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CHAPTER: 72

NJSA: 26:2V-1 to 26:2V-7
(Arthritis Quality of Life Initiative Act)

BILL NO: A2460 (Substituted for S1179)

SPONSOR(S): Collins and Doria

DATE INTRODUCED: September 28, 1998

COMMITTEE:

ASSEMBLY: Health; Appropriations

SENATE: Budget and Appropriations

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE:

ASSEMBLY: February 18, 1999

SENATE: March 22, 1999

DATE OF APPROVAL: April 29, 1999

THE FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL: *Yes*Original
(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

A2460

SPONSORS STATEMENT: *Yes* (*Begins on page 4 of original bill*)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

ASSEMBLY: Yes

October 29, 1998

January 21, 1999

SENATE: *Yes*

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: *No*

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: *No*

S1179

SPONSORS STATEMENT: *Yes (Begins on page 4 of original bill)*
(Bill and Sponsor's statement identical to A2460)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

ASSEMBLY: *No*

SENATE: *Yes*

November 23, 1998

March 18, 1999

(Identical to Senate Statement for A2460)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: *No*

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: *No*

GOVERNOR'S ACTIONS

VETO MESSAGE: *No*

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING: *No*

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Title 26
Chapter 2V. Arthritis
§§1-6,8
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26:2V-7
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P.L. 1999, CHAPTER 72, *approved April 29, 1999*
Assembly, No. 2460

1 AN ACT establishing an arthritis initiative, supplementing Title 26 of
2 the Revised Statutes, and making an appropriation.

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

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7 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Arthritis
8 Quality of Life Initiative Act."

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10 2. The Legislature finds and declares that:

11 a. Arthritis is the most common, crippling and costly chronic
12 disease in the United States; it affects 14.5% of the population or more
13 than 40 million Americans of all ages. One in every seven people and
14 one in every three families are affected by the disease;

15 b. Arthritis is the nation's number one disabling disease and
16 disables seven million Americans. It is one of the most common and
17 disabling chronic conditions reported by women and far exceeds the
18 reporting of hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, and breast, cervical
19 and ovarian cancers;

20 c. With an aggregate cost of about 1.1% of the gross national
21 product or an estimated \$64.8 billion annually in medical expenses,
22 lost wages and associated economic losses, arthritis and other
23 rheumatic diseases have a significant economic impact on the nation;

24 d. As the leading cause of industrial absenteeism after the common
25 cold, arthritis accounts nationally for 500 million days of restricted
26 activity and 27 million days lost from work each year;

27 e. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention project
28 that by the year 2020, the incidence of arthritis will increase by 59%
29 in the State and throughout the country, affecting 20% of the
30 population;

31 f. Programs and services presently are available that can
32 dramatically impact on early diagnosis and treatment as well as the
33 quality of life of people with arthritis; and

34 g. A mechanism for broader dissemination of these programs and
35 services aimed at prevention, information and education is needed to
36 help reduce the physical and emotional impact of arthritis and its
37 associated health care and related costs.

1 3. As used in this act:

2 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health and Senior
3 Services.

4 "Department" means the Department of Health and Senior Services.

5 "Initiative" means the arthritis quality of life initiative established
6 pursuant to this act.

7 "Arthritis" means any of the more than 130 types of arthritis and
8 rheumatic diseases.

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10 4. a. The commissioner shall establish an arthritis quality of life
11 initiative in the department. The purpose of the initiative is to
12 promote: public awareness about arthritis, options for prevention, the
13 value of early diagnosis and treatment, and the delivery of programs
14 and services aimed at prevention of complications and improvement of
15 quality of life. The department may accept, for the purpose of
16 establishing the initiative, any special grant of money, services or
17 property from the federal government or any of its agencies, or from
18 any foundation, organization or medical school, in addition to monies
19 provided by the State.

20 b. The initiative shall include the following:

21 (1) Development of a list of providers of specialized services for
22 arthritis, including a cautionary statement about the current status of
23 arthritis research, prevention and treatment;

24 (2) Development of two regionally-based pilot arthritis centers,
25 one in the northern and one in the southern part of the State; and

26 (3) Under the auspices of the Advisory Council on Arthritis
27 established pursuant to this act, development of a fact-finding and
28 planning process that shall address the development of:

29 (a) a public information and outreach campaign including
30 appropriate educational material to promote early diagnosis and
31 treatment of arthritis and other rheumatic diseases;

32 (b) a professional education program to promote quality expertise
33 in diagnosis, treatment and care;

34 (c) programs and services aimed at prevention of arthritis,
35 reducing complications and improving quality of life;

36 (d) an information, referral and support network to advocate on
37 behalf of people with arthritis; and

38 (e) outcome-based research for improvement of care and treatment
39 of arthritis.

