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§4 - Note

P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 509, *approved January 21, 2020*  
Assembly, No. 5667 (*Second Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** concerning prescription medications, supplementing Title  
2 45 of the Revised Statutes, and amending P.L.2017, c.135.

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

6  
7 1. (New section) a. A pharmacy practice site that dispenses  
8 prescription drugs, other than a long-term care pharmacy, shall,  
9 when dispensing to an individual located in this State a prescription  
10 drug or medication which is a controlled dangerous substance, and  
11 when dispensing any other prescription drug or medication as may  
12 be designated by the Commissioner of Health by regulation:

13 (1) provide the patient with written informational materials  
14 advising that when unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and  
15 medications are not properly, safely, and promptly disposed of:

16 (a) there is a risk that the drug or medication can be stolen,  
17 diverted, abused, misused, or accidentally ingested, which can pose  
18 a risk to the health and safety of the patient and other members of  
19 the patient's household;

20 (b) children are particularly at risk of accidentally ingesting  
21 unused, unwanted, and expired medications that have not been  
22 properly, safely, and promptly disposed of;

23 (c) when drugs or medications are disposed of in the household  
24 trash or flushed down the drain, the drugs and medications can leak  
25 into the ecosystem, which can have a potentially adverse or harmful  
26 effect on the environment; and

27 (d) when drugs or medications are disposed of in the household  
28 trash without the drug or medication having been rendered  
29 deactivated, inaccessible, or otherwise <sup>1</sup>**【unpalatable】 unusable<sup>1</sup>**,  
30 the drug or medication may be stolen by individuals seeking to  
31 divert, abuse, or misuse the drug or medication;

32 (2) make available on-site, for purchase or at no cost to the  
33 patient, at least one consumer method for individuals to dispose of  
34 unwanted or expired prescription drugs, including, but not limited  
35 to over-the-counter <sup>1</sup>**【At-Home or Site-of-Use】 at-home or site-of-**

**EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup>**Assembly AHE committee amendments adopted December 5, 2019.**

<sup>2</sup>**Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted December 12, 2019.**

- 1 use<sup>1</sup> solutions or secured medication collection kiosks or boxes,  
2 subject to the following requirements:
- 3 (a) <sup>2</sup>**[**as defined by the “EPA household waste exclusion” at 40  
4 C.F.R. 261.4(b)(1) <sup>1</sup>or as defined by a successor regulation<sup>1</sup>,  
5 pharmaceuticals are not regulated federally as hazardous wastes and  
6 are handled <sup>1</sup>**[**and are handled<sup>1</sup>**]** through municipal solid waste  
7 regulations thus are not subject to the federal RCRA hazardous  
8 waste regulations. All <sup>1</sup>**[**At-Home or Site-of-Use<sup>1</sup>**]** <sup>2</sup>**]** all<sup>2</sup> at-home  
9 or site-of-use<sup>1</sup> drug disposal products shall <sup>2</sup>**[**follow the “alternative  
10 or innovative technology” guidelines set forth in N.J.A.C.7:26-3A1  
11 <sup>1</sup>or set forth in a successor regulation<sup>1</sup>, including altering the  
12 characteristics of the prescription drug through chemical,  
13 biological, or physical means to as to have a beneficial and long-  
14 term effect on the environment. In addition, <sup>1</sup>**[**At-Home or Site-of-  
15 Use<sup>1</sup>**]** at-home or site-of-use<sup>1</sup> drug disposal products shall <sup>1</sup>**[**,  
16 pursuant to municipal waste regulations,<sup>1</sup>**]** consist of a non-toxic  
17 composition, blend, solution, or formulation that renders the active  
18 ingredients in the prescription medication, as defined in 21 C.F.R.  
19 210.3(b)(7) <sup>1</sup>or as defined in a successor regulation<sup>1</sup> unavailable  
20 and unusable for misuse and abuse<sup>1</sup> alter the characteristics of the  
21 prescription drug through chemical, biological, or physical means  
22 so as to have a beneficial effect on the environment<sup>2</sup>;
- 23 (b) Secured medication collection kiosks or boxes <sup>2</sup>**[**shall follow  
24 federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) requirements for  
25 collected pharmaceuticals, pursuant to part 1317 of Title 21 of the  
26 Code of Federal Regulations<sup>1</sup>or pursuant to a successor regulation<sup>1</sup>,  
27 and<sup>2</sup>**]** shall be marked and identified by prominent signage;
- 28 (c) any manufacturer of a non-toxic <sup>1</sup>**[**At-Home or Site-of-Use<sup>1</sup>**]**  
29 at-home or site-of-use<sup>1</sup> composition for consumer drug disposal  
30 shall provide a method that renders the active ingredients in the  
31 prescription medication, as defined in 21 C.F.R. 210.3(b)(7) <sup>1</sup>or as  
32 defined in a successor regulation<sup>1</sup>, unusable so that the active  
33 ingredients cannot be transformed to a physical or chemical  
34 condition or transformed to the state of a controlled substance or  
35 controlled substance analog, as per 21 C.F.R. <sup>1</sup>**[**s.1317<sup>1</sup>**]** s.1317.90  
36 or a successor regulation<sup>1</sup>; <sup>2</sup>and<sup>2</sup>
- 37 (d) the manufacturer of an <sup>1</sup>**[**At-Home or Site-of-Use<sup>1</sup>**]** at-home  
38 or site-of-use<sup>1</sup> composition or a secured medicine collection kiosk  
39 or box made available by a pharmacy pursuant to this paragraph  
40 shall represent to the pharmacy <sup>1</sup>**[**, upon request by the pharmacy,<sup>1</sup>**]**  
41 that none of the components or methods of disposal individually or  
42 as a blend or as a solution or as treatment and destruction facility  
43 are toxic, and that the composition or medicine collection kiosk or  
44 box follows waste regulations outlined by the federal

1 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for municipal house hold  
2 waste disposal; <sup>2</sup> and

3 (e) the manufacturer, supplier, or servicing agent of a  
4 commercial collection program that uses secured medication  
5 collection kiosks or boxes shall follow the DEA requirements for  
6 collected pharmaceuticals, pursuant to part 1317 of Title 21 the  
7 Code of Federal Regulations <sup>1</sup>, and shall ensure that methods of  
8 incineration follow the permitted hazardous waste combustor  
9 recommendations outlined by the federal Environmental Protection  
10 Agency (EPA) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)  
11 regulations for incineration of hazardous waste <sup>1</sup> or pursuant to a  
12 successor regulation <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>; and

13 (3) provide the patient with written informational materials  
14 concerning how to properly, safely, and promptly dispose of  
15 unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and medications, which may  
16 include, but shall not be limited to, information concerning drug  
17 disposal options available pursuant to paragraph (2) of this  
18 subsection. The individual dispensing the prescription drug, or an  
19 appropriate designee, shall answer any questions the patient may  
20 have upon receiving the written informational materials pursuant to  
21 this paragraph.

22 b. The requirements of subsection a. of this section shall apply  
23 regardless of whether the prescription is an initial prescription or a  
24 renewal or refill of an existing prescription, and regardless of  
25 whether the patient is a new or returning customer at the pharmacy  
26 practice site.

