60).

39 “Registered Dance/Movement Therapist” (R-DMT) means a
40 person who practices dance/movement therapy and is registered by
41 the Dance/Movement Therapy Certification Board.

42 “Registered Drama Therapist” means a person who practices
43 drama therapy and is registered by the North American Drama
44 Therapy Association.

45 “Supervision” means: (1) ensuring that the extent, kind, and
46 quality of creative arts therapy performed, as the case may be, is
47 consistent with the education, training, and experience of the person
48 being supervised; (2) reviewing client or patient records,

1 monitoring and evaluating assessment, and treatment decisions of a
 2 creative arts therapy supervisee; (3) monitoring and evaluating the
 3 ability of the licensed associate in a creative arts therapy to provide
 4 services to the particular clientele at the site or sites where he will
 5 be practicing; (4) ensuring compliance with laws and regulations
 6 governing the practice of a licensed professional in a creative arts
 7 therapy; and (5) completing that amount of direct observation, or
 8 review of audio or videotapes of a creative arts therapy, as deemed
 9 appropriate by the board.²
 10 (cf: P.L.2019, c.273, s.4)

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 12 ²13. Section 23 of P.L.2019, c.273 (C.) is amended to read
 13 as follows:

14 23. The Art Therapists Advisory Committee created within the
 15 Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public
 16 Safety, under the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy
 17 under section 4 of P.L.2015, c.199 (C.45:8B-54) is hereby
 18 abolished, and all of its powers, functions, and duties are continued
 19 in the State Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies. All
 20 appropriations and other moneys available and to become available
 21 to the Art Therapists Advisory Committee are hereby continued in
 22 the board and shall be available for the objects and purposes for
 23 which such moneys are appropriated subject to any terms,
 24 restrictions, limitations, or other requirements imposed by State or
 25 federal law. Whenever, in any law, rule, regulation, order, contract,
 26 document, judicial or administrative proceeding, or otherwise,
 27 reference is made to the Art Therapists Advisory Committee, the
 28 same shall mean and refer to the State Board of Creative Arts and
 29 Activities Therapies within the Division of Consumer Affairs in the
 30 Department of Law and Public Safety. ²
 31 (cf: P.L.2019, c.273, s.4)

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 33 ¹[14. This] ²[15.] 14.² Sections 1 through ²[13] 10² of this¹
 34 act shall take effect on the 180th day next following the date of
 35 enactment ²[, except that section 4] and the remainder of this act²
 36 shall take effect immediately ²[and the committee may take such
 37 anticipatory administrative action in advance of enactment as shall
 38 be necessary for the implementation of this act ¹, and section 14
 39 shall take effect upon the enactment of P.L. , c. (C.)
 40 (pending before the Legislature as Assembly Bill No. 1220 of
 41 2018)¹].²

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 “Recreational Therapists Licensing Act.”

ASSEMBLY, No. 1604

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2018 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman **HERB CONAWAY, JR.**

District 7 (Burlington)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman **Kennedy**

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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23 3. As used in this act:

24 “Board” means the State Board of Medical Examiners.

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41 c. investigate allegations of and conduct hearings regarding
42 misconduct or violations of provisions of this act;

43 d. suspend, revoke, or fail to renew the license of a recreational
44 therapist pursuant to P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-14 et seq.);

45 e. maintain a list of the names and addresses of all licensed
46 recreational therapists who are licensed under this act;

47 f. establish standards for the continuing education of licensed
48 recreational therapists;

- 1 g. prescribe or change the fees for licensures, renewals, and
2 other services performed pursuant to P.L.1974, c.46 (C.45:1-3.1 et
3 seq.); and
- 4 h. promulgate rules and regulations to carry out matters
5 delegated to the committee by the board concerning any provisions
6 of this act, in conformance with the "Administrative Procedure
7 Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).
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- 9 8. a. No person shall practice or indicate an ability to practice
10 recreational therapy, whether or not compensation is received or
11 expected; make any representation as a recreational therapist; use
12 the term "recreational therapist," "licensed recreational therapist,"
13 the initials "CTRS," "CTRS/L," or other similar terms or
14 abbreviations; or provide recreational therapy services unless the
15 person holds a valid license to practice in this State.
- 16 b. Only an individual may be licensed to practice recreational
17 therapy within the State. No firm, partnership, association or
18 corporation may advertise or otherwise offer to provide or convey
19 the impression that it is providing recreational therapy services
20 unless an individual holding a current valid license pursuant to the
21 provisions of this act shall be rendering the recreational therapy
22 services.
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- 24 9. Nothing in this act shall be construed to apply to:
- 25 a. the activities and services of qualified members of other
26 professions licensed by the State, when acting within the scope of
27 their profession and doing work of a nature consistent with their
28 training, provided they do not hold themselves out to the public as
29 possessing a license issued pursuant to this act or represent
30 themselves by any professional designation protected by this act;
- 31 b. any person enrolled in a course of study leading to a degree
32 or certificate in therapeutic recreation who is performing
33 recreational therapy services incidental to the person's course work
34 when supervised by a licensed professional, if the person is
35 designated by a title which clearly indicates his or her status as a
36 student;
- 37 c. any therapeutic recreation assistant providing therapeutic
38 recreation services under the direct supervision of a licensed
39 therapeutic recreation specialist. Such an individual would not be
40 permitted to conduct assessments and/or develop treatment plans; or
- 41 d. any individual providing recreational or activity programs to
42 a person with disabilities as a normal part of the leisure lifestyle of
43 the person with disabilities.
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- 45 10. To be eligible for licensure as a recreational therapist, an
46 applicant shall fulfill the following requirements:
- 47 a. be at least 18 years of age;
- 48 b. be of good moral character;

1 c. submit to the committee evidence of having successfully
2 completed a bachelor level program or higher in recreational
3 therapy or therapeutic recreation, or a bachelor level program or
4 higher in a related field which includes courses pertaining to
5 recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation as required for
6 certification by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation
7 Certification; and

8 d. submit to the committee evidence of having successfully
9 completed all certification requirements for, and maintained
10 certification as, a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the
11 National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification.

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13 11. a. The committee shall issue a license to any applicant who,
14 in the opinion of the committee, has satisfactorily met all the
15 requirements of this act.

16 b. All licenses shall be issued for a two year period upon the
17 payment of the prescribed licensure fee and the submission of a
18 written application, and shall be renewed upon filing a renewal
19 application, payment of a renewal fee, and presentation of
20 satisfactory evidence to the committee of certification as a certified
21 therapeutic recreational specialist by the National Council for
22 Therapeutic Recreation Certification.

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24 12. Upon payment to the board of a prescribed fee and the
25 submission of a written application, the committee may grant a
26 license to any person who is licensed by a governmental agency
27 located in another state if the requirements of that licensure are
28 substantially equivalent to the requirements of this act, as
29 determined by the committee.

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31 13. A recreational therapist licensed pursuant to the provisions
32 of this act shall not disclose any confidential information that the
33 therapist may have acquired while performing recreational therapy
34 services for a client unless in accordance with the federal health
35 privacy rules set forth at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164.

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37 14. This act shall take effect on the 180th day next following the
38 date of enactment, except that section 4 shall take effect
39 immediately and the committee may take such anticipatory
40 administrative action in advance of enactment as shall be necessary
41 for the implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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46 This bill provides for the licensure of recreational therapists. As
47 defined under the bill, "recreational therapy" means a systematic
48 process utilizing recreation, leisure, and play interventions for the

1 treatment and maintenance of functional abilities and the promotion
2 of health and wellness for individuals with disabilities or those
3 affected by an illness in order to accomplish certain physical, social
4 cognitive, and emotional goals. This bill also establishes the
5 Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee in the Division of
6 Consumer Affairs under the State Board of Medical Examiners in
7 the Department of Law and Public Safety.

8 The committee is to consist of five members, appointed by the
9 Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, who are
10 residents of the State and who have been actively engaged in the
11 practice of recreational therapy for at least five years immediately
12 preceding their appointment. Except for the members first
13 appointed, all members must be licensed recreational therapists.
14 However, the members first appointed to the committee must be
15 qualified for licensure pursuant to the provisions of the bill and
16 must become licensed recreational therapists as soon as practical.

17 To be eligible for licensure as a recreational therapist, an
18 applicant must be at least 18 years of age and be of good moral
19 character. In addition, the applicant must submit to the committee
20 evidence of: 1) having successfully completed a bachelor level
21 program or higher in recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation,
22 or a bachelor level program or higher in a related field which
23 includes courses pertaining to recreational therapy or therapeutic
24 recreation as required for certification by the National Council for
25 Therapeutic Recreation Certification; and 2) having successfully
26 completed all certification requirements for, and maintained
27 certification as, a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the
28 National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification.

29 Under the bill, recreational therapist licenses are issued for a
30 two-year period upon the payment of the prescribed licensure fee
31 and the submission of a written application. The license may be
32 renewed upon filing a renewal application, payment of a renewal
33 fee, and presentation of satisfactory evidence to the committee of
34 certification as a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the
35 National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification. The
36 committee is permitted to grant a license to any person who at the
37 time of application submission and payment of a licensure fee is
38 licensed by a governmental agency located in another state if the
39 requirements of that licensure are substantially equivalent to the
40 requirements of the bill, as determined by the committee.

41 The bill provides that no person is permitted to practice or
42 indicate an ability to practice recreational therapy, whether or not
43 compensation is received or expected; make any representation as a
44 recreational therapist; use the term "recreational therapist,"
45 "licensed recreational therapist," the initials "CTRS," "CTRS/L," or
46 other similar terms or abbreviations; or provide recreational therapy
47 services unless the person holds a valid license to practice in this

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1 State. Furthermore, the bill provides that only an individual may be
2 licensed to practice recreational therapy within the State.

3 This bill does not apply to: the activities and services of qualified
4 members of other professions licensed by the State, when acting
5 within the scope of their profession and doing work of a nature
6 consistent with their training; any student enrolled in a course of
7 study leading to a degree or certificate in therapeutic recreation,
8 when supervised by a licensed professional, who is performing
9 recreational therapy services incidental to the student's course work;
10 any therapeutic recreation assistant providing therapeutic recreation
11 services under the direct supervision of a licensed therapeutic
12 recreation specialist; or any individual providing recreational or
13 activity programs to a person with disabilities as a normal part of
14 the leisure lifestyle of the person with disabilities.

ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1604

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 15, 2018

The Assembly Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1604.

This bill provides for the licensure of recreational therapists. As defined under the bill, “recreational therapy” means a systematic process utilizing recreation, leisure, and play interventions for the treatment and maintenance of functional abilities and the promotion of health and wellness for individuals with disabilities or those affected by an illness in order to accomplish certain physical, social cognitive, and emotional goals. This bill also establishes the Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee under the State Board of Medical Examiners in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

The committee is to consist of five members, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, who are residents of the State and who have been actively engaged in the practice of recreational therapy for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment. Except for the members first appointed, all members must be licensed recreational therapists. However, the members first appointed to the committee must be qualified for licensure pursuant to the provisions of the bill and must become licensed recreational therapists as soon as practical.

To be eligible for licensure as a recreational therapist, an applicant must be at least 18 years of age and be of good moral character. In addition, the applicant must submit to the committee evidence of: 1) having successfully completed a bachelor level program or higher in recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation, or a bachelor level program or higher in a related field which includes courses pertaining to recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation as required for certification by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification; and 2) having successfully completed all certification requirements for, and maintained certification as, a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification.