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41 5. There is established an Advisory Council on Arthritis in the
42 department to advise the commissioner on the development and
43 implementation of the initiative. The council shall include: two
44 members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate,
45 who shall not be of the same political party; two members of the
46 General Assembly, to be appointed by the Speaker of the General

1 Assembly, who shall not be of the same political party; the Senior
2 Assistant Commissioner, Public Health Prevention and Protection and
3 the Assistant Commissioner, Division of Senior Services in the
4 department; the Director of the Division on Women in the Department
5 of Community Affairs and a member of the Interagency Council on
6 Osteoporosis, as ex officio members; and 15 public members to be
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9 educators, experts in arthritis research, prevention and treatment and
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12 without compensation and may be reimbursed for any expenses
13 incurred by them in the performance of their duties.

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20 appointments were made.

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22 after the appointment of its members and shall select a chairman from
23 among its members and a secretary who need not be a member of the
24 council.

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26 6. The commissioner shall report to the Governor and the
27 Legislature no later than 18 months after the effective date of this act,
28 and annually thereafter, on the activities and accomplishments of the
29 initiative.

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31 7. There is appropriated \$634,000 from the General Fund to the
32 department to effectuate the purposes of this act. The funds shall be
33 allocated as follows: \$232,000 for each of the two regionally-based
34 pilot arthritis centers, and \$170,000 for project development and
35 administration.

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38 Act," P.L.1698, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), shall adopt rules and
39 regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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41 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2460

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JACK COLLINS

District 3 (Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester)

Assemblyman JOSEPH V. DORIA, JR.

District 31 (Hudson)

Co-Sponsored by:

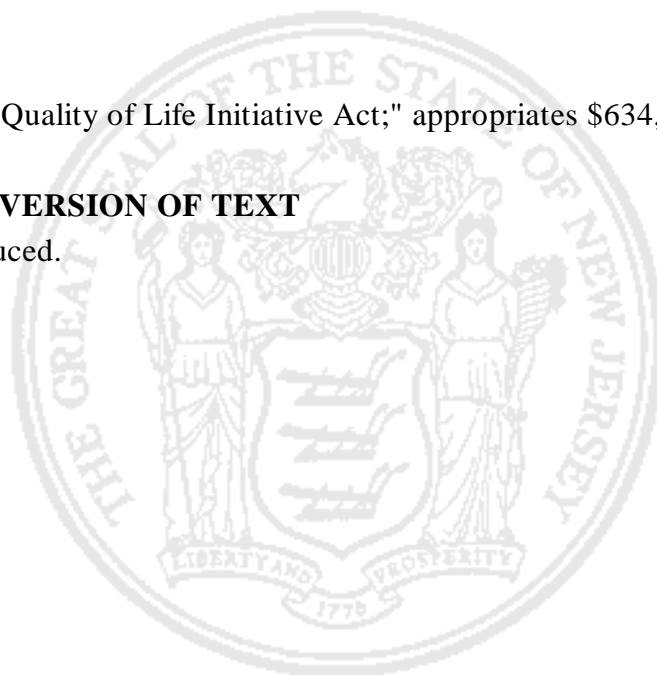
Assemblymen Faulkner, Romano, Cohen, Wisniewski, Kelly, Russo, Felice, Malone, Barnes, Bateman, Biondi, Assemblywoman Buono, Assemblyman Cottrell, Assemblywomen Friscia, Quigley, Assemblymen Blee, Conaway, Steele, Assemblywomen Cruz-Perez, Previte, Assemblymen DeCroce, Greenwald, Talarico, Assemblywoman Heck, Senators Matheussen, Singer, Vitale, Cardinale, Kosco, Adler, Zane, McNamara, Inverso and Baer

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ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2460

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 29, 1998

The Assembly Health Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2460.

This bill, which is designated the "Arthritis Quality of Life Initiative Act," establishes an arthritis quality of life initiative in the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). The purpose of the initiative is to promote: public awareness about arthritis, options for prevention, the value of early diagnosis and treatment, and the delivery of programs and services aimed at prevention of complications and improvement of quality of life.

The DHSS may accept, for the initiative, any special grant of money, services or property from the federal government or any of its agencies, or from any foundation, organization or medical school, in addition to monies provided by the State.

The arthritis quality of life initiative shall include: the development of a list of providers of specialized services for arthritis, including a cautionary statement about the current status of arthritis research, prevention and treatment; development of two regionally-based pilot arthritis centers, one in the northern and one in the southern part of the State; and under the auspices of the Advisory Council on Arthritis established pursuant to this bill, development of a fact-finding and planning process that shall address the development of:

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- outcome-based research for improvement of care and treatment for arthritis.

The bill establishes an