27 c. Any time a pharmacy practice site that dispenses  
28 prescription drugs, other than a long-term care pharmacy, sells or  
29 dispenses a hypodermic syringe or needle, regardless of whether the  
30 hypodermic syringe or needle is sold or dispensed pursuant to a  
31 prescription, the pharmacy practice site shall provide the patient  
32 with <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> written <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> informational materials information as  
33 incorporated in the drug monograph and <sup>1</sup> prepared by <sup>1</sup>  
34 informational materials made available through the Internet website  
35 of <sup>2</sup> the <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> Department of  
36 <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> Health <sup>2</sup> pursuant to section 3 of this act  
37 concerning the safe disposal of used hypodermic syringes and  
38 needles so as to prevent against the potential transmission of  
39 bloodborne pathogens that can occur when used hypodermic  
40 syringes and needles are reused or when they result in accidental  
41 injury. The individual selling or dispensing the hypodermic syringe  
42 or needle, or an appropriate designee, shall answer any questions  
43 the patient may have upon receiving the written informational  
44 materials pursuant to this subsection.

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46 2. Section 1 of P.L.2017, c.135 (C.26:2H-81.1) is amended to  
47 read as follows:

1       1. a. As used in this section:

2       "Family member" means a hospice care patient's spouse, parent,  
3       adult sibling, adult child, or adult grandchild.

4       "Health care representative" means a person, including a member  
5       of the patient's family, who is authorized to make health care  
6       decisions on behalf of a hospice care patient.

7       "Hospice care patient" means a person currently receiving  
8       hospice care services in a private home or an assisted living facility  
9       through a licensed hospice care program.

10      "Third party caregiver" means a person who:

11      (1) is 18 years of age or older;

12      (2) provides care or assistance to a hospice care patient; and

13      (3) is not the patient's health care representative, a family  
14      member of the patient, or employed by the patient's hospice care  
15      program.

16      b. A hospice care program licensed pursuant to P.L.1997, c.78  
17      (C.26:2H-79 et seq.) may choose, but shall not be required, to  
18      accept for disposal, at such time as a hospice care patient ceases to  
19      use the drug or medication or ceases to receive hospice care  
20      services through the program, the hospice care patient's unused  
21      prescription drugs and medications. A hospice care program that  
22      chooses to accept unused prescription drugs and medications for  
23      disposal pursuant to this section shall:

24      (1) Establish a written policy setting forth procedures for  
25      accepting and disposing of unused prescription drugs and  
26      medications;

27      (2) Furnish a copy of the written policy to each patient, and to  
28      the patient's health care representative, at the time the patient is  
29      enrolled in the hospice care program, and designate a program  
30      representative who shall discuss the procedures and requirements  
31      for surrendering unused prescription drugs and medications with the  
32      patient and the patient's health care representative;

33      (3) Accept drugs and medications prescribed and dispensed to  
34      the patient pursuant to the patient's hospice care plan, as well as any  
35      other prescription drugs and medications that the patient, or the  
36      patient's health care representative, chooses to surrender to the  
37      program;

38      (4) Not accept any drug or medication for surrender except at  
39      such time as the patient ceases to use the drug or medication or  
40      ceases to receive hospice care services through the program; **[and]**

41      (5) Obtain any certifications, authorizations, or waivers as may  
42      be required under State or federal law in order to accept and dispose  
43      of unused prescription drugs and medications pursuant to this  
44      section; and

45      (6) (a) at the time the patient is enrolled in the hospice care  
46      program, at such time as any change is made to the patient's course  
47      of treatment that results in a change in the drugs or medications  
48      prescribed for the patient, or in the patient discontinuing the use of

1 a prescription drug or medication, and at such time as the patient  
2 ceases to receive hospice care services through the program,  
3 provide the patient or the patient's health care representative with  
4 oral instructions and written informational materials advising that  
5 when unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and medications are not  
6 properly, safely, and promptly disposed of:

7 (i) there is a risk that the drug or medication can be stolen,  
8 diverted, abused, misused, or accidentally ingested, which can pose  
9 a risk to the health and safety of the patient and other members of  
10 the patient's household;

11 (ii) children are particularly at risk of accidentally ingesting  
12 unused, unwanted, and expired medications that have not been  
13 properly, safely, and promptly disposed of;

14 (iii) when drugs or medications are disposed of in the household  
15 trash or flushed down the drain, the drugs and medications can leak  
16 into the ecosystem, which can have a potentially adverse or harmful  
17 effect on the environment; and

18 (iv) when drugs or medications are disposed of in the household  
19 trash without the drug or medication having been rendered  
20 deactivated, inaccessible, or otherwise **['unpalatable] unusable'** ,  
21 the drug or medication may be stolen by individuals seeking to  
22 divert, abuse, or misuse the drug or medication;

23 (b) (2) make available **['for purchase or at no cost an over-**  
24 the-counter At-Home or Site-of-Use solution that meets the  
25 requirements of paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 1 of  
26 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)]  
27 on-site, for purchase or at no cost to the patient, at least one  
28 consumer method for individuals to dispose of unwanted or expired  
29 prescription drugs, including, but not limited to over-the-counter at-  
30 home or site-of-use solutions or secured medication collection  
31 kiosks or boxes' ; and

32 (c) provide the patient with oral and written instructions on how  
33 to properly, safely, and promptly dispose of unused, unwanted, or  
34 expired drugs and medications, which may include, but shall not be  
35 limited to, providing instructions concerning the use of an over-the-  
36 counter **['At-Home or Site-of-Use] at-home or site-of-use'** solution  
37 furnished to the patient pursuant to subparagraph (b) of this  
38 paragraph, and advising the patient of the availability of secure  
39 prescription medication drop-off receptacles and prescription  
40 medication take back programs.

41 c. At the time a hospice care patient ceases to receive hospice  
42 care services, a program representative shall provide a written  
43 request for surrender of unused **[medication] drugs and**  
44 medications to the patient or the patient's health care representative,  
45 which shall:

46 (1) request that the patient or the patient's health care  
47 representative surrender any unused prescription drugs or

1 medications that were prescribed and dispensed to the patient  
2 pursuant to the patient's hospice care plan;

3 (2) offer to accept and dispose of any other prescription drug or  
4 medication which the patient will not use; and

5 (3) urge that the patient or the patient's health care  
6 representative dispose of any unused prescription drug or  
7 medication that is not surrendered to the program in a safe and legal  
8 manner, so as to avoid the risk of theft, diversion, or accidental  
9 ingestion.

10 d. No hospice care program may accept and dispose of an  
11 unused prescription drug or medication pursuant to this section  
12 unless the patient or the patient's health care representative  
13 authorizes, in writing, the surrender of the unused prescription drug  
14 or medication to the program; except that, if the patient is unable to  
15 provide written authorization and the patient does not have a health  
16 care representative, a third party caregiver may provide written  
17 authorization for the surrender. A hospice care program shall not  
18 accept an unused prescription drug or medication unless the drug or  
19 medication is identified for inclusion in the authorization for  
20 surrender.

21 e. (1) Unused prescription drugs and medications surrendered  
22 to a hospice care program pursuant to this section shall be  
23 surrendered to a registered professional nurse or a licensed practical  
24 nurse employed by the program.