Under the bill, recreational therapist licenses are issued for a two-year period upon the payment of the prescribed licensure fee and the submission of a written application. The license may be renewed upon filing a renewal application, payment of a renewal fee, and presentation of satisfactory evidence to the committee of

certification as a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification. The committee is permitted to grant a license to any person who at the time of application submission and payment of a licensure fee is licensed by a governmental agency located in another state if the requirements of that licensure are substantially equivalent to the requirements of the bill, as determined by the committee.

The bill provides that no person is permitted to practice or indicate an ability to practice recreational therapy, whether or not compensation is received or expected; make any representation as a recreational therapist; use the term “recreational therapist,” “licensed recreational therapist,” the initials “CTRS,” “CTRS/L,” or other similar terms or abbreviations; or provide recreational therapy services unless the person holds a valid license to practice in this State. Furthermore, the bill provides that only an individual may be licensed to practice recreational therapy within the State.

This bill does not apply to: the activities and services of qualified members of other professions licensed by the State, when acting within the scope of their profession and doing work of a nature consistent with their training; any student enrolled in a course of study leading to a degree or certificate in therapeutic recreation, when supervised by a licensed professional, who is performing recreational therapy services incidental to the student's course work; any therapeutic recreation assistant providing therapeutic recreation services under the direct supervision of a licensed therapeutic recreation specialist; or any individual providing recreational or activity programs to a person with disabilities as a normal part of the leisure lifestyle of the person with disabilities.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2018-2019 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1604

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 10, 2018

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1604.

This bill provides for the licensure of recreational therapists. “Recreational therapy” means a systematic process utilizing recreation, leisure, and play interventions for the treatment and maintenance of functional abilities and the promotion of health and wellness for individuals with disabilities or those affected by an illness in order to accomplish certain physical, social cognitive, and emotional goals.

The bill also establishes the Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee under the State Board of Medical Examiners in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

The committee is to consist of five members, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, who are residents of the State and who have been actively engaged in the practice of recreational therapy for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment. Except for the members first appointed, all members must be licensed recreational therapists. However, the members first appointed to the committee must be qualified for licensure pursuant to the provisions of the bill and must become licensed recreational therapists as soon as practical.

To be eligible for licensure as a recreational therapist, an applicant must be at least 18 years of age and be of good moral character. In addition, an applicant must submit to the committee evidence of: 1) having successfully completed a bachelor level program or higher in recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation, or a bachelor level program or higher in a related field which includes courses pertaining to recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation as required for certification by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification; and 2) having successfully completed all certification requirements for, and maintained certification as, a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification.

Under the bill, recreational therapist licenses are issued for a two-year period upon the payment of the prescribed licensure fee and the submission of a written application. The license may be renewed upon filing a renewal application, payment of a renewal

fee, and presentation of satisfactory evidence to the committee of certification as a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification. The committee is permitted to grant a license to any person who at the time of application submission and payment of a licensure fee is licensed by a governmental agency located in another state if the requirements of that licensure are substantially equivalent to the requirements of the bill, as determined by the committee.

The bill provides that no person is permitted to practice or indicate an ability to practice recreational therapy, whether or not compensation is received or expected; make any representation as a recreational therapist; use the term “recreational therapist,” “licensed recreational therapist,” the initials “CTRS,” “CTRS/L,” or other similar terms or abbreviations; or provide recreational therapy services unless the person holds a valid license to practice in this State. Furthermore, the bill provides that only an individual may be licensed to practice recreational therapy within the State.

This bill does not apply to: the activities and services of qualified members of other professions licensed by the State, when acting within the scope of their profession and doing work of a nature consistent with their training; any student enrolled in a course of study leading to a degree or certificate in therapeutic recreation, when supervised by a licensed professional, who is performing recreational therapy services incidental to the student's course work; any therapeutic recreation assistant providing therapeutic recreation services under the direct supervision of a licensed therapeutic recreation specialist; or any individual providing recreational or activity programs to a person with disabilities as a normal part of the leisure lifestyle of the person with disabilities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill will cause indeterminate increases in annual State revenues and expenditures. The OLS, however, cannot assess the direction of the net effect of the two increases given the absence of information on the future cost of regulating recreational therapists and on future license fee and penalty collections.

The State will incur an indeterminate annual increase in operating expenditures associated with the licensure and regulation of recreational therapists, including the cost of establishing and operating the new five-member Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee.

Additional annual State revenue will accrue from indeterminate fee payments for the new recreational therapist licenses and indeterminate fine and penalty payments from violators of statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to the newly licensed profession.

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1604

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2019

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1604.

As amended, this bill provides for the licensure of recreational therapists. "Recreational therapy" means a systematic process utilizing recreation, leisure, and play interventions for the treatment and maintenance of functional abilities and the promotion of health and wellness for individuals with disabilities or those affected by an illness in order to accomplish certain physical, social cognitive, and emotional goals.

The bill establishes the Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee under the State Board of Creative Arts Therapies in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety. The bill requires one member of the State Board of Creative Arts Therapies to be licensed as a recreational therapist.

The committee is to consist of five members, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, who are residents of the State and who have been actively engaged in the practice of recreational therapy for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment. Except for the members first appointed, all members must be licensed recreational therapists. However, the members first appointed to the committee must be qualified for licensure pursuant to the provisions of the bill and must become licensed recreational therapists as soon as practical.

To be eligible for licensure as a recreational therapist, an applicant must be at least 18 years of age and be of good moral character. In addition, an applicant must submit to the committee evidence of: 1) having successfully completed a bachelor level program or higher in recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation, or a bachelor level program or higher in a related field which includes courses pertaining to recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation as required for certification by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification; and 2) having successfully completed all certification requirements for, and maintained certification as, a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification.

Under the bill, recreational therapist licenses are issued for a two-year period upon the payment of the prescribed licensure fee and the submission of a written application. The license may be renewed upon filing a renewal application, payment of a renewal fee, and presentation of satisfactory evidence to the committee of certification as a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification. The committee is permitted to grant a license to any person who at the time of application submission and payment of a licensure fee is licensed by a governmental agency located in another state if the requirements of that licensure are substantially equivalent to the requirements of the bill, as determined by the committee.

The bill provides that no person is permitted to practice or indicate an ability to practice recreational therapy, whether or not compensation is received or expected; make any representation as a recreational therapist; use the term "recreational therapist," "licensed recreational therapist," the initials "CTRS," "CTRS/L," or other similar terms or abbreviations; or provide recreational therapy services unless the person holds a valid license to practice in this State. Furthermore, the bill provides that only an individual may be licensed to practice recreational therapy within the State.

This bill does not apply to: the activities and services of qualified members of other professions licensed by the State, when acting within the scope of their profession and doing work of a nature consistent with their training; any student enrolled in a course of study leading to a degree or certificate in therapeutic recreation, when supervised by a licensed professional, who is performing recreational therapy services incidental to the student's course work; any therapeutic recreation assistant providing therapeutic recreation services under the direct supervision of a licensed therapeutic recreation specialist; or any individual providing recreational or activity programs to a person with disabilities as a normal part of the leisure lifestyle of the person with disabilities.

As amended and reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2734, as also amended and reported by the committee.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) revise the bill to place the Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee under the State Board of Creative Arts Therapies, established in Assembly Bill No. 1220 of the current session; and

(2) provide that the State Board of Creative Arts Therapies shall include one member licensed as a recreational therapist.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1604

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2020

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1604 (1R), with committee amendments.

This bill, as amended, provides for the licensure of recreational therapists under the State Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety. As defined under the bill, “recreational therapy” means a systematic process utilizing recreation, leisure, and play interventions for the treatment and maintenance of functional abilities and the promotion of health and wellness for individuals with disabilities or those affected by an illness in order to accomplish certain physical, social cognitive, and emotional goals.

To be eligible for licensure as a recreational therapist, an applicant must be at least 18 years of age and be of good moral character. In addition, the applicant must submit to the board evidence of: 1) having successfully completed a bachelor level program or higher in recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation, or a bachelor level program or higher in a related field which includes courses pertaining to recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation as required for certification by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification; and 2) having successfully completed all certification requirements for, and maintained certification as, a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification.

Under the bill, recreational therapist licenses are issued for a two-year period upon the payment of the prescribed licensure fee and the submission of a written application. The license may be renewed upon filing a renewal application, payment of a renewal fee, and presentation of satisfactory evidence to the board of certification as a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification. The board is permitted to grant a license to any person who at the time of application submission and payment of a licensure fee is licensed by a governmental agency located in another state if the requirements of that licensure are

substantially equivalent to the requirements of the bill, as determined by the board.

The bill provides that no person is permitted to practice or indicate an ability to practice recreational therapy, whether or not compensation is received or expected; make any representation as a recreational therapist; use the term “recreational therapist,” “licensed recreational therapist,” the initials “CTRS,” “CTRS/L,” or other similar terms or abbreviations; or provide recreational therapy services unless the person holds a valid license to practice in this State. Furthermore, the bill provides that only an individual may be licensed to practice recreational therapy within the State.

This bill does not apply to: the activities and services of qualified members of other professions licensed by the State, when acting within the scope of their profession and doing work of a nature consistent with their training; any student enrolled in a course of study leading to a degree or certificate in therapeutic recreation, when supervised by a licensed professional, who is performing recreational therapy services incidental to the student's course work; any therapeutic recreation assistant providing therapeutic recreation services under the direct supervision of a licensed therapeutic recreation specialist; or any individual providing recreational or activity programs to a person with disabilities as a normal part of the leisure lifestyle of the person with disabilities.

As amended and reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2734 (1R), as also amended and reported by the committee.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments:

(1) rename the State Board of Creative Arts Therapies as the State Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies and expand the membership to thirteen members, from eleven members;

(2) remove references to the State Board of Medical Examiners and Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee and instead provide for the regulation of recreational therapists under the State Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies;

(3) require that the membership of the State Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies include two members licensed in art therapy, two members licensed in dance/movement therapy, two members licensed in drama therapy, two members licensed in recreational therapy, and two members licensed in music therapy;

(4) require that the members first appointed to the State Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies include two members licensed in art therapy, two members who practice dance/movement therapy, two members who practice drama therapy, two members who practice recreational therapy, and two members who practice music therapy; and

(5) make certain technical changes to the bill.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill will cause indeterminate increases in annual State General Fund expenditures and revenues. The OLS, however, cannot assess the direction of the net effect of the two increases given the absence of information on the future cost of regulating recreational therapists and on future license fee and penalty collections.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 1604
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 13, 2018

SUMMARY

Synopsis: "Recreational Therapists Licensing Act."
Type of Impact: Annual State revenue and expenditure increases to the General Fund.
Agencies Affected: Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs, and State Board of Medical Examiners

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Annual State Cost Increase		Indeterminate	
Annual State Revenue Increase		Indeterminate	

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill will cause indeterminate increases in annual State revenues and expenditures. The OLS, however, cannot assess the direction of the net effect of the two increases given the absence of information on the future cost of regulating recreational therapists and on future license fee and penalty collections.
- The State will incur an indeterminate annual increase in operating expenditures associated with the licensure and regulation of recreational therapists, including the cost of establishing and operating the new five-member Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee.
- Additional annual State revenue will accrue from indeterminate fee payments for the new recreational therapist licenses and indeterminate fine and penalty payments from violators of statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to the newly licensed profession.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill provides for the licensure of recreational therapists and creates the five-member Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee under the State Board of Medical Examiners in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety. The committee will issue and renew professional licenses; investigate and conduct hearings regarding misconduct, maintain a record of licensed professionals; establish continuing education standards for licensed



professionals; and set the charges for licensures, renewals, and other services. Board members will receive no compensation for their services but will be reimbursed for the expenses they will incur in the performance of their duties. In addition, board members will receive the office and meeting facilities necessary to conduct committee business.

