

26:2H-12.6h
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LAWS OF: 2020 **CHAPTER:** 32

NJSA: 26:2H-12.6h (Requires hospital to permit individual to accompany woman during childbirth.)

BILL NO: A3942 (Substituted for S2394)

SPONSOR(S) Raj Mukherji and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 4/13/2020

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Appropriations

SENATE: Budget & Appropriations

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** 5/14/2020

SENATE: 5/14/2020

DATE OF APPROVAL: 5/15/2020

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (First Reprint enacted) Yes

A3942

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

SENATE: No

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

S2394

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

SENATE: Yes

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

VETO MESSAGE: No

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING:

Yes

FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:

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P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 32, *approved May 15, 2020*
Assembly, No. 3942 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning childbirth and supplementing Title 26 of the
2 Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. An acute care general hospital licensed pursuant to
8 P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) shall permit a pregnant woman
9 to have at least one individual to accompany the woman during the
10 period of labor and delivery in the room of the hospital where the
11 woman gives birth to her child.

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13 2. The Commissioner of Health shall adopt rules and
14 regulations, in accordance with the “Administrative Procedure Act,”
15 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as are necessary to effectuate
16 the provisions of this act ¹, including rules and regulations as to
17 restrictions an acute care general hospital may place on individuals
18 accompanying pregnant women during the period of labor and
19 delivery as provided in section 1 of this act¹.

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21 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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26 Requires hospital to permit individual to accompany woman
27 during childbirth.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted May 4, 2020.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3942

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED APRIL 13, 2020

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman RAJ MUKHERJI

District 33 (Hudson)

Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblywoman ELIANA PINTOR MARIN

District 29 (Essex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywomen Timberlake and Jimenez

SYNOPSIS

Requires hospital to permit individual to accompany woman during childbirth.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/4/2020)

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15 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as are necessary to effectuate the
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18 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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23 This bill requires a hospital to permit an individual to accompany
24 a woman during childbirth. Under the bill, a hospital is to permit a
25 pregnant woman to have at least one individual to accompany the
26 woman during the period of labor and delivery in the room of the
27 hospital where the woman gives birth to her child.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3942

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 4, 2020

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 3942.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill requires a hospital to permit a pregnant woman to have at least one individual to accompany the woman during the period of labor and delivery in the room of the hospital where the woman gives birth to her child.

Under the bill, the Commissioner of Health is to adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of the bill, including rules and regulations as to restrictions a hospital may place on individuals accompanying pregnant women during the period of labor and delivery.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments provide that the Commissioner of Health is to adopt rules and regulations as to restrictions a hospital may place on individuals accompanying pregnant women during the period of labor and delivery.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

SENATE, No. 2394

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 4, 2020

Sponsored by:

Senator LINDA R. GREENSTEIN

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Senator BRIAN P. STACK

District 33 (Hudson)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Addiego, T.Kean, Cruz-Perez, Ruiz, Brown and A.M.Bucco

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/14/2020)

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34 this bill, including rules and regulations as to restrictions a hospital
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period of labor and delivery.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2394

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 7, 2020

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2394.

This bill requires a hospital to permit an individual to accompany a woman during childbirth. Under the bill, a hospital is to permit a pregnant woman to have at least one individual to accompany the woman during the period of labor and delivery in the room of the hospital where the woman gives birth to her child.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

05/15/2020

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

A-3942/S-2394 (Mukherji)TRENTON – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills into law:

A-3942/S-2394 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle, Pintor Marin/Greenstein, Stack) - Requires hospital to permit individual to accompany woman during childbirth.

A-3969/S-2392 (Danielsen, Mukherji, Verrelli/Sarlo) - Allows extension of certain local government timeframes; allows local governments to accept certain payments; allows local governments to conduct certain meetings remotely; adjusts certain property tax distribution and notice requirements.

S-2344/A-3970 (Pou, Singer, Vitale/Reynolds-Jackson, Quijano, Zwicker) - Requires Medicaid and health insurance coverage for certain refills of prescription drugs during state of emergency.

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