25 (2) A nurse accepting the surrender of unused prescription  
26 **【medication】** drugs or medications pursuant to this section shall  
27 dispose of the drugs or medications at the site where hospice care  
28 was provided; in no case shall the nurse transport the unused  
29 prescription medications off-site for disposal or for any other  
30 purpose. The nurse may dispose of the unused drugs or medications  
31 using an over-the-counter <sup>1</sup>【At-Home or Site-of-Use】 at-home or  
32 site-of-use<sup>1</sup> solution that meets the requirements of paragraph (2) of  
33 subsection a. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
34 the Legislature as this bill).

35 (3) A nurse who accepts and disposes of an unused prescription  
36 drug or medication pursuant to this section shall document:

37 (a) the name and quantity of each drug or medication  
38 surrendered;

39 (b) the name of the person authorizing the surrender, and the  
40 relationship of the person to the patient;

41 (c) the date and method of disposal; and

42 (d) the quantity and type of any unused prescription drug or  
43 medication, of which the nurse is aware, that was prescribed and  
44 dispensed to the patient pursuant to the patient's hospice care plan,  
45 but was not surrendered to the program or otherwise disposed of by  
46 another person in the nurse's presence.



1 (4) The person authorizing the surrender of a drug or medication  
2 shall be provided with the opportunity to review, verify, and sign  
3 the documentation required under paragraph (3) of this subsection.

4 f. Nothing in this section shall prohibit any person from  
5 disposing of an unused prescription drug or medication by any  
6 means authorized by law, including, but not limited to, disposing of  
7 the drug or medication pursuant to subparagraph (b) of paragraph  
8 (6) of subsection b. of this section or surrendering the medication at  
9 a secure prescription medication drop-off receptacle.

10 g. No person shall be subject to civil or criminal liability or  
11 professional disciplinary action for any act or omission undertaken  
12 in good faith consistent with the requirements of this section.

13 (cf: P.L.2017, c.135, s.1)

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15 3. (New section) The <sup>2</sup>【Division of Consumer Affairs in the】<sup>2</sup>  
16 Department of <sup>2</sup>【Law and Public Safety】 Health<sup>2</sup> shall <sup>2</sup>【<sup>1</sup>【prepare  
17 written informational materials】 amend the drug monograph to  
18 include information<sup>1</sup>】 make available through its Internet website<sup>2</sup>  
19 for distribution to patients by hospice care programs and pharmacy  
20 practice sites <sup>2</sup>informational materials<sup>2</sup> concerning the safe disposal  
21 of used hypodermic syringes and needles so as to prevent against  
22 the potential transmission of bloodborne pathogens that can occur  
23 when used hypodermic syringes and needles are reused or when  
24 they result in accidental injury. <sup>1</sup>【The written informational  
25 materials shall be made available through the division’s Internet  
26 website and shall be distributed to hospice care programs and  
27 pharmacy practice sites upon request.】

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29 4. This act shall take effect 90 days after the date of enactment.

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35 programs to furnish patients with information and means to safely  
36 dispose of unused prescription drugs and medications.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 5667

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

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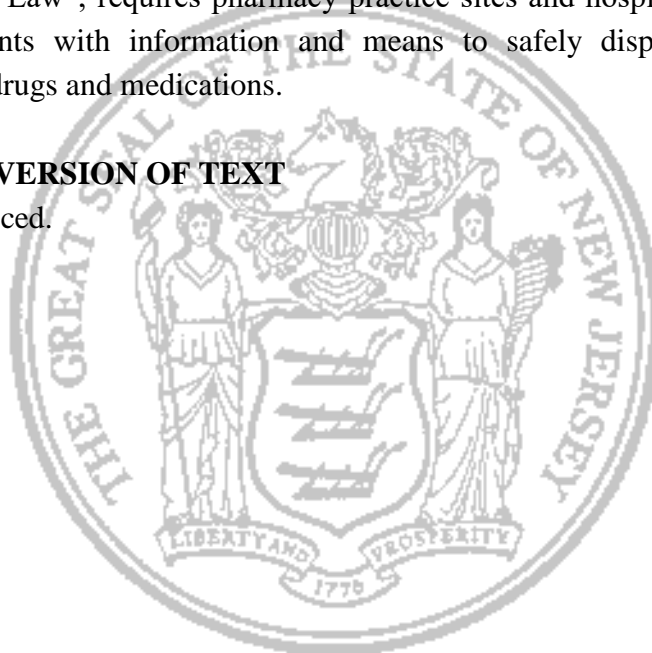
**Assemblyman Thomson**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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32 (1) is 18 years of age or older;

33 (2) provides care or assistance to a hospice care patient; and

34 (3) is not the patient's health care representative, a family  
35 member of the patient, or employed by the patient's hospice care  
36 program.

37 b. A hospice care program licensed pursuant to P.L.1997, c.78  
38 (C.26:2H-79 et seq.) may choose, but shall not be required, to  
39 accept for disposal, at such time as a hospice care patient ceases to  
40 use the drug or medication or ceases to receive hospice care  
41 services through the program, the hospice care patient's unused  
42 prescription drugs and medications. A hospice care program that  
43 chooses to accept unused prescription drugs and medications for  
44 disposal pursuant to this section shall:

45 (1) Establish a written policy setting forth procedures for  
46 accepting and disposing of unused prescription drugs and  
47 medications;

1 (2) Furnish a copy of the written policy to each patient, and to  
2 the patient's health care representative, at the time the patient is  
3 enrolled in the hospice care program, and designate a program  
4 representative who shall discuss the procedures and requirements  
5 for surrendering unused prescription drugs and medications with the  
6 patient and the patient's health care representative;

7 (3) Accept drugs and medications prescribed and dispensed to  
8 the patient pursuant to the patient's hospice care plan, as well as any  
9 other prescription drugs and medications that the patient, or the  
10 patient's health care representative, chooses to surrender to the  
11 program;

12 (4) Not accept any drug or medication for surrender except at  
13 such time as the patient ceases to use the drug or medication or  
14 ceases to receive hospice care services through the program; **[and]**

15 (5) Obtain any certifications, authorizations, or waivers as may  
16 be required under State or federal law in order to accept and dispose  
17 of unused prescription drugs and medications pursuant to this  
18 section; and

19 (6) (a) at the time the patient is enrolled in the hospice care  
20 program, at such time as any change is made to the patient's course  
21 of treatment that results in a change in the drugs or medications  
22 prescribed for the patient, or in the patient discontinuing the use of  
23 a prescription drug or medication, and at such time as the patient  
24 ceases to receive hospice care services through the program,  
25 provide the patient or the patient's health care representative with  
26 oral instructions and written informational materials advising that  
27 when unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and medications are not  
28 properly, safely, and promptly disposed of:

29 (i) there is a risk that the drug or medication can be stolen,  
30 diverted, abused, misused, or accidentally ingested, which can pose  
31 a risk to the health and safety of the patient and other members of  
32 the patient's household;

33 (ii) children are particularly at risk of accidentally ingesting  
34 unused, unwanted, and expired medications that have not been  
35 properly, safely, and promptly disposed of;

36 (iii) when drugs or medications are disposed of in the household  
37 trash or flushed down the drain, the drugs and medications can leak  
38 into the ecosystem, which can have a potentially adverse or harmful  
39 effect on the environment; and

40 (iv) when drugs or medications are disposed of in the household  
41 trash without the drug or medication having been rendered  
42 deactivated, inaccessible, or otherwise unpalatable, the drug or  
43 medication may be stolen by individuals seeking to divert, abuse, or  
44 misuse the drug or medication;

45 (b) (2) make available for purchase or at no cost an over-the-  
46 counter At-Home or Site-of-Use solution that meets the  
47 requirements of paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 1 of

1 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);  
2 and

3 (c) provide the patient with oral and written instructions on how  
4 to properly, safely, and promptly dispose of unused, unwanted, or  
5 expired drugs and medications, which may include, but shall not be  
6 limited to, providing instructions concerning the use of an over-the-  
7 counter At-Home or Site-of-Use solution furnished to the patient  
8 pursuant to subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, and advising the  
9 patient of the availability of secure prescription medication drop-off  
10 receptacles and prescription medication take back programs.