Under the bill, recreational therapist licenses are issued for a two-year period upon the payment of the prescribed licensure fee and the submission of a written application. The license may be renewed upon filing a renewal application, payment of a renewal fee, and presentation of satisfactory evidence to the committee of certification as a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification. The committee is permitted to grant a license to any person who is licensed by a governmental agency located in another state if the requirements of that licensure are substantially equivalent to the requirements of the bill, as determined by the committee.

The committee will operate under the provisions of N.J.S.A.45:1-14 et seq., which authorize professional and occupational boards to suspend or revoke any license, levy unspecified fines, or impose unspecified civil penalties if a board concludes that an individual has practiced a regulated profession without a license or has otherwise violated statutory or regulatory provisions applicable to the profession.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that the bill will cause indeterminate increases in annual State General Fund expenditures and revenues. The OLS, however, cannot assess the direction of the net effect of the two increases given the absence of information on the future cost of regulating recreational therapists and on future license fee and penalty collections.

The OLS notes that California, the District of Columbia, Washington D.C., New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Utah currently regulate or license the professional practice of recreational therapy.

State Revenue Increases: The bill will increase annual State revenue collections from licensure fees, fines, and penalties by indeterminate amounts.

The OLS cannot quantify the licensure fee payments the committee will collect from the biennial licensing requirement because the bill leaves the setting of the specific fee levels to the committee's discretion, and because the number of future license issuances is unknown.

The website of the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification indicates that currently in 2018 there are 325 recreational therapists residing in New Jersey who are certified. In addition, there were 899 certified recreational therapists residing in New York and 754 residing in Pennsylvania, of whom an unknown number may choose to become licensed in New Jersey due to proximity.

Moreover, the OLS anticipates that the State may annually collect indeterminate fine and penalty payments from violators of statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to the newly licensed profession. The OLS, however, cannot project the amount the State will collect because the bill leaves the setting of the specific fine and penalty levels to the committee's discretion and

because the OLS has no information on which to base an estimate of the number and magnitude of future penalty assessments and payments.

State Expenditure Increase: The bill newly establishes the five-member Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee under the State Board of Medical Examiners in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety to newly regulate recreational therapists. The committee's regulatory activities will increase annual board operating expenses. The OLS, however, cannot determine the increase's magnitude on account of uncertainty regarding the number of professionals who will be regulated and operational decisions the committee will make to implement the bill. In any event, the five committee members will serve without compensation and will only be reimbursed for the expenses they will incur in the performance of their duties.

Section: Law and Public Safety

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This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1604

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 3, 2020

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** "Recreational Therapists Licensing Act."
- Type of Impact:** Annual State revenue and expenditure increases to the General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Law and Public Safety

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost Increase		Indeterminate	
State Revenue Increase		Indeterminate	

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill will cause indeterminate increases in annual State revenues and expenditures. The OLS, however, cannot assess the direction of the net effect of the two increases given the absence of information on the future cost of regulating recreational therapists and on future license fee and penalty collections.
- The State will incur an indeterminate annual increase in operating expenditures associated with the licensure and regulation of recreational therapists, including the cost of establishing and operating the new five-member Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee in the State Board of Creative Art Therapies in the Division of Consumer Affairs.
- Additional annual State revenue will accrue from indeterminate fee payments for the new recreational therapist licenses and indeterminate fine and penalty payments from violators of statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to the newly licensed profession.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill provides for the licensure of recreational therapists and creates the Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee.

The bill establishes the five-member Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee under the State Board of Creative Art Therapies in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

The committee will issue and renew professional licenses; investigate and conduct hearings regarding misconduct, maintain a record of licensed professionals; establish continuing education standards for licensed professionals; and set the charges for licensures, renewals, and other services. Board members will receive no compensation for their services but will be reimbursed for the expenses they will incur in the performance of their duties. In addition, board members will receive the office and meeting facilities necessary for the proper conduct of committee business.

Under the bill, recreational therapist licenses are issued for a two-year period upon the payment of the prescribed licensure fee and the submission of a written application. The license may be renewed upon filing a renewal application, payment of a renewal fee, and presentation of satisfactory evidence to the committee of certification as a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification. The committee is permitted to grant a license to any person who at the time of application submission and payment of a licensure fee is licensed by a governmental agency located in another state if the requirements of that licensure are substantially equivalent to the requirements of the bill, as determined by the committee.

The committee will have the authority to suspend or revoke any license, levy unspecified fines, or impose unspecified civil penalties if a board concludes that an individual has practiced a regulated profession without a license or has otherwise violated statutory or regulatory provisions applicable to the profession.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that the bill will cause indeterminate increases in annual State General Fund expenditures and revenues. The OLS, however, cannot assess the direction of the net effect of the two increases given the absence of information on the future cost of regulating recreational therapists and on future license fee and penalty collections.

The OLS notes that California, the District of Columbia, Washington D.C., New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Utah currently regulate or license the professional practice of recreational therapy.

State Revenue Increases: The bill will increase annual State revenue collections from licensure fees, fines, and penalties by indeterminate amounts.

The OLS cannot quantify the licensure fee payments the committee will collect from the biennial licensing requirement because the bill leaves the setting of the specific fee levels to the committee's discretion, and because the number of future license issuances is unknown.

The website of the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification indicates that currently in 2018 there are 325 recreational therapists residing in New Jersey who are certified. In addition, there were 899 certified recreational therapists residing in New York and 754 residing in

Pennsylvania, of whom an unknown number may choose to become licensed in New Jersey due to proximity.

Moreover, the OLS anticipates that the State may annually collect indeterminate fine and penalty payments from violators of statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to the newly licensed profession. The OLS, however, cannot project the amount the State will collect because the bill leaves the setting of the specific fine and penalty levels to the committee's discretion and because the OLS has no information on which to base an estimate of the number and magnitude of future penalty assessments and payments.

State Expenditure Increase: The State will incur an annual expenditure increase with the establishment of the Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee under the State Board of Creative Art Therapies, which is newly established in the Division of Consumer Affairs.

The bill establishes the five-member Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee to regulate recreational therapists. The committee's regulatory activities will increase annual board operating expenses. The OLS, however, cannot determine the magnitude of the increase on account of uncertainty regarding the number of professionals who will be regulated and operational decisions the committee will make to implement the bill. In any event, the five committee members will serve without compensation and will only be reimbursed for the expenses they will incur in the performance of their duties.

Section: Law and Public Safety

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*Approved: Frank W. Haines III
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

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This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Second Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1604

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: JANUARY 14, 2020

SUMMARY

Synopsis: "Recreational Therapists Licensing Act."

Type of Impact: Annual State revenue and expenditure increases to the General Fund.

Agencies Affected: Department of Law and Public Safety

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost Increase		Indeterminate	
State Revenue Increase		Indeterminate	

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill will cause indeterminate increases in annual State revenues and expenditures. The OLS, however, cannot assess the direction of the net effect of the two increases given the absence of information on the future cost of regulating recreational therapists and on future license fee and penalty collections.
- The State will incur an indeterminate annual increase in operating expenditures associated with the licensure and regulation of recreational therapists in the State Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies, a new 13-member board, in the Division of Consumer Affairs.
- Additional annual State revenue will accrue from indeterminate fee payments for the new recreational therapist licenses and indeterminate fine and penalty payments from violators of statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to the newly licensed profession.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill provides for the licensure of recreational therapists under the State Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

The bill establishes applicant guidelines, including education qualifications and certification by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification.

Under the bill, recreational therapist licenses are issued for a two-year period upon the payment of the prescribed licensure fee and the submission of a written application. The license may be renewed upon filing a renewal application, payment of a renewal fee, and presentation of satisfactory evidence to the board of certification as a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification. The board is permitted to grant a license to any person who at the time of application submission and payment of a licensure fee is licensed by a governmental agency located in another state if the requirements of that licensure are substantially equivalent to the requirements of the bill, as determined by the board.

The bill provides that no person is permitted to practice or indicate an ability to practice recreational therapy, make any representation as a recreational therapist; use the term “recreational therapist,” “licensed recreational therapist,” the initials “CTRS,” “CTRS/L,” or other similar terms or abbreviations, or provide recreational therapy services unless the person holds a valid license to practice in this State

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

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The OLS finds that the bill will cause indeterminate increases in annual State General Fund expenditures and revenues. The OLS, however, cannot assess the direction of the net effect of the two increases given the absence of information on the future cost of regulating recreational therapists and on future license fee and penalty collections.

The OLS notes that California, the District of Columbia, Washington D.C., New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Utah currently regulate or license the professional practice of recreational therapy.

State Revenue Increases: The bill will increase annual State revenue collections from licensure fees, fines, and penalties by indeterminate amounts.

The OLS cannot quantify the licensure fee payments the board will collect from the biennial licensing requirement because the bill leaves the setting of the specific fee levels to the board’s discretion and because the number of future license issuances is unknown.

The website of the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification indicates that in 2018 there were 325 recreational therapists residing in New Jersey who were certified. In addition, there were 899 certified recreational therapists residing in New York and 754 residing in Pennsylvania, of whom an unknown number may choose to become licensed in New Jersey due to proximity.

Moreover, the OLS anticipates that the State may annually collect indeterminate fine and penalty payments from violators of statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to the newly licensed profession. The OLS, however, cannot project the amount the State will collect because the bill leaves the setting of the specific fine and penalty levels to the board’s discretion and because the OLS has no information on which to base an estimate of the number and magnitude of future penalty assessments and payments.

State Expenditure Increase: The State will incur an annual expenditure increase with the establishment of the licensure for recreational therapists under the State Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies, which is a new board in the Division of Consumer Affairs. The board's regulatory activities may lead to additional, likely marginal, increases in State expenditures. The OLS, however, cannot determine the magnitude of the increase on account of uncertainty regarding the number of professional who will be regulated and the operational decision the board will make.

Section: Law and Public Safety

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SENATE, No. 2734

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 18, 2018

Sponsored by:
Senator TROY SINGLETON
District 7 (Burlington)

SYNOPSIS

“Recreational Therapists Licensing Act.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT providing for the licensure of recreational therapists, and
2 supplementing Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
8 “Recreational Therapists Licensing Act.”

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10 2. The Legislature finds and declares that the profession of
11 recreational therapy affects the public health, safety, and welfare of
12 the citizens of the State of New Jersey. It is therefore in the public
13 interest to regulate persons offering recreational therapy services
14 and to establish professional licensing and certification standards
15 for those persons presently practicing recreational therapy and for
16 those seeking to practice. Licensing and certification will enable
17 other professionals, health services providers, employers, and the
18 general public to recognize qualified practicing recreational
19 therapists, and will provide assurances that professionals engaged in
20 recreational therapy meet acceptable standards of education,
21 experience, ethics, and competency.