11 c. At the time a hospice care patient ceases to receive hospice  
12 care services, a program representative shall provide a written  
13 request for surrender of unused **【medication】** drugs and  
14 medications to the patient or the patient's health care representative,  
15 which shall:

16 (1) request that the patient or the patient's health care  
17 representative surrender any unused prescription drugs or  
18 medications that were prescribed and dispensed to the patient  
19 pursuant to the patient's hospice care plan;

20 (2) offer to accept and dispose of any other prescription drug or  
21 medication which the patient will not use; and

22 (3) urge that the patient or the patient's health care  
23 representative dispose of any unused prescription drug or  
24 medication that is not surrendered to the program in a safe and legal  
25 manner, so as to avoid the risk of theft, diversion, or accidental  
26 ingestion.

27 d. No hospice care program may accept and dispose of an  
28 unused prescription drug or medication pursuant to this section  
29 unless the patient or the patient's health care representative  
30 authorizes, in writing, the surrender of the unused prescription drug  
31 or medication to the program; except that, if the patient is unable to  
32 provide written authorization and the patient does not have a health  
33 care representative, a third party caregiver may provide written  
34 authorization for the surrender. A hospice care program shall not  
35 accept an unused prescription drug or medication unless the drug or  
36 medication is identified for inclusion in the authorization for  
37 surrender.

38 e. (1) Unused prescription drugs and medications surrendered  
39 to a hospice care program pursuant to this section shall be  
40 surrendered to a registered professional nurse or a licensed practical  
41 nurse employed by the program.

42 (2) A nurse accepting the surrender of unused prescription  
43 **【medication】** drugs or medications pursuant to this section shall  
44 dispose of the drugs or medications at the site where hospice care  
45 was provided; in no case shall the nurse transport the unused  
46 prescription medications off-site for disposal or for any other  
47 purpose. The nurse may dispose of the unused drugs or medications  
48 using an over-the-counter At-Home or Site-of-Use solution that

1 meets the requirements of paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section  
2 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
3 bill).

4 (3) A nurse who accepts and disposes of an unused prescription  
5 drug or medication pursuant to this section shall document:

6 (a) the name and quantity of each drug or medication  
7 surrendered;

8 (b) the name of the person authorizing the surrender, and the  
9 relationship of the person to the patient;

10 (c) the date and method of disposal; and

11 (d) the quantity and type of any unused prescription drug or  
12 medication, of which the nurse is aware, that was prescribed and  
13 dispensed to the patient pursuant to the patient's hospice care plan,  
14 but was not surrendered to the program or otherwise disposed of by  
15 another person in the nurse's presence.

16 (4) The person authorizing the surrender of a drug or medication  
17 shall be provided with the opportunity to review, verify, and sign  
18 the documentation required under paragraph (3) of this subsection.

19 f. Nothing in this section shall prohibit any person from  
20 disposing of an unused prescription drug or medication by any  
21 means authorized by law, including, but not limited to, disposing of  
22 the drug or medication pursuant to subparagraph (b) of paragraph  
23 (6) of subsection b. of this section or surrendering the medication at  
24 a secure prescription medication drop-off receptacle.

25 g. No person shall be subject to civil or criminal liability or  
26 professional disciplinary action for any act or omission undertaken  
27 in good faith consistent with the requirements of this section.

28 (cf: P.L.2017, c.135, s.1)

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30 3. (New section) The Division of Consumer Affairs in the  
31 Department of Law and Public Safety shall prepare written  
32 informational materials for distribution to patients by hospice care  
33 programs and pharmacy practice sites concerning the safe disposal  
34 of used hypodermic syringes and needles so as to prevent against  
35 the potential transmission of bloodborne pathogens that can occur  
36 when used hypodermic syringes and needles are reused or when  
37 they result in accidental injury. The written informational materials  
38 shall be made available through the division's Internet website and  
39 shall be distributed to hospice care programs and pharmacy practice  
40 sites upon request.

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42 4. This act shall take effect 90 days after the date of enactment.

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#### STATEMENT

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47 This bill requires each pharmacy practice site that dispenses  
48 prescription drugs, other than a long-term care pharmacy, to, when



1 dispensing to an individual located in this State a prescription drug  
2 or medication which is a controlled dangerous substance, and when  
3 dispensing any other prescription drug or medication as may be  
4 designated by the Commissioner of Health by regulation: (1)  
5 provide the patient with written informational materials advising  
6 that there are risks when unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and  
7 medications are not properly, safely, and promptly disposed of; (2)  
8 have available on-site, for purchase or at no cost to the patient, at least  
9 one consumer method for individuals to dispose of unwanted or  
10 expired prescription drugs, including, but not limited to over-the-  
11 counter drug disposal solutions for use at home and secured  
12 medication collection kiosks or boxes; and (3) provide the patient with  
13 written informational materials concerning how to properly, safely,  
14 and promptly dispose of unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and  
15 medications. The individual dispensing the prescription drug, or an  
16 appropriate designee, is to answer any questions the patient may have  
17 upon receiving the written informational materials pursuant to this  
18 paragraph.

19 The bill identifies certain aspects of federal law that may relate  
20 to the requirements of the bill and indicate that the household drug  
21 disposal solutions to be made available under the bill are to meet  
22 certain Department of Environmental Protection requirements  
23 concerning alternate disposal methodologies for medical waste that  
24 currently apply to the medical industry. Medication collection  
25 kiosks or boxes are to be marked or identified by prominent  
26 signage.

27 The bill requires that, any time a pharmacy practice site that  
28 dispenses prescription drugs, other than a long-term care pharmacy,  
29 sells or dispenses a hypodermic syringe or needle, regardless of  
30 whether the hypodermic syringe or needle is sold or dispensed  
31 pursuant to a prescription, the pharmacy practice site is to provide  
32 the patient with the written informational materials prepared by the  
33 Division pursuant to the bill's provisions.

34 Under the bill, if a patient is enrolled in the hospice care  
35 program, and if any change is made to the patient's course of  
36 treatment that results in a change in the drugs or medications  
37 prescribed for the patient, or in the patient discontinuing the use of  
38 a prescription drug or medication, the hospice care program is to:  
39 (1) provide the patient or the patient's health care representative  
40 with oral instructions and written informational materials advising  
41 that there are risks when unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and  
42 medications are not properly, safely, and promptly disposed of; (2)  
43 make available for purchase or at no cost to the patient an At-Home  
44 or Site-of-Use prescription medication disposal product, and (3)  
45 provide the patient with written informational materials concerning  
46 how to properly, safely, and promptly dispose of unused, unwanted, or  
47 expired drugs and medications.

1       A nurse in the hospice care program may dispose of unused  
2 drugs or medications using an At-Home or Site-of-Use drug  
3 disposal solution.

4       The bill provides that the Division is to prepare written  
5 informational materials for distribution to patients by hospice care  
6 programs and pharmacy practice sites concerning the safe disposal  
7 of used hypodermic syringes and needles so as to prevent against  
8 the potential transmission of bloodborne pathogens that can occur  
9 when used hypodermic syringes and needles are reused or when  
10 they result in accidental injury. The written informational materials  
11 are to be made available through the Division’s Internet website and  
12 are to be distributed to hospice care programs and pharmacy  
13 practice sites upon request.

14       This bill is named “Charlie’s Law” after Charlie Van Tassel, a  
15 young man who struggled with addiction for many years before  
16 finally succumbing in 2013, at the age of 33. Charlie was an athlete  
17 and family prankster who loved music and dancing, had a terrific  
18 sense of humor, and was a beloved brother and son. It is the  
19 sponsor’s intent to help reduce the risk that young people like  
20 Charlie will develop a substance use disorder, as well as to reduce  
21 the potential harms caused by the improper disposal of used  
22 hypodermic syringes and needles.

# ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 5667**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 5, 2019

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 5667.

As amended, this bill requires each pharmacy practice site that dispenses prescription drugs, other than a long-term care pharmacy, to, when dispensing to an individual located in this State a prescription drug or medication which is a controlled dangerous substance, and when dispensing any other prescription drug or medication as may be designated by the Commissioner of Health by regulation: (1) provide the patient with written informational materials advising that there are risks when unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and medications are not properly, safely, and promptly disposed of; (2) have available on-site, for purchase or at no cost to the patient, at least one consumer method for individuals to dispose of unwanted or expired prescription drugs, including, but not limited to over-the-counter drug disposal solutions for use at home and secured medication collection kiosks or boxes; and (3) provide the patient with written informational materials concerning how to properly, safely, and promptly dispose of unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and medications. The individual dispensing the prescription drug, or an appropriate designee, is to answer any questions the patient may have upon receiving the written informational materials pursuant to this paragraph.

The bill identifies certain aspects of federal law that may relate to the requirements of the bill and indicate that the household drug disposal solutions to be made available under the bill are to meet certain Department of Environmental Protection requirements concerning alternate disposal methodologies for medical waste that currently apply to the medical industry. Medication collection kiosks or boxes are to be marked or identified by prominent signage.

The bill requires that, any time a pharmacy practice site that dispenses prescription drugs, other than a long-term care pharmacy, sells or dispenses a hypodermic syringe or needle, regardless of whether the hypodermic syringe or needle is sold or dispensed pursuant to a prescription, the pharmacy practice site is to provide the patient with written information as incorporated in the drug

monograph and prepared by the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety (division) pursuant to the bill's provisions.

Under the bill, if a patient is enrolled in the hospice care program, and if any change is made to the patient's course of treatment that results in a change in the drugs or medications prescribed for the patient, or in the patient discontinuing the use of a prescription drug or medication, the hospice care program is to: (1) provide the patient or the patient's health care representative with oral instructions and written informational materials advising that there are risks when unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and medications are not properly, safely, and promptly disposed of; (2) make available for purchase or at no cost to the patient an at-home or site-of-use prescription medication disposal product, and (3) provide the patient with written informational materials concerning how to properly, safely, and promptly dispose of unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and medications.

A nurse in the hospice care program may dispose of unused drugs or medications using an at-home or site-of-use drug disposal solution.

The bill provides that the division is to amend the drug monograph to include information for distribution to patients by hospice care programs and pharmacy practice sites concerning the safe disposal of used hypodermic syringes and needles so as to prevent against the potential transmission of bloodborne pathogens that can occur when used hypodermic syringes and needles are reused or when they result in accidental injury.

This bill is named "Charlie's Law" after Charlie Van Tassel, a young man who struggled with addiction for many years before finally succumbing in 2013, at the age of 33.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments:

- 1) make various technical changes as to usage, citation, and clarity;
- 2) remove a reference to municipal waste regulation;
- 3) remove the requirement that pharmacy practice sites request of manufacturers to represent that certain supplies are not toxic and in compliance with federal regulations;
- 4) provide that a pharmacy practice site that dispenses prescription drugs or hypodermic syringes or needles to a patient, provide the patient with written information as incorporated in the drug monograph and prepared by the division;
- 5) remove the requirement that certain written informational materials be prepared and made available through the division's Internet website;
- 6) require the division to amend the drug monograph to include information for the distribution to patients by hospice care

programs and pharmacy practice sites concerning the safe disposal of used hypodermic syringes and needles; and

7) remove the requirement that a manufacturer, supplier, or servicing agent ensures that methods of incineration follow federal recommendations.

# ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

## ASSEMBLY, No. 5667

with committee amendments

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2019

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 5667 (1R).

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill requires each pharmacy practice site that dispenses prescription drugs, other than a long-term care pharmacy, to, when dispensing to an individual located in this State a prescription drug or medication which is a controlled dangerous substance, and when dispensing any other prescription drug or medication as may be designated by the Commissioner of Health by regulation: (1) provide the patient with written informational materials advising that there are risks when unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and medications are not properly, safely, and promptly disposed of; (2) have available on-site, for purchase or at no cost to the patient, at least one consumer method for individuals to dispose of unwanted or expired prescription drugs, including, but not limited to over-the-counter drug disposal solutions for use at home and secured medication collection kiosks or boxes; and (3) provide the patient with written informational materials concerning how to properly, safely, and promptly dispose of unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and medications. The individual dispensing the prescription drug, or an appropriate designee, is to answer any questions the patient may have upon receiving the written informational materials pursuant to this paragraph.

The bill requires household drug disposal solutions to alter the characteristics of the prescription drug through chemical, biological, or physical means so as to have a beneficial effect on the environment. Medication collection kiosks or boxes are to be marked or identified by prominent signage.

The bill requires that, any time a pharmacy practice site that dispenses prescription drugs, other than a long-term care pharmacy, sells or dispenses a hypodermic syringe or needle, regardless of whether the hypodermic syringe or needle is sold or dispensed pursuant to a prescription, the pharmacy practice site is to provide the patient with informational materials made available through the Internet website of the Department of Health.

Under the bill, if a patient is enrolled in the hospice care program, and if any change is made to the patient's course of treatment that results in a change in the drugs or medications prescribed for the patient, or in the patient discontinuing the use of a prescription drug or medication, the hospice care program is to: (1) provide the patient or the patient's health care representative with oral instructions and written informational materials advising that there are risks when unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and medications are not properly, safely, and promptly disposed of; (2) make available for purchase or at no cost to the patient an at-home or site-of-use prescription medication disposal product, and (3) provide the patient with written informational materials concerning how to properly, safely, and promptly dispose of unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and medications.

Under the bill, a nurse in the hospice care program may dispose of unused drugs or medications using an at-home or site-of-use drug disposal solution.