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23 3. As used in this act:

24 “Board” means the State Board of Medical Examiners.

25 “Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist” (CTRS) means any
26 individual certified by the National Council for Therapeutic
27 Recreation Certification.

28 “Committee” means the Recreational Therapy Advisory
29 Committee established pursuant to section 4 of this act.

30 “Recreational therapist” means any person licensed to practice
31 recreational therapy pursuant to provisions of this act.

32 “Recreational therapy” means a systematic process utilizing
33 recreation, leisure, and play interventions for the treatment and
34 maintenance of functional abilities and the promotion of health and
35 wellness for individuals with disabilities or those affected by an
36 illness in order to accomplish any of the following:

37 (1) restoring or remediating an individual’s participation levels
38 in recreation and leisure activities that may be limited due to an
39 impairment in physical, social, cognitive, or emotional abilities;

40 (2) reducing or eliminating limitations or restrictions to
41 participation in recreation, leisure, and play activities; or

42 (3) using recreational modalities in designed intervention
43 strategies to maximize physical, social, cognitive, or emotional
44 abilities to promote participation in recreation and leisure activities.

45 “Recreational therapy services” means those services provided
46 for the purpose of accomplishing recreational therapy goals
47 including:

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- 1 (1) conducting an individualized assessment for the purpose of
2 collecting systematic, comprehensive, and accurate data necessary
3 to determine the course of action and subsequent individualized
4 treatment plan;
 - 5 (2) planning and developing an individualized recreational
6 therapy treatment plan that identifies an individual's goals,
7 objectives, and potential treatment intervention strategies for play,
8 recreation, leisure, and related community activities;
 - 9 (3) implementing an individualized recreational therapy
10 treatment plan that is consistent with the overall treatment plan;
 - 11 (4) systematically evaluating and comparing the individual's
12 response to the individualized recreational therapy treatment plan
13 and making modifications as appropriate;
 - 14 (5) developing a discharge plan in collaboration with the
15 individual and the individual's family, treatment team, and other
16 identified support networks where appropriate;
 - 17 (6) identifying and training in the use of adaptive play,
18 recreation, and leisure equipment;
 - 19 (7) identifying, providing, and educating individuals to use play,
20 recreation, leisure, and community resources that support a healthy,
21 active, and engaged life;
 - 22 (8) providing leisure education and counseling to address issues
23 that hinder health and engagement in play, recreation, leisure, and
24 related community activities;
 - 25 (9) providing community integration, reintegration, inclusion,
26 and transitioning services to maximize health and participation in
27 play, recreation, leisure, and related community activities;
 - 28 (10) addressing functional skill recovery, development, or
29 maintenance related to health and participation in play, recreation,
30 leisure, and community activities and utilizing play, recreation, and
31 leisure activities as modalities to advance health and functioning;
 - 32 (11) assisting individuals in constructing a healthy leisure
33 lifestyle that supports continued recovery, health promotion, and
34 quality of life;
 - 35 (12) providing play, recreation, and leisure opportunities for
36 individuals with illness, disability, or challenges for therapeutic
37 purposes; or
 - 38 (13) consulting with groups, programs, organizations, or
39 communities to improve physical, social, and programmatic
40 accessibility in recreational and leisure activities.
- 41 "Related community activities" means those activities necessary
42 for individuals to participate in recreation and leisure at home and
43 in the community.

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45 4. There is created within the Division of Consumer Affairs in
46 the Department of Law and Public Safety under the State Board of
47 Medical Examiners a Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee.
48 The Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee shall consist of five

1 members who are residents of the State. All members shall have
2 been actively engaged in the practice of recreational therapy in this
3 State for at least five years immediately preceding their
4 appointment, and except for the members first appointed, shall all
5 be licensed recreational therapists. The members first appointed to
6 the committee shall be qualified for licensure pursuant to the
7 provisions of this act and shall become licensed recreational
8 therapists as soon as practical.

9 The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall
10 appoint each member of the committee for three years, except that
11 of the members first appointed, three shall serve for a term of three
12 years and two shall serve for a term of two years. Any vacancy in
13 the membership shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner
14 provided by the original appointment. No member of the committee
15 may serve more than two successive terms in addition to any
16 unexpired term to which the member has been appointed.

17 The Governor may remove any member of the committee for
18 misconduct, incompetency, or neglect of duty after providing the
19 committee member with a written statement of charges and an
20 opportunity for a hearing.

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22 5. Members of the committee shall be reimbursed for expenses
23 and provided with the office, meeting facilities, and personnel
24 required for the proper conduct of the business of the committee.

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26 6. The committee shall organize within 30 days after the
27 appointment of its members and shall annually elect from among its
28 members a chairperson and a vice-chairperson, and may appoint a
29 secretary, who need not be a member of the committee. The
30 committee shall meet at least twice a year and may hold additional
31 meetings as necessary to discharge its duties. A majority of the
32 committee membership shall constitute a quorum.

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34 7. The committee shall have the following powers and duties:

35 a. evaluate the qualifications and make a determination of the
36 eligibility for licensure of all applicants under this act, attesting to
37 the applicant's professional qualification to practice as a licensed
38 recreational therapist;

39 b. issue and renew licenses for recreational therapists pursuant
40 to the provisions of this act;

41 c. investigate allegations of and conduct hearings regarding
42 misconduct or violations of provisions of this act;

43 d. suspend, revoke, or fail to renew the license of a recreational
44 therapist pursuant to P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-14 et seq.);

45 e. maintain a list of the names and addresses of all licensed
46 recreational therapists who are licensed under this act;

47 f. establish standards for the continuing education of licensed
48 recreational therapists;

1 g. prescribe or change the fees for licensures, renewals, and
2 other services performed pursuant to P.L.1974, c.46 (C.45:1-3.1 et
3 seq.); and

4 h. promulgate rules and regulations to carry out matters
5 delegated to the committee by the board concerning any provisions
6 of this act, in conformance with the "Administrative Procedure
7 Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).
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9 8. a. No person shall practice or indicate an ability to practice
10 recreational therapy, whether or not compensation is received or
11 expected; make any representation as a recreational therapist; use
12 the term "recreational therapist," "licensed recreational therapist,"
13 the initials "CTRS," "CTRS/L," or other similar terms or
14 abbreviations; or provide recreational therapy services unless the
15 person holds a valid license to practice in this State.

16 b. Only an individual may be licensed to practice recreational
17 therapy within the State. No firm, partnership, association or
18 corporation may advertise or otherwise offer to provide or convey
19 the impression that it is providing recreational therapy services
20 unless an individual holding a current valid license pursuant to the
21 provisions of this act shall be rendering the recreational therapy
22 services.
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24 9. Nothing in this act shall be construed to apply to:

25 a. the activities and services of qualified members of other
26 professions licensed by the State, when acting within the scope of
27 their profession and doing work of a nature consistent with their
28 training, provided they do not hold themselves out to the public as
29 possessing a license issued pursuant to this act or represent
30 themselves by any professional designation protected by this act;

31 b. any person enrolled in a course of study leading to a degree
32 or certificate in therapeutic recreation who is performing
33 recreational therapy services incidental to the person's course work
34 when supervised by a licensed professional, if the person is
35 designated by a title which clearly indicates his or her status as a
36 student;

37 c. any therapeutic recreation assistant providing therapeutic
38 recreation services under the direct supervision of a licensed
39 therapeutic recreation specialist. Such an individual would not be
40 permitted to conduct assessments and/or develop treatment plans; or

41 d. any individual providing recreational or activity programs to
42 a person with disabilities as a normal part of the leisure lifestyle of
43 the person with disabilities.
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45 10. To be eligible for licensure as a recreational therapist, an
46 applicant shall fulfill the following requirements:

47 a. be at least 18 years of age;

48 b. be of good moral character;

1 c. submit to the committee evidence of having successfully
2 completed a bachelor level program or higher in recreational
3 therapy or therapeutic recreation, or a bachelor level program or
4 higher in a related field which includes courses pertaining to
5 recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation as required for
6 certification by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation
7 Certification; and

8 d. submit to the committee evidence of having successfully
9 completed all certification requirements for, and maintained
10 certification as, a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the
11 National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification.

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13 11. a. The committee shall issue a license to any applicant who,
14 in the opinion of the committee, has satisfactorily met all the
15 requirements of this act.

16 b. All licenses shall be issued for a two year period upon the
17 payment of the prescribed licensure fee and the submission of a
18 written application, and shall be renewed upon filing a renewal
19 application, payment of a renewal fee, and presentation of
20 satisfactory evidence to the committee of certification as a certified
21 therapeutic recreational specialist by the National Council for
22 Therapeutic Recreation Certification.

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24 12. Upon payment to the board of a prescribed fee and the
25 submission of a written application, the committee may grant a
26 license to any person who is licensed by a governmental agency
27 located in another state if the requirements of that licensure are
28 substantially equivalent to the requirements of this act, as
29 determined by the committee.

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31 13. A recreational therapist licensed pursuant to the provisions
32 of this act shall not disclose any confidential information that the
33 therapist may have acquired while performing recreational therapy
34 services for a client unless in accordance with the federal health
35 privacy rules set forth at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164.

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37 14. This act shall take effect on the 180th day next following the
38 date of enactment, except that section 4 shall take effect
39 immediately and the committee may take such anticipatory
40 administrative action in advance of enactment as shall be necessary
41 for the implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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46 This bill provides for the licensure of recreational therapists. As
47 defined under the bill, "recreational therapy" means a systematic
48 process utilizing recreation, leisure, and play interventions for the

1 treatment and maintenance of functional abilities and the promotion
2 of health and wellness for individuals with disabilities or those
3 affected by an illness in order to accomplish certain physical, social
4 cognitive, and emotional goals. This bill also establishes the
5 Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee in the Division of
6 Consumer Affairs under the State Board of Medical Examiners in
7 the Department of Law and Public Safety.

8 The committee is to consist of five members, appointed by the
9 Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, who are
10 residents of the State and who have been actively engaged in the
11 practice of recreational therapy for at least five years immediately
12 preceding their appointment. Except for the members first
13 appointed, all members must be licensed recreational therapists.
14 However, the members first appointed to the committee must be
15 qualified for licensure pursuant to the provisions of the bill and
16 must become licensed recreational therapists as soon as practical.

17 To be eligible for licensure as a recreational therapist, an
18 applicant must be at least 18 years of age and be of good moral
19 character. In addition, the applicant must submit to the committee
20 evidence of: 1) having successfully completed a bachelor level
21 program or higher in recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation,
22 or a bachelor level program or higher in a related field which
23 includes courses pertaining to recreational therapy or therapeutic
24 recreation as required for certification by the National Council for
25 Therapeutic Recreation Certification; and 2) having successfully
26 completed all certification requirements for, and maintained
27 certification as, a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the
28 National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification.

29 Under the bill, recreational therapist licenses are issued for a
30 two-year period upon the payment of the prescribed licensure fee
31 and the submission of a written application. The license may be
32 renewed upon filing a renewal application, payment of a renewal
33 fee, and presentation of satisfactory evidence to the committee of
34 certification as a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the
35 National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification. The
36 committee is permitted to grant a license to any person who at the
37 time of application submission and payment of a licensure fee is
38 licensed by a governmental agency located in another state if the
39 requirements of that licensure are substantially equivalent to the
40 requirements of the bill, as determined by the committee.

41 The bill provides that no person is permitted to practice or
42 indicate an ability to practice recreational therapy, whether or not
43 compensation is received or expected; make any representation as a
44 recreational therapist; use the term "recreational therapist,"
45 "licensed recreational therapist," the initials "CTRS," "CTRS/L," or
46 other similar terms or abbreviations; or provide recreational therapy
47 services unless the person holds a valid license to practice in this

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1 State. Furthermore, the bill provides that only an individual may be
2 licensed to practice recreational therapy within the State.

3 This bill does not apply to: the activities and services of qualified
4 members of other professions licensed by the State, when acting
5 within the scope of their profession and doing work of a nature
6 consistent with their training; any student enrolled in a course of
7 study leading to a degree or certificate in therapeutic recreation,
8 when supervised by a licensed professional, who is performing
9 recreational therapy services incidental to the student's course work;
10 any therapeutic recreation assistant providing therapeutic recreation
11 services under the direct supervision of a licensed therapeutic
12 recreation specialist; or any individual providing recreational or
13 activity programs to a person with disabilities as a normal part of
14 the leisure lifestyle of the person with disabilities.

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2734

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2019

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2734.

As amended, this bill provides for the licensure of recreational therapists. As defined under the bill, “recreational therapy” means a systematic process utilizing recreation, leisure, and play interventions for the treatment and maintenance of functional abilities and the promotion of health and wellness for individuals with disabilities or those affected by an illness in order to accomplish certain physical, social cognitive, and emotional goals.

The bill establishes the Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee under the State Board of Creative Arts Therapies in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety. The bill requires one member of the State Board of Creative Arts Therapies to be licensed as a recreational therapist.

The committee is to consist of five members, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, who are residents of the State and who have been actively engaged in the practice of recreational therapy for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment. Except for the members first appointed, all members must be licensed recreational therapists. However, the members first appointed to the committee must be qualified for licensure pursuant to the provisions of the bill and must become licensed recreational therapists as soon as practical.

To be eligible for licensure as a recreational therapist, an applicant must be at least 18 years of age and be of good moral character. In addition, the applicant must submit to the committee evidence of: 1) having successfully completed a bachelor level program or higher in recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation, or a bachelor level program or higher in a related field which includes courses pertaining to recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation as required for certification by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification; and 2) having successfully completed all certification requirements for, and maintained certification as, a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification.

Under the bill, recreational therapist licenses are issued for a two-year period upon the payment of the prescribed licensure fee and the submission of a written application. The license may be renewed upon filing a renewal application, payment of a renewal fee, and presentation of satisfactory evidence to the committee of certification as a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification. The committee is permitted to grant a license to any person who at the time of application submission and payment of a licensure fee is licensed by a governmental agency located in another state if the requirements of that licensure are substantially equivalent to the requirements of the bill, as determined by the committee.

The bill provides that no person is permitted to practice or indicate an ability to practice recreational therapy, whether or not compensation is received or expected; make any representation as a recreational therapist; use the term "recreational therapist," "licensed recreational therapist," the initials "CTRS," "CTRS/L," or other similar terms or abbreviations; or provide recreational therapy services unless the person holds a valid license to practice in this State. Furthermore, the bill provides that only an individual may be licensed to practice recreational therapy within the State.

This bill does not apply to: the activities and services of qualified members of other professions licensed by the State, when acting within the scope of their profession and doing work of a nature consistent with their training; any student enrolled in a course of study leading to a degree or certificate in therapeutic recreation, when supervised by a licensed professional, who is performing recreational therapy services incidental to the student's course work; any therapeutic recreation assistant providing therapeutic recreation services under the direct supervision of a licensed therapeutic recreation specialist; or any individual providing recreational or activity programs to a person with disabilities as a normal part of the leisure lifestyle of the person with disabilities.

As amended and reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1604, as also amended and reported by the committee.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) revise the bill to place the Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee under the State Board of Creative Arts Therapies, established in Assembly Bill No. 1220 of the current session; and

(2) provide that the State Board of Creative Arts Therapies shall include one member licensed as a recreational therapist.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 2734

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2020

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2734 (1R), with committee amendments.

This bill, as amended, provides for the licensure of recreational therapists under the State Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety. As defined under the bill, “recreational therapy” means a systematic process utilizing recreation, leisure, and play interventions for the treatment and maintenance of functional abilities and the promotion of health and wellness for individuals with disabilities or those affected by an illness in order to accomplish certain physical, social cognitive, and emotional goals.

To be eligible for licensure as a recreational therapist, an applicant must be at least 18 years of age and be of good moral character. In addition, the applicant must submit to the board evidence of: 1) having successfully completed a bachelor level program or higher in recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation, or a bachelor level program or higher in a related field which includes courses pertaining to recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation as required for certification by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification; and 2) having successfully completed all certification requirements for, and maintained certification as, a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification.

Under the bill, recreational therapist licenses are issued for a two-year period upon the payment of the prescribed licensure fee and the submission of a written application. The license may be renewed upon filing a renewal application, payment of a renewal fee, and presentation of satisfactory evidence to the board of certification as a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification. The board is permitted to grant a license to any person who at the time of application submission and payment of a licensure fee is licensed by a governmental agency located in another state if the requirements of that licensure are

substantially equivalent to the requirements of the bill, as determined by the board.

The bill provides that no person is permitted to practice or indicate an ability to practice recreational therapy, whether or not compensation is received or expected; make any representation as a recreational therapist; use the term “recreational therapist,” “licensed recreational therapist,” the initials “CTRS,” “CTRS/L,” or other similar terms or abbreviations; or provide recreational therapy services unless the person holds a valid license to practice in this State. Furthermore, the bill provides that only an individual may be licensed to practice recreational therapy within the State.

This bill does not apply to: the activities and services of qualified members of other professions licensed by the State, when acting within the scope of their profession and doing work of a nature consistent with their training; any student enrolled in a course of study leading to a degree or certificate in therapeutic recreation, when supervised by a licensed professional, who is performing recreational therapy services incidental to the student's course work; any therapeutic recreation assistant providing therapeutic recreation services under the direct supervision of a licensed therapeutic recreation specialist; or any individual providing recreational or activity programs to a person with disabilities as a normal part of the leisure lifestyle of the person with disabilities.

As amended and reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1604 (1R), as also amended and reported by the committee.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments:

(1) rename the State Board of Creative Arts Therapies as the State Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies and expand the membership to thirteen members, from eleven members;

(2) remove references to the State Board of Medical Examiners and Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee and instead provide for the regulation of recreational therapists under the State Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies;

(3) require that the membership of the State Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies include two members licensed in art therapy, two members licensed in dance/movement therapy, two members licensed in drama therapy, two members licensed in recreational therapy, and two members licensed in music therapy;

(4) require that the members first appointed to the State Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies include two members licensed in art therapy, two members who practice dance/movement therapy, two members who practice drama therapy, two members who practice recreational therapy, and two members who practice music therapy; and

(5) make certain technical changes to the bill.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill will cause indeterminate increases in annual State General Fund expenditures and revenues. The OLS, however, cannot assess the direction of the net effect of the two increases given the absence of information on the future cost of regulating recreational therapists and on future license fee and penalty collections.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 2734 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 3, 2020

SUMMARY

Synopsis: "Recreational Therapists Licensing Act."
Type of Impact: Annual State revenue and expenditure increases to the General Fund.
Agencies Affected: Department of Law and Public Safety

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost Increase		Indeterminate	
State Revenue Increase		Indeterminate	

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill will cause indeterminate increases in annual State revenues and expenditures. The OLS, however, cannot assess the direction of the net effect of the two increases given the absence of information on the future cost of regulating recreational therapists and on future license fee and penalty collections.
- The State will incur an indeterminate annual increase in operating expenditures associated with the licensure and regulation of recreational therapists, including the cost of establishing and operating the new five-member Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee in the State Board of Creative Art Therapies in the Division of Consumer Affairs.
- Additional annual State revenue will accrue from indeterminate fee payments for the new recreational therapist licenses and indeterminate fine and penalty payments from violators of statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to the newly licensed profession.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill provides for the licensure of recreational therapists and creates the Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee.

The bill establishes the five-member Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee under the State Board of Creative Art Therapies in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

The committee will issue and renew professional licenses; investigate and conduct hearings regarding misconduct, maintain a record of licensed professionals; establish continuing education standards for licensed professionals; and set the charges for licensures, renewals, and other services. Board members will receive no compensation for their services but will be reimbursed for the expenses they will incur in the performance of their duties. In addition, board members will receive the office and meeting facilities necessary for the proper conduct of committee business.

Under the bill, recreational therapist licenses are issued for a two-year period upon the payment of the prescribed licensure fee and the submission of a written application. The license may be renewed upon filing a renewal application, payment of a renewal fee, and presentation of satisfactory evidence to the committee of certification as a certified therapeutic recreational specialist by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification. The committee is permitted to grant a license to any person who at the time of application submission and payment of a licensure fee is licensed by a governmental agency located in another state if the requirements of that licensure are substantially equivalent to the requirements of the bill, as determined by the committee.

The committee will have the authority to suspend or revoke any license, levy unspecified fines, or impose unspecified civil penalties if a board concludes that an individual has practiced a regulated profession without a license or has otherwise violated statutory or regulatory provisions applicable to the profession.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that the bill will cause indeterminate increases in annual State General Fund expenditures and revenues. The OLS, however, cannot assess the direction of the net effect of the two increases given the absence of information on the future cost of regulating recreational therapists and on future license fee and penalty collections.

The OLS notes that California, the District of Columbia, Washington D.C., New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Utah currently regulate or license the professional practice of recreational therapy.

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The OLS cannot quantify the licensure fee payments the committee will collect from the biennial licensing requirement because the bill leaves the setting of the specific fee levels to the committee's discretion, and because the number of future license issuances is unknown.

The website of the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification indicates that currently in 2018 there are 325 recreational therapists residing in New Jersey who are certified. In addition, there were 899 certified recreational therapists residing in New York and 754 residing in

Pennsylvania, of whom an unknown number may choose to become licensed in New Jersey due to proximity.

Moreover, the OLS anticipates that the State may annually collect indeterminate fine and penalty payments from violators of statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to the newly licensed profession. The OLS, however, cannot project the amount the State will collect because the bill leaves the setting of the specific fine and penalty levels to the committee's discretion and because the OLS has no information on which to base an estimate of the number and magnitude of future penalty assessments and payments.

State Expenditure Increase: The State will incur an annual expenditure increase with the establishment of the Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee under the State Board of Creative Art Therapies, which is newly established in the Division of Consumer Affairs.

The bill establishes the five-member Recreational Therapy Advisory Committee to regulate recreational therapists. The committee's regulatory activities will increase annual board operating expenses. The OLS, however, cannot determine the magnitude of the increase on account of uncertainty regarding the number of professionals who will be regulated and operational decisions the committee will make to implement the bill. In any event, the five committee members will serve without compensation and will only be reimbursed for the expenses they will incur in the performance of their duties.