This bill is named "Charlie's Law" after Charlie Van Tassel, a young man who struggled with addiction for many years before finally succumbing in 2013, at the age of 33.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments provide the following: 1) technical changes; 2) removal of references to certain laws and regulations; 3) disposal solutions are to alter the characteristics of prescription drugs through chemical, biological, or physical means so as to have a beneficial effect on the environment; and 4) and certain informational materials are to be made available through the Internet website of the Department of Health.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

**SENATE, No. 3933**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**218th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED JUNE 13, 2019

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator ROBERT W. SINGER**

**District 30 (Monmouth and Ocean)**

**Senator NICHOLAS P. SCUTARI**

**District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators A.R.Bucco and Greenstein**

**SYNOPSIS**

“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.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 8/26/2019)**



1 AN ACT concerning prescription medications, supplementing Title  
2 45 of the Revised Statutes, and amending P.L.2017, c.135.

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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. (New section) a. A pharmacy practice site that dispenses  
8 prescription drugs, other than a long-term care pharmacy, shall,  
9 when dispensing to an individual located in this State a prescription  
10 drug or medication which is a controlled dangerous substance, and  
11 when dispensing any other prescription drug or medication as may  
12 be designated by the Commissioner of Health by regulation:

13 (1) provide the patient with written informational materials  
14 advising that when unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and  
15 medications are not properly, safely, and promptly disposed of:

16 (a) there is a risk that the drug or medication can be stolen,  
17 diverted, abused, misused, or accidentally ingested, which can pose  
18 a risk to the health and safety of the patient and other members of  
19 the patient's household;

20 (b) children are particularly at risk of accidentally ingesting  
21 unused, unwanted, and expired medications that have not been  
22 properly, safely, and promptly disposed of;

23 (c) when drugs or medications are disposed of in the household  
24 trash or flushed down the drain, the drugs and medications can leak  
25 into the ecosystem, which can have a potentially adverse or harmful  
26 effect on the environment; and

27 (d) when drugs or medications are disposed of in the household  
28 trash without the drug or medication having been rendered  
29 deactivated, inaccessible, or otherwise unpalatable, the drug or  
30 medication may be stolen by individuals seeking to divert, abuse, or  
31 misuse the drug or medication;

32 (2) make available on-site, for purchase or at no cost to the  
33 patient, at least one consumer method for individuals to dispose of  
34 unwanted or expired prescription drugs, including, but not limited  
35 to over-the-counter At-Home or Site-of-Use solutions or secured  
36 medication collection kiosks or boxes, subject to the following  
37 requirements:

38 (a) as defined by the "EPA household waste exclusion" at 40  
39 C.F.R. 261.4(b)(1), pharmaceuticals are not regulated federally as  
40 hazardous wastes and are handled and are handled through  
41 municipal solid waste regulations thus are not subject to the federal  
42 RCRA hazardous waste regulations. All At-Home and Site-of-Use  
43 drug disposal products shall follow the "alternative or innovative  
44 technology" guidelines set forth in N.J.A.C.7:26-3A1, including  
45 altering the characteristics of the prescription drug through

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 chemical, biological, or physical means to as to have a beneficial  
2 and long-term effect on the environment. In addition, At-Home and  
3 Site-of-Use drug disposal products shall, pursuant to municipal  
4 waste regulations, consist of a non-toxic composition, blend,  
5 solution, or formulation that renders the active ingredients in the  
6 prescription medication, as defined in 21 C.F.R. 210.3(b)(7)  
7 unavailable and unusable for misuse and abuse;

8 (b) Secured medication collection kiosks or boxes shall follow  
9 federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) requirements for  
10 collected pharmaceuticals, pursuant to part 1317 of Title 21 of the  
11 Code of Federal Regulations, and shall be marked and identified by  
12 prominent signage;

13 (c) any manufacturer of a non-toxic At-home or Site-of-Use  
14 composition for consumer drug disposal shall provide a method that  
15 renders the active ingredients in the prescription medication, as  
16 defined in 21 C.F.R. 210.3(b)(7), unusable so that the active  
17 ingredients cannot be transformed to a physical or chemical  
18 condition or transformed to the state of a controlled substance or  
19 controlled substance analog, as per 21 C.F.R. s.1317;

20 (d) the manufacturer of an At-home or Site-of-Use composition  
21 or a secured medicine collection kiosk or box made available by a  
22 pharmacy pursuant to this paragraph shall represent to the  
23 pharmacy, upon request by the pharmacy, that none of the  
24 components or methods of disposal individually or as a blend or as  
25 a solution or as treatment and destruction facility are toxic, and that  
26 the composition or medicine collection kiosk or box follows waste  
27 regulations outlined by the federal Environmental Protection  
28 Agency (EPA) for municipal house hold waste disposal; and

29 (e) the manufacturer, supplier, or servicing agent of a  
30 commercial collection program that uses secured medication  
31 collection kiosks or boxes shall follow the DEA requirements for  
32 collected pharmaceuticals, pursuant to part 1317 of Title 21 the  
33 Code of Federal Regulations, and shall ensure that methods of  
34 incineration follow the permitted hazardous waste combustor  
35 recommendations outlined by the federal Environmental Protection  
36 Agency (EPA) Recourse Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)  
37 regulations for incineration of hazardous waste; and

38 (3) provide the patient with written informational materials  
39 concerning how to properly, safely, and promptly dispose of  
40 unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and medications, which may  
41 include, but shall not be limited to, information concerning drug  
42 disposal options available pursuant to paragraph (2) of this  
43 subsection. The individual dispensing the prescription drug, or an  
44 appropriate designee, shall answer any questions the patient may  
45 have upon receiving the written informational materials pursuant to  
46 this paragraph.

47 b. The requirements of subsection a. of this section shall apply  
48 regardless of whether the prescription is an initial prescription or a

1 renewal or refill of an existing prescription, and regardless of  
2 whether the patient is a new or returning customer at the pharmacy  
3 practice site.

4 c. Any time a pharmacy practice site that dispenses  
5 prescription drugs, other than a long-term care pharmacy, sells or  
6 dispenses a hypodermic syringe or needle, regardless of whether the  
7 hypodermic syringe or needle is sold or dispensed pursuant to a  
8 prescription, the pharmacy practice site shall provide the patient  
9 with the written informational materials prepared by the Division of  
10 Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety  
11 pursuant to section 3 of this act concerning the safe disposal of used  
12 hypodermic syringes and needles so as to prevent against the  
13 potential transmission of bloodborne pathogens that can occur when  
14 used hypodermic syringes and needles are reused or when they  
15 result in accidental injury. The individual selling or dispensing the  
16 hypodermic syringe or needle, or an appropriate designee, shall  
17 answer any questions the patient may have upon receiving the  
18 written informational materials pursuant to this subsection.

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20 2. Section 1 of P.L.2017, c.135 (C.26:2H-81.1) is amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 1. a. As used in this section:

23 "Family member" means a hospice care patient's spouse, parent,  
24 adult sibling, adult child, or adult grandchild.

25 "Health care representative" means a person, including a member  
26 of the patient's family, who is authorized to make health care  
27 decisions on behalf of a hospice care patient.

28 "Hospice care patient" means a person currently receiving  
29 hospice care services in a private home or an assisted living facility  
30 through a licensed hospice care program.

31 "Third party caregiver" means a person who:

32 (1) is 18 years of age or older;

33 (2) provides care or assistance to a hospice care patient; and

34 (3) is not the patient's health care representative, a family  
35 member of the patient, or employed by the patient's hospice care  
36 program.