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Second Reprint]

SENATE, No. 2734 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 14, 2020

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** "Recreational Therapists Licensing Act."
- Type of Impact:** Annual State revenue and expenditure increases to the General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Law and Public Safety

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
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- The State will incur an indeterminate annual increase in operating expenditures associated with the licensure and regulation of recreational therapists in the State Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies, a new 13-member board, in the Division of Consumer Affairs.
- Additional annual State revenue will accrue from indeterminate fee payments for the new recreational therapist licenses and indeterminate fine and penalty payments from violators of statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to the newly licensed profession.

BILL DESCRIPTION

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The bill establishes applicant guidelines, including education qualifications and certification by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification.

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The bill provides that no person is permitted to practice or indicate an ability to practice recreational therapy, make any representation as a recreational therapist; use the term “recreational therapist,” “licensed recreational therapist,” the initials “CTRS,” “CTRS/L,” or other similar terms or abbreviations, or provide recreational therapy services unless the person holds a valid license to practice in this State.

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Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/21/2020

TRENTON – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills into law:

S-62/A-2478 (Singleton, Oroho/DeAngelo, Houghtaling, Space) – Requires certain contractors to register under "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act"

S-358/A-4587 (Rice/Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson) – Establishes database with certain information about individuals elected to public office in this State

S-376/A-3839 (Madden, Gopal/Moriarty, Lagana, Mukherji, Murphy) – Eliminates eligibility time limit on tuition benefits for spouses of certain public safety workers killed in performance of their duties

S-497/A-4626 (Vitale, Madden/Mosquera, McKnight, Vainieri Huttle) – Allows certain prior statements by children to be admitted into evidence in child abuse and termination of parental rights cases

S-498/ACS for A-3391 (Vitale, Oroho/DeCroce, Johnson, DiMaso) – Makes various changes to "Criminal Injuries Compensation Act of 1971"

S-521/A-4378 (T. Kean, C.A. Brown, Pou, Ruiz/Caputo, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle) – Requires NJ State Council on Arts to establish "Artist District" designation and select certain municipalities or areas within municipalities for such designation

S-589/ACS for A-422 (Weinberg/Mosquera, Jones, Moriarty) – Requires Secretary of State to establish secure Internet website for online voter registration; authorizes use of digitized signatures from New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's database

S-700/A-3836 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Schaer, Mukherji, Jasey) – "Higher Education Citizenship Equality Act"; defines domicile for dependent students for purpose of eligibility for State student grants and scholarships, and resident tuition rate

S-721/A-1751 (Greenstein, Cunningham, Diegnan/Quijano, Benson) – Authorizes use of certain electric school buses

S-758/A-1987 (Cunningham, Cruz-Perez/Sumter, Mukherji, Quijano) – Requires incarcerated individual from State to be counted at residential address for legislative redistricting purposes

S-765/A-541 (Cunningham, T. Kean, Ruiz/Mazzeo, Jasey, Vainieri Huttle, Sumter, Benson) – Prohibits Higher Education Student Assistance Authority from referring defaulted loans under New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students (NJCLASS) Loan Program for certain actions if authority and borrower have entered into settlement agreement

S-782/A-1110 (Sarlo, Scutari/Downey, Houghtaling, Dancer) – Increases workers' compensation for loss of hand or foot

S-834 wGR/A-4186 (Scutari, Greenstein/Jones, Pintor Marin) – Prohibits resale of non-prescription diabetes test devices by pharmacists

S-939/A-3331 (Pou/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, McKnight) – Requires forms and materials for individuals with developmental disabilities to be available in languages other than English

S-974/A-3040 (Singleton, T. Kean/Vainieri Huttle, Timberlake, Mosquera) – Requires newborn infants be screened for spinal muscular atrophy

- S-1032/A-2389 (Vitale, Gopal/Schaer, Benson, Verrelli)** – Concerns expansion of services provided by DHS mental health screening services
- S-1146/A-2365 (Codey, Rice/Vainieri Huttle, Mukherji, Downey)** – Requires hospital patient's medical record to include notation if patient is at increased risk of confusion, agitation, behavioral problems, and wandering due to dementia related disorder
- S-1298/ACS for A-2972 (A.M. Bucco, Singleton/Mazzeo, Dunn, Space)** – Permits municipalities to provide information on property tax bills concerning amount of local tax dollars saved through shared services
- S-1318/A-3156 (Ruiz, Scutari/Lampitt, Mosquera)** – Permits counties and non-governmental, community-based agencies to establish family justice centers which provide coordinated, multi-agency governmental and non-governmental assistance to victims of certain crimes and offenses, including domestic violence, and their family members
- S-1505/A-1707 (Vitale/Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, Benson, Mosquera)** – Expands membership of NJ Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect
- S-1647/A-3181 (Diegnan, Codey/Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Murphy)** – Prohibits use of coupons, price rebates, and price reduction promotions in sales of tobacco and vapor products
- S-1683/A-4267 (Smith, Greenstein/McKeon, Space, Wirths)** – Concerns regulation of solid waste, hazardous waste, and soil and fill recycling industries
- S-1703/A-715 (Connors, Holzapfel/Gove, Rumpf, DiMaso)** – Exempts disabled veterans from beach buggy permit fees
- S-1791/A-3414 (Weinberg/Johnson, Vainieri Huttle, Houghtaling)** – Requires employers to disclose certain wage information to employees
- S-1796/A-4693 (Addiego, Sweeney/Murphy)** – Permits school district of residence to provide aid in-lieu-of transportation to pupil attending Marine Academy of Science and Technology provided certain conditions are met
- S-1832/A-211 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Chiaravalloti, Zwicker, Pintor Marin)** – Establishes loan redemption program and tuition reimbursement program for certain teachers of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
- S-2267/A-3616 (Sweeney, Corrado/Burzichelli, Holley, Calabrese)** – Gives State lottery winners option of remaining anonymous indefinitely
- S-2303/A-4843 (Sweeney, Ruiz, Cunningham/Wimberly, Karabinchak, Calabrese)** – Requires establishment of Work and Learn Consortiums by certain educational institutions to establish certificate and degree programs identified in high labor-demand industries
- S-2389 wGR/A-5449 (Singleton/Quijano, Downey, Houghtaling, Moriarty)** – Requires New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy to establish prescription drug pricing disclosure website and certain pharmaceutical manufacturing companies to provide prescription drug price information
- S-2428/A-4965 (Scutari/Quijano, Vainieri Huttle)** – Requires that massage and bodywork therapists and employers carry professional liability insurance
- S-2469/A-3745 (Singleton, Oroho/Wirths, Mazzeo, Space)** – Prohibits person from contracting for public work if person is federally debarred from receiving federal contract
- S-2511/A-4020 (Madden/Mazzeo, Murphy, Johnson)** – Changes title of DEP "conservation officer" to "conservation police officer"
- S-2521/A-4087 (Cryan, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake)** – Requires reporting of inmate abuse by employees of State correctional facilities and establishes reporting and investigation program
- S-2522/A-4090 (Cryan, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake)** – Limits cross gender strip searches in

State correctional facilities

S-2532/A-4086 (Greenstein, Cruz-Perez/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake) – Requires correctional police officers receive 20 hours in-service training, including four hours in prevention of sexual misconduct, non-fraternization, and manipulation

S-2555/A-3990 (Gopal, Ruiz/Mukherji, Benson, Karabinchak) – Allows dependent students whose parents or guardians hold H-1B visas to qualify for in-State tuition at public institutions of higher education provided they meet certain criteria

S-2564/A-3519 (Turner, Singleton/Benson, McKnight, Jasey) – Establishes "Restorative Justice in Education Pilot Program" in Department of Education

SCS for S-2599/ACS for A-1268 (Bateman, Beach/Tucker, Conaway, Lampitt, Quijano) – Authorizes veterans' property tax exemption and veterans' property tax deduction for honorably discharged veterans of United States Armed Forces who did not serve in time of war or other emergency

S-2826/A-3274 (Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Dancer, Benson) – Requires institutions of higher education to offer cats and dogs no longer used for educational, research, or scientific purposes for adoption; designated the "Homes for Animal Heroes Act"

S-2849/A-4590 (A.M. Bucco/DiMaio, Caputo, Dunn) – Designates Seeing Eye® dog as State Dog

S-3036/A-1697 (Lagana, Scutari/Dancer, Downey) – Prohibits medical providers from reporting certain workers' compensation medical charges to collection and credit reporting agencies

S-3061/A-4603 (Ruiz, Greenstein/Lampitt, Mukherji, Benson) – Provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for businesses that participate in DOL registered apprenticeship programs; establishes grant program for tax-exempt organizations participating in DOL registered apprenticeship programs

S-3065/A-4657 (Ruiz, Singleton/Armato, Benson, Timberlake) – Establishes youth apprenticeship pilot program in Department of Education

S-3067/A-4602 (Ruiz, Singleton/Lampitt, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter) – Establishes five year Apprentice Assistance and Support Services Pilot Program

S-3116/A-4683 (Ruiz/Speight, Munoz, Tucker) – Requires certain medical facilities to undertake end-of-life planning and training

S-3117/A-4685 (Ruiz/Speight, Pinkin, Munoz) – Requires emergency departments to take certain measures concerning palliative care for patients

S-3126/A-4107 (Gopal/Benson, DeCroce, Chiaravalloti) – Requires drivers to stop at railroad crossing when on-track equipment is approaching railroad crossing

S-3170/A-5145 (Cryan, Pou/Quijano, Milam, Land) – Increases prenotification time and requires severance pay in certain plant closings, transfers, and mass layoffs

S-3227/A-5261 (Gopal/Tully, Pinkin, Swain) – Requires restaurants to post signs advising customers to notify servers of food allergies; requires restaurant managers to complete food allergen training

S-3265/A-3178 (Turner, Codey, Vitale/Conaway, Murphy, Vainieri Huttle) – Prohibits sale or distribution of flavored vapor products

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S-3330 wGR/A-5066 (Addiego, Singleton/Jones, Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, Murphy) – Establishes pilot program in DCF to study impact of child care services provided by community providers operating in public school facilities; requires community providers to meet certain criteria

S-3422/A-6056 (Singer, T. Kean/Houghtaling, Downey, Vainieri Huttle) – Requires declaration of Code Blue

alert when National Weather Service predicts temperatures of 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower

S-3468/A-5105 (Sweeney, Singleton/Murphy, Karabinchak, Vainieri Huttle) – Establishes Task Force on Maximizing Employment for People with Disabilities

S-3511/A-5298 (Singer, T. Kean/Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle, Downey) – Authorizes certain health care and social service resources to be made available during Code Blue alert

S-3581/A-5963 (Singleton/Lopez, Quijano) – Prohibits certain business financing contracts that contain judgment by confession provisions

S-3685/A-5345 (Sarlo, Singleton/Mukherji, Conaway, McKnight) – Establishes program to increase participation of underrepresented students in New Jersey's science and engineering workforce

S-3756/A-6115 (Ruiz, Sarlo, O'Scanlon/Jasey, Jones, Wirths) – Requires limited purpose regional school districts to coordinate with constituent districts regarding school calendar and curriculum

S-3763/A-6116 (Addiego, Bateman, Sarlo/DeAngelo, Dancer, Space) – Renames joint meetings as regional service agencies; grandfathers existing joint meetings

S-3869/A-5561 (Sarlo/Burzichelli, Houghtaling) – Prohibits local governments from imposing fines on alarm companies in certain circumstances

S-3871/A-5427 (Bateman, Scutari/DePhillips, McKeon) – Adds member from Retired Judges Association of New Jersey to State Investment Council

SCS for S-3878/ACS for A-5394 (Ruiz, Weinberg, Cunningham/Moriarty, McKnight, Pinkin) – Reaffirms and clarifies that Attorney General and Division on Civil Rights may initiate actions in Superior Court to enforce "Law Against Discrimination"

S-3920 wGR/A-5552 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter) – Concerns provision of energy to certain manufacturing facilities by providing exemptions to certain energy related taxes

S-3923/A-5680 (Madden, Singleton/Giblin, Timberlake, Murphy) – Concerns labor harmony agreements for hospitality projects

SCS for S-3939 and 3944/ACS for A-5681 and 5682 (Smith, Greenstein, Bateman, Codey/Pinkin, Lopez, McKeon) – Establishes Recycling Market Development Council

S-3985/A-5663 (Smith/McKeon, Pinkin, Vainieri Huttle) – Amends "Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act" to add definition of "open access offshore wind transmission facility" and revises law concerning "qualified offshore wind projects"

S-4025/A-5695 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter) – Makes FY 2020 language allocation of \$1,000,000 appropriated to Grants for Urban Parks to Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson

S-4162/A-6014 (Smith, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Pinkin, Houghtaling) – Establishes NJ Climate Change Resource Center at Rutgers University; appropriates up to \$500,000

S-4165/A-4364 (Rice/Giblin, Caputo, Tucker) – Expands University Hospital board of directors membership from 11 to 13 members

S-4188/A-6075 (Beach/Murphy, Dancer, Lampitt) – "Lindsay's Law"; provides tax benefits to organ and bone marrow donors and their employers, and provides paid time off to donors who are State or local government employees

S-4200/A-5855 (Ruiz, Turner/Coughlin, Lampitt, Holley) – Requires State to pay difference between federal allocation and total cost of reduced price breakfast or lunch; appropriates \$4.5 million

S-4247/A-6049 (Gopal, O'Scanlon/Conaway, Houghtaling, Downey) – Establishes criteria for distribution of Fiscal Year 2020 funding to Community Food Bank of New Jersey and partner organizations

S-4264/A-5962 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter, Calabrese) – Designates State Highway Route 19 as "William J. Pascrell Jr. Highway"

S-4275/A-6088 (Smith, Greenstein/Burzichelli) – Allows BPU to increase cost to customers of Class I renewable energy requirement for energy years 2022 through 2024, under certain conditions

S-4276/A-6109 (Corrado, Bateman/Armato, Calabrese, Land) – Appropriates \$32,153,936 to State Agriculture Development Committee, and amends 2017 appropriations for stewardship activities, for farmland preservation purposes

S-4277/A-6112 (Greenstein, Bateman/Freiman, Danielsen, Downey) – Appropriates \$5,000,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

S-4278/A-6108 (Greenstein, Bateman/Taliaferro, Karabinchak, Kennedy) – Appropriates \$21 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

S-4279/A-6106 (Smith, Bateman/Houghtaling, Reynolds-Jackson, Pinkin) – Appropriates \$1,350,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for grants to certain nonprofit organizations for farmland preservation purposes

S-4286/A-5890 (Vitale/Swain, Jones) – Clarifies procedures concerning collection of child support on behalf of child over age 19 when court has ordered such support

S-4309/A-6107 (Turner, Cruz-Perez/Mejia, Vainieri Huttie, Zwicker) – Appropriates \$13,902,723 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for grants for certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses

S-4310/A-6114 (Codey, Bateman/Carter, Murphy, Lopez) – Appropriates \$8,872,682 to DEP from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for grants to certain nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes

S-4311/A-6113 (Greenstein, Bateman/Speight, Mukherji, Verrelli) – Appropriates \$77,450,448 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues and various Green Acres funds to DEP for local government open space acquisition and park development projects

S-4312/A-6111 (Smith, Bateman/Giblin, Mazzeo, Land) – Appropriates \$36.143 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

S-4313/A-6110 (Corrado, Bateman/Moriarty, McKeon, Swain) – Appropriates \$33.915 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects

SCS for S-4315/ACS for A-6063 (Beach, Turner/Jones, Zwicker) – Creates fund to reimburse local units of government for cost of certain mail-in ballot procedures; appropriates \$3,000,000

SJR-51/AJR-189 (Rice, Turner/Verrelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter) – Establishes the "New Jersey State Commission on Urban Violence"

SJR-65/AJR-90 (Weinberg, Addiego/DiMaso, Vainieri Huttie, Schepisi) – Designates March 19th "Women in Public Office Day" in New Jersey

SJR-80/AJR-121 (Lagana, Weinberg/Jones, Benson, Chiaravalloti, DeCroce) – Urges federal government to adhere to commitment to improve Northeast Corridor rail infrastructure by providing funding to complete Gateway Program

SJR-125/AJR-169 (Gopal, Codey/Wolfe, Pinkin) – Designates the second week of October of each year as "Obesity Care Week" in NJ

- A-344/S-1575 (Murphy, McKeon, Timberlake/Cruz-Perez, Singleton)** – Revises certain aspects of the New Jersey Individual Development Account Program
- A-1040/S-3928 (Houghtaling, Taliaferro/Andrzejczak)** – Establishes NJ "Landowner of the Year" award program
- A-1146/S-4330 (Wimberly, Holley/Pou, Singleton)** – Establishes "New Jersey Investing in You Promise Neighborhood Commission"
- A-1277/S-2629 (Tucker, Holley, Lopez/Singleton, Gopal)** – Requires hospitals and homeless shelters to provide information on services and resources to individuals who are homeless or military veterans
- A-1449/S-3168 (Benson, DeAngelo/Greenstein, Turner)** – Provides job security to certain organ and bone marrow donors
- A-1477/S-3228 (Chaparro, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Jimenez, Mukherji, Downey/Gopal, Scutari)** – Establishes Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program to facilitate apprehension of persons fleeing motor vehicle accident scene; designated as "Zackhary's Law"
- A-1478/S-1648 (Chaparro, Vainieri Huttle/Diegnan, T. Kean)** – Revises law governing theater liquor licenses
- A-1604/S-2734 (Conaway, Murphy, Jimenez/Singleton)** – "Recreational Therapists Licensing Act"
- A-1796/S-2609 (McKeon, Downey/Lagana, Gopal)** – Prevents criminal defendant from asserting "gay and transgender panic" defense to murder charge in order to reduce charge to manslaughter committed in heat of passion
- A-1924/S-2930 (Mukherji, A.M. Bucco, DeAngelo, DeCroce/Beach)** – Exempts certain honorably discharged United States military veterans from initial insurance producer licensing fee
- A-1992/S-1780 (Sumter, Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Houghtaling, Wimberly/Diegnan, Turner)** – "New Jersey Call Center Jobs Act"
- A-2183/S-1687 (Land, Johnson/Cruz-Perez, Andrzejczak)** – "Music Therapist Licensing Act"
- ACS for A-2431 wGR/SCS for S-1865 (Benson, Jimenez, DeCroce/Weinberg, T. Kean)** – Requires health insurers to provide plans that limit patient cost-sharing concerning certain prescription drug coverage
- ACS for A-2444 and S-2656/S-2081 (Benson, Lampitt, Pinkin, Mukherji/Turner, Singleton)** – Provides for coverage of comprehensive tobacco cessation benefits in Medicaid
- A-2767/S-2924 (Greenwald, Mosquera, McKnight/Greenstein, Singleton)** – Amends certain provisions of sexual assault statute to clarify elements necessary for conviction
- A-3312/S-1972 (Murphy, Lagana, Downey, Sumter/Gopal, Corrado)** – Requires Legislature to adopt and distribute policy prohibiting sexual harassment; requires members, officers, and employees of Legislature to complete online training on policy once every two years
- A-3670/S-995 (Benson, Giblin, Murphy/Vitale, Weinberg)** – Provides for designation of acute stroke ready hospitals, establishes Stroke Care Advisory Panel and Statewide stroke database, and requires development of emergency medical services stroke care protocols
- ACS for A-4136/SCS for S-2675 (Land, Milam/Andrzejczak, Van Drew)** – Establishes Possession In Excess of Daily Limit Vessel License for black sea bass and summer flounder; dedicates fees therefrom to marine fisheries programs
- A-4147/S-2744 (Lampitt, Houghtaling, Zwicker/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires school districts and nonpublic schools to conduct audit of security features of buildings, grounds, and communication systems and to submit audit to NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness and DOE

- A-4150/S-2742 (Lampitt, Jones, Timberlake/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires meeting between student and appropriate school personnel after multiple suspensions or proposed expulsion from public school to identify behavior or health difficulties
- A-4151/S-2745 (Swain, Tully, Jasey/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires school security training for persons employed by public and nonpublic schools in substitute capacity and for employees and volunteers of youth programs operated in school buildings
- A-4260/S-4335 (Timberlake, Giblin, Tucker, Caputo/Pou, Scutari)** – Prohibits sale of certain toy guns and imitation firearms
- A-4370/S-2919 (Carroll/A.M. Bucco)** – Increases membership of board of trustees of Washington Association of New Jersey
- A-4377/S-2934 (Benson, Land, DeCroce/Greenstein)** – Requires DOT and OIT to develop materials concerning capabilities of airports in NJ and establishes "Public Use Airports Task Force"
- A-4517/S-4341 (Wimberly, Speight, Reynolds-Jackson/Singleton, Cunningham)** – Establishes "New Jersey Eviction Crisis Task Force"
- A-4529/S-3191 (Mazzeo, Armato/Gopal, Andrezejczak)** – Concerns reimbursements to Superstorm Sandy-impacted homeowners subjected to contractor fraud
- A-4563/S-3096 (Zwicker, Benson/Greenstein, Gill)** – Prohibits use of bots to deceive person about origin and content of communication for certain commercial or election purposes
- A-4564/S-3087 (Zwicker, Freiman/Greenstein)** – Establishes "Voting Precinct Transparency Act;" requires filing of election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data with Secretary of State for posting and download on official website with matching election results data
- A-4699/S-2938 (Moriarty, Burzichelli, Bramnick/Turner)** – Regulates annual report filing services
- A-4803/S-4211 (Greenwald, Johnson, Pintor Marin/Cryan, Vitale)** – Authorizes certain entities to directly bill Victims of Crime Compensation Office for counseling services provided to victims of firearm and stabbing crimes
- A-4822/S-3408 (Wimberly, Tully, Swain/Singleton, Greenstein)** – Permits municipalities to lease vacant municipal land for tiny home occupancy; directs DCA to enhance regulatory guidance on acceptable tiny home construction and use
- A-4904 wGR/S-3347 (Mukherji, Quijano, Mazzeo/Cryan, Sweeney)** – Concerns property taxes due and owing on real property owned by certain federal employees or contractors under certain circumstances
- A-4954/S-3368 (Quijano, Murphy, Carter/Singleton, Greenstein)** – Revises requirements for provision of counseling and support services to emergency services personnel
- ACS for A-4972/SCS for S-1490 (Moriarty/Beach, Scutari)** – Establishes certain consumer protections related to arbitration organizations
- A-4978 wGR/S-3498 (Timberlake, Zwicker, Vainieri Huttle/Greenstein, Cryan)** – Prohibits online education services from using and disclosing certain information, engaging in targeted advertising, and requires deletion of certain information in certain circumstances
- A-5023/S-3467 (McKnight, Mukherji, Chaparro, Chiaravalloti/Cunningham)** – Exempts from DOT permitting requirements certain signs not located in protected areas that have been approved by municipality
- A-5028/S-3523 (Mukherji, Conaway, Pintor Marin/Vitale, Diegnan)** – Establishes "James Nicholas Rentas's Law," revises "New Jersey SmokeFree Air Act"
- A-5029/S-3522 (Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson, Johnson/Rice, T. Kean)** – Requires New Jersey Office on Minority and Multicultural Health to study racial disparities on sexual and reproductive health of African-American women