37 b. A hospice care program licensed pursuant to P.L.1997, c.78  
38 (C.26:2H-79 et seq.) may choose, but shall not be required, to  
39 accept for disposal, at such time as a hospice care patient ceases to  
40 use the drug or medication or ceases to receive hospice care  
41 services through the program, the hospice care patient's unused  
42 prescription drugs and medications. A hospice care program that  
43 chooses to accept unused prescription drugs and medications for  
44 disposal pursuant to this section shall:

45 (1) Establish a written policy setting forth procedures for  
46 accepting and disposing of unused prescription drugs and  
47 medications;

1 (2) Furnish a copy of the written policy to each patient, and to  
2 the patient's health care representative, at the time the patient is  
3 enrolled in the hospice care program, and designate a program  
4 representative who shall discuss the procedures and requirements  
5 for surrendering unused prescription drugs and medications with the  
6 patient and the patient's health care representative;

7 (3) Accept drugs and medications prescribed and dispensed to  
8 the patient pursuant to the patient's hospice care plan, as well as any  
9 other prescription drugs and medications that the patient, or the  
10 patient's health care representative, chooses to surrender to the  
11 program;

12 (4) Not accept any drug or medication for surrender except at  
13 such time as the patient ceases to use the drug or medication or  
14 ceases to receive hospice care services through the program; **[and]**

15 (5) Obtain any certifications, authorizations, or waivers as may  
16 be required under State or federal law in order to accept and dispose  
17 of unused prescription drugs and medications pursuant to this  
18 section; and

19 (6) (a) at the time the patient is enrolled in the hospice care  
20 program, at such time as any change is made to the patient's course of  
21 treatment that results in a change in the drugs or medications  
22 prescribed for the patient, or in the patient discontinuing the use of a  
23 prescription drug or medication, and at such time as the patient ceases  
24 to receive hospice care services through the program, provide the  
25 patient or the patient's health care representative with oral instructions  
26 and written informational materials advising that when unused,  
27 unwanted, or expired drugs and medications are not properly, safely,  
28 and promptly disposed of:

29 (i) there is a risk that the drug or medication can be stolen,  
30 diverted, abused, misused, or accidentally ingested, which can pose a  
31 risk to the health and safety of the patient and other members of the  
32 patient's household;

33 (ii) children are particularly at risk of accidentally ingesting  
34 unused, unwanted, and expired medications that have not been  
35 properly, safely, and promptly disposed of;

36 (iii) when drugs or medications are disposed of in the household  
37 trash or flushed down the drain, the drugs and medications can leak  
38 into the ecosystem, which can have a potentially adverse or harmful  
39 effect on the environment; and

40 (iv) when drugs or medications are disposed of in the household  
41 trash without the drug or medication having been rendered deactivated,  
42 inaccessible, or otherwise unpalatable, the drug or medication may be  
43 stolen by individuals seeking to divert, abuse, or misuse the drug or  
44 medication;

45 (b) (2) make available for purchase or at no cost an over-the-  
46 counter At-Home or Site-of-Use solution that meets the requirements  
47 of paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
48 (pending before the Legislature as this bill); and

1       (c) provide the patient with oral and written instructions on how to  
2 properly, safely, and promptly dispose of unused, unwanted, or  
3 expired drugs and medications, which may include, but shall not be  
4 limited to, providing instructions concerning the use of an over-the-  
5 counter At-Home or Site-of-Use solution furnished to the patient  
6 pursuant to subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, and advising the  
7 patient of the availability of secure prescription medication drop-off  
8 receptacles and prescription medication take back programs.

9       c. At the time a hospice care patient ceases to receive hospice  
10 care services, a program representative shall provide a written request  
11 for surrender of unused **【medication】** drugs and medications to the  
12 patient or the patient's health care representative, which shall:

13       (1) request that the patient or the patient's health care  
14 representative surrender any unused prescription drugs or medications  
15 that were prescribed and dispensed to the patient pursuant to the  
16 patient's hospice care plan;

17       (2) offer to accept and dispose of any other prescription drug or  
18 medication which the patient will not use; and

19       (3) urge that the patient or the patient's health care representative  
20 dispose of any unused prescription drug or medication that is not  
21 surrendered to the program in a safe and legal manner, so as to avoid  
22 the risk of theft, diversion, or accidental ingestion.

23       d. No hospice care program may accept and dispose of an unused  
24 prescription drug or medication pursuant to this section unless the  
25 patient or the patient's health care representative authorizes, in writing,  
26 the surrender of the unused prescription drug or medication to the  
27 program; except that, if the patient is unable to provide written  
28 authorization and the patient does not have a health care  
29 representative, a third party caregiver may provide written  
30 authorization for the surrender. A hospice care program shall not  
31 accept an unused prescription drug or medication unless the drug or  
32 medication is identified for inclusion in the authorization for surrender.

33       e. (1) Unused prescription drugs and medications surrendered to  
34 a hospice care program pursuant to this section shall be surrendered to  
35 a registered professional nurse or a licensed practical nurse employed  
36 by the program.

37       (2) A nurse accepting the surrender of unused prescription  
38 **【medication】** drugs or medications pursuant to this section shall  
39 dispose of the drugs or medications at the site where hospice care was  
40 provided; in no case shall the nurse transport the unused prescription  
41 medications off-site for disposal or for any other purpose. The nurse  
42 may dispose of the unused drugs or medications using an over-the-  
43 counter At-Home or Site-of-Use solution that meets the requirements  
44 of paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
45 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

46       (3) A nurse who accepts and disposes of an unused prescription  
47 drug or medication pursuant to this section shall document:

48       (a) the name and quantity of each drug or medication surrendered;

1 (b) the name of the person authorizing the surrender, and the  
2 relationship of the person to the patient;

3 (c) the date and method of disposal; and

4 (d) the quantity and type of any unused prescription drug or  
5 medication, of which the nurse is aware, that was prescribed and  
6 dispensed to the patient pursuant to the patient's hospice care plan, but  
7 was not surrendered to the program or otherwise disposed of by  
8 another person in the nurse's presence.

9 (4) The person authorizing the surrender of a drug or medication  
10 shall be provided with the opportunity to review, verify, and sign the  
11 documentation required under paragraph (3) of this subsection.

12 f. Nothing in this section shall prohibit any person from  
13 disposing of an unused prescription drug or medication by any means  
14 authorized by law, including, but not limited to, disposing of the drug  
15 or medication pursuant to subparagraph (b) of paragraph (6) of  
16 subsection b. of this section or surrendering the medication at a secure  
17 prescription medication drop-off receptacle.

18 g. No person shall be subject to civil or criminal liability or  
19 professional disciplinary action for any act or omission undertaken in  
20 good faith consistent with the requirements of this section.

21 (cf: P.L.2017, c.135, s.1)

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23 3. (New section) The Division of Consumer Affairs in the  
24 Department of Law and Public Safety shall prepare written  
25 informational materials for distribution to patients by hospice care  
26 programs and pharmacy practice sites concerning the safe disposal of  
27 used hypodermic syringes and needles so as to prevent against the  
28 potential transmission of bloodborne pathogens that can occur when  
29 used hypodermic syringes and needles are reused or when they result  
30 in accidental injury. The written informational materials shall be made  
31 available through the division's Internet website and shall be  
32 distributed to hospice care programs and pharmacy practice sites upon  
33 request.

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35 4. This act shall take effect 90 days after the date of enactment.

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#### STATEMENT

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40 This bill requires each pharmacy practice site that dispenses  
41 prescription drugs, other than a long-term care pharmacy, to, when  
42 dispensing to an individual located in this State a prescription drug  
43 or medication which is a controlled dangerous substance, and when  
44 dispensing any other prescription drug or medication as may be  
45 designated by the Commissioner of Health by regulation: (1)  
46 provide the patient with written informational materials advising  
47 that there are risks when unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and  
48 medications are not properly, safely, and promptly disposed of; (2)

1 have available on-site, for purchase or at no cost to the patient, at least  
2 one consumer method for individuals to dispose of unwanted or  
3 expired prescription drugs, including, but not limited to over-the-  
4 counter drug disposal solutions for use at home and secured  
5 medication collection kiosks or boxes; and (3) provide the patient with  
6 written informational materials concerning how to properly, safely,  
7 and promptly dispose of unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and  
8 medications. The individual dispensing the prescription drug, or an  
9 appropriate designee, is to answer any questions the patient may have  
10 upon receiving the written informational materials pursuant to this  
11 paragraph.

12 The bill identifies certain aspects of federal law that may relate to  
13 the requirements of the bill and indicate that the household drug  
14 disposal solutions to be made available under the bill are to meet  
15 certain Department of Environmental Protection requirements  
16 concerning alternate disposal methodologies for medical waste that  
17 currently apply to the medical industry. Medication collection kiosks  
18 or boxes are to be marked or identified by prominent signage.

19 The bill requires that, any time a pharmacy practice site that  
20 dispenses prescription drugs, other than a long-term care pharmacy,  
21 sells or dispenses a hypodermic syringe or needle, regardless of  
22 whether the hypodermic syringe or needle is sold or dispensed  
23 pursuant to a prescription, the pharmacy practice site is to provide  
24 the patient with the written informational materials prepared by the  
25 Division pursuant to the bill's provisions.

26 Under the bill, if a patient is enrolled in the hospice care  
27 program, and if any change is made to the patient's course of  
28 treatment that results in a change in the drugs or medications  
29 prescribed for the patient, or in the patient discontinuing the use of  
30 a prescription drug or medication, the hospice care program is to:  
31 (1) provide the patient or the patient's health care representative  
32 with oral instructions and written informational materials advising  
33 that there are risks when unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and  
34 medications are not properly, safely, and promptly disposed of; (2)  
35 make available for purchase or at no cost to the patient an At-Home  
36 or Site-of-Use prescription medication disposal product, and (3)  
37 provide the patient with written informational materials concerning  
38 how to properly, safely, and promptly dispose of unused, unwanted, or  
39 expired drugs and medications.

40 A nurse in the hospice care program may dispose of unused  
41 drugs or medications using an At-Home or Site-of-Use drug  
42 disposal solution.

43 The bill provides that the Division is to prepare written  
44 informational materials for distribution to patients by hospice care  
45 programs and pharmacy practice sites concerning the safe disposal  
46 of used hypodermic syringes and needles so as to prevent against  
47 the potential transmission of bloodborne pathogens that can occur  
48 when used hypodermic syringes and needles are reused or when

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1 they result in accidental injury. The written informational materials  
2 are to be made available through the Division's Internet website and  
3 are to be distributed to hospice care programs and pharmacy  
4 practice sites upon request.

5 This bill is named "Charlie's Law" after Charlie Van Tassel, a  
6 young man who struggled with addiction for many years before  
7 finally succumbing in 2013, at the age of 33. Charlie was an athlete  
8 and family prankster who loved music and dancing, had a terrific  
9 sense of humor, and was a beloved brother and son. It is the  
10 sponsor's intent to help reduce the risk that young people like  
11 Charlie will develop a substance use disorder, as well as to reduce  
12 the potential harms caused by the improper disposal of used  
13 hypodermic syringes and needles.



SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 3933**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2019

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3933.

As amended, this bill requires each pharmacy practice site that dispenses prescription drugs, other than a long-term care pharmacy, to, when dispensing to an individual located in this State a prescription drug or medication which is a controlled dangerous substance, and when dispensing any other prescription drug or medication as may be designated by the Commissioner of Health by regulation: (1) provide the patient with written informational materials advising that there are risks when unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and medications are not properly, safely, and promptly disposed of; (2) have available on-site, for purchase or at no cost to the patient, at least one consumer method for individuals to dispose of unwanted or expired prescription drugs, including, but not limited to over-the-counter drug disposal solutions for use at home and secured medication collection kiosks or boxes; and (3) provide the patient with written informational materials concerning how to properly, safely, and promptly dispose of unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and medications. The individual dispensing the prescription drug, or an appropriate designee, is to answer any questions the patient may have upon receiving the written informational materials pursuant to this paragraph.

As amended, the bill requires household drug disposal solutions to alter the characteristics of the prescription drug through chemical, biological, or physical means so as to have beneficial effect on the environment. Medication collection kiosks or boxes are to be marked or identified by prominent signage.

As amended, the bill requires that, any time a pharmacy practice site that dispenses prescription drugs, other than a long-term care pharmacy, sells or dispenses a hypodermic syringe or needle, regardless of whether the hypodermic syringe or needle is sold or dispensed pursuant to a prescription, the pharmacy practice site is to

provide the patient with informational materials made available through the Internet website of the Department of Health.

Under the bill, if a patient is enrolled in the hospice care program, and if any change is made to the patient's course of treatment that results in a change in the drugs or medications prescribed for the patient, or in the patient discontinuing the use of a prescription drug or medication, the hospice care program is to: (1) provide the patient or the patient's health care representative with oral instructions and written informational materials advising that there are risks when unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and medications are not properly, safely, and promptly disposed of; (2) make available for purchase or at no cost to the patient an at-home or site-of-use prescription medication disposal product, and (3) provide the patient with written informational materials concerning how to properly, safely, and promptly dispose of unused, unwanted, or expired drugs and medications.

A nurse in the hospice care program may dispose of unused drugs or medications using an at-home or site-of-use drug disposal solution.

This bill is named "Charlie's Law" after Charlie Van Tassel, a young man who struggled with addiction for many years before finally succumbing in 2013, at the age of 33.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments remove a requirement that pharmacy practice sites request manufacturers to represent that certain supplies are not toxic and in compliance with federal regulations.

The committee amendments replace certain provisions concerning the requirements for drug disposal products with a requirement that household drug disposal solutions be capable of altering the characteristics of the prescription drug through chemical, biological, or physical means so as to have beneficial effect on the environment.

The committee amendments provide that a pharmacy practice site that dispenses prescription drugs or hypodermic syringes or needles to a patient, is to provide the patient with informational materials made available through the Internet website of the Department of Health. The committee amendments remove a requirement that written informational requirements be prepared by the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

The committee amendments remove a requirement that a manufacturer, supplier, or servicing agent ensures that methods of incineration follow federal recommendations.

The committee amendments make certain technical changes to remove citations and references to federal laws that have no substantive effect, correct certain other citations, and make various changes involving grammar and syntax.

STATEMENT TO  
[First Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 3933**

with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Senator SINGER)

ADOPTED: JANUARY 13, 2020

These Senate floor amendments remove a reference to alternative or innovative technology guidelines and municipal waste regulations, to provide that at-home and site-of-use drug disposal products are to be capable of altering the characteristics of the prescription drug through chemical, biological, or physical means so as to have a beneficial effect on the environment.

# 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 Huttle, 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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