A-5031/S-3455 (Speight, McKnight, Timberlake/Ruiz) – Requires hospital emergency departments to ask person of childbearing age about recent pregnancy history

A-5314/S-3692 (Zwicker, Milam, Mazzeo/Cryan, Ruiz) – Requires DHS to study social isolation occurring in certain population groups

A-5344/S-3833 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttel, Milam/Gopal, Corrado) – Establishes uniform standard for acceptable proof of veteran status for veteran's ID cards and various State and local programs

A-5388/S-3895 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Greenwald/Greenstein, Ruiz) – Requires specialized in-service training regarding crime victims for police departments in certain high-crime areas

A-5389/S-3896 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Greenwald/Greenstein, Ruiz) – Requires training or experience in crime victims' rights for certain members of Victims of Crime Compensation Review Board

A-5432/S-3796 (Milam, Land/Andrzejczak) – Requires DEP Commissioner to establish individual transferable quota system for menhaden purse seine fishery

A-5445/S-3909 (Swain, Tully, Spearman/T. Kean, Corrado) – Requires AG to establish program to detect fentanyl in State's illegal drug supply and make information related to presence of fentanyl available in database accessible by law enforcement

A-5511/S-1852 (Spearman, Jones, Reynolds-Jackson/Turner, Cruz-Perez) – Revises certain penalties for illegal operation of snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or dirt bike

A-5580/S-3842 (Johnson, Moriarty, Greenwald/Weinberg, Sarlo) – Extends availability period for tax credits for certain expenses incurred for production of certain film and digital media content, raises annual cap related to film production, and provides for annual administration of film tax credits

A-5583/S-3919 (Pinkin, Lopez, Mukherji/Smith, Bateman) – Prohibits sale, lease, rent, or installation of certain equipment or products containing hydrofluorocarbons or other greenhouse gases

A-5630/S-3981 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Reynolds-Jackson/Weinberg, Corrado) – Requires Civil Service Commission to establish and maintain hotline for State employees to submit reports of workplace discrimination and harassment

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A-5667/S-3933 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttel, Armato, DeCroce, Karabinchak/Singer, Scutari) – "Charlie's Law"; requires pharmacy practice sites and hospice programs to furnish patients with information and means to safely dispose of unused prescription drugs and medications

A-5801/S-4064 (Coughlin, Houghtaling, Verrelli/Singleton, Sweeney) – Concerns responsibility of contractors for wage claims against subcontractors

A-5817/S-4263 (Mazzeo, Armato/Cunningham, Sweeney, C.A. Brown) – Allows certain persons to qualify for casino key employee license and casino employee registration

A-5916/S-4255 (Chiaravalloti, McKnight, Karabinchak/Cunningham, Weinberg) – Authorizes DOH to notify elected officials of financial distress of certain hospitals

A-5918/SCS for S-3741 and 4253 (Chiaravalloti, McKnight/Weinberg, Cunningham, Vitale) – Expands hospital reporting requirements

A-5970/S-4201 (Lopez, Speight, Chaparro/Codey) – Amends list of environmental infrastructure projects approved for long-term funding for FY2020 to include new projects, remove certain projects, and modify estimated loan amounts for certain projects

A-5971/S-4202 (Mukherji, Pintor Marin, Spearman/Bateman, Corrado) – Authorizes NJ Infrastructure Bank to expend additional sums to make loans for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2020

A-5972/S-4203 (Pinkin, Benson, Zwicker/Greenstein, Singleton) – Makes changes to New Jersey Infrastructure Bank's enabling act

A-5977/S-4282 (Greenwald, Downey, Vainieri Huttie/Vitale, Singleton) – Provides for establishment of Regional Health Hub Program as replacement to Accountable Care Organization Demonstration Project, and designates existing accountable care organizations and look-alike organizations as Regional Health Hubs

A-6119/S-4336 (Egan, Houghtaling/Madden) – Revises "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act" and amends definition of registered apprenticeship program

AJR-35/SJR-159 (McKnight, Chaparro, Chiaravalloti, DeCroce/Cunningham, Greenstein) – Designates third full week in March as "Domestic Violence Services Awareness Week" to bring awareness of services available to domestic violence victims

AJR-103/SJR-70 (Rooney, DePhillips, Murphy/Corrado) – Permanently designates January as "NUT Carcinoma Awareness Month" in New Jersey

AJR-118/SJR-157 (McKnight, Timberlake, McKeon/Pou, Madden) – Designates April of each year as "Financial Literacy Month" in New Jersey

AJR-180/SJR-112 (DeAngelo, McKnight, Murphy/Singleton, Corrado) – Designates February in each year as "Career and Technical Education Month" in New Jersey

Governor Murphy declined to sign the following bills, meaning they expire without becoming law:

S-691/A-657 (Ruiz, Pou/Jasey, Caputo, Pintor Marin, Sumter, Wimberly) – Requires that if a school district satisfies 80% or more of the required NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum standards in an area of district effectiveness under State intervention, the State must return that area to local control

S-1083/A-544 (Cruz-Perez, Gopal/Mazzeo, Houghtaling, Holley, Dancer) – Establishes loan program and provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for establishment of new vineyards and wineries

S-2421/A-1030 (Smith, Bateman/Johnson, Kennedy, Benson, DeAngelo) – Concerns installation of electric vehicle charging stations in common interest communities

S-2425/A-3851 (Singleton, Andrzejczak/Conaway) – Revises law relating to common interest communities

S-2429/A-4028 (Scutari, Pou/Bramnick, Downey) – Requires automobile insurers to disclose policy limits upon request by an attorney under certain circumstances

S-2835/A-3926 (Singleton, Ruiz/Conaway, Lampitt, Murphy) – Requires public schools to administer written screenings for depression for students in certain grades

S-2897/A-1433 (Madden, Singer/Benson, Wimberly, Carter) – Requires DCA to establish procedures for inspection and abatement of mold hazards in residential buildings and school facilities, and certification programs for mold inspectors and mold hazard abatement workers

S-2957/A-4712 (Stack/Mukherji, Chaparro) – Establishes five-year moratorium on conversions of certain residential rental premises in qualified counties

S-2958/A-4535 (Sarlo, Oroho/Zwicker, DePhillips, DeCroce) – Establishes the "Energy Infrastructure Public-Private Partnership Act"

S-3062/A-2049 (Ruiz, Greenstein/Howarth, Benson, Murphy) – Provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for businesses that employ apprentices in DOL registered apprenticeships

S-3063/A-4655 (Ruiz/Armato, Vainieri Huttie, DeAngelo) – Provides tuition fee waiver apprenticeship courses

S-3137/A-1308 (Sweeney, Oroho, Singleton/Greenwald, Milam, Land) – The "Electronic Construction Procurement Act"

S-3252/A-4713 (Greenstein, Stack/DeAngelo, Quijano) – "New Townhouse Fire Safety Act"; requires automatic fire sprinkler systems in new townhomes

S-3263/A-4837 (T. Kean, Diegnan/Vainieri Huttie, Chiaravalloti, McKnight) – Revises and updates membership and purpose of Advisory Council on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in DHS

S-3270/A-5095 (Pou/McKeon, Freiman, DeCroce) – Establishes certain requirements for stop loss insurance offered to small employers

S-3393/ACS for A-5384 and 5157 (Sarlo, Addiego/Mazzeo, Murphy, Houghtaling, Calabrese, Armato, Dancer) – Allows certain preserved farms to hold 14 special occasion events per year; imposes further event restrictions on residentially-exposed preserved farms

S-3770/A-6118 (Sarlo, Oroho, Sweeney/Greenwald, Jones) – Establishes "New Jersey Economic and Fiscal Policy Review Commission" to provide ongoing review of State and local tax structure, economic conditions, and related fiscal issues

S-3888/A-5585 (Ruiz/Dancer, Pintor Marin) – Extends document submission deadlines under Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant program and Urban Transit Hub Tax Credit program

S-4035/A-5702 (Pou, Singleton/Wimberly, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter) – Makes Fiscal Year 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$1,700,000 for Thomas Edison State University

S-4281/A-6094 (Smith, Diegnan/Danielsen, Pinkin) – Requires State to sell and convey to Educational Services Commission of New Jersey certain land and improvements known as Piscataway Regional Day School

S-4331/A-4727 (Diegnan, Madden/Karabinchak, Holley, Jones) – Requires person taking written examination for permit to watch video of rights and responsibilities of driver stopped by law enforcement; requires testing on rights and responsibilities of driver stopped by law enforcement

A-491/S-4340 (Jimenez/Sacco, Stack) – Enhances PFRS accidental death pension for surviving spouse by providing for minimum of \$50,000 annually

A-1044/S-1441 (Houghtaling, Downey, DiMaio, Space/Doherty, Madden) – Requires Director of Division of Taxation to examine feasibility of centralized property tax information system to verify property taxes paid by homestead property tax reimbursement claimants

A-1045/S-2856 (Houghtaling, Downey, Dancer/Gopal, Oroho) – Clarifies sales tax collection responsibilities of horse-boarding businesses in New Jersey

A-1526/S-1048 (Zwicker, Johnson/Vitale) – Concerns payment of independent contractors

A-2731/S-3407 (Taliaferro, Space/Sweeney, Oroho) – Removes statutory limitation on number of permits that may be issued by Division of Fish and Wildlife for the taking of beaver

A-4382/S-2815 (Pinkin, Lopez, Kennedy/Beach, Smith) – Requires paint producers to implement or participate in paint stewardship program

A-4463/S-3927 (Freiman, Egan, Karabinchak/Oroho, Andrzejczak) – Establishes "Electronic Permit Processing Review System"

A-4788/S-3880 (Karabinchak, Freiman, Calabrese/Diegnan) – Establishes expedited construction inspection program

A-5072/S-3496 (Karabinchak, Johnson, Mukherji/Greenstein, Cryan) – "Defense Against Porch Pirates Act"; creates new category of theft, with penalties including mandatory restitution and community service, for taking package delivered to residence by cargo carrier

A-5446/S-3907 (Land, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/T. Kean, Lagana) – Requires reporting of opioid deaths

A-5629/S-3980 (Pintor Marin, Munoz/Weinberg, Corrado) – Clarifies provisions concerning disclosure of existence and content of discrimination or harassment complaints; requires certain disclosures to person against whom complaint is made

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ACS for A-5922 and 5923/SCS for S-4223 and 4224 (Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Pinkin/Vitale, Sweeney) – Revises requirements for sale of tobacco and vapor products; increases penalties for prohibited sales; increases fees for cigarette and vapor business licensure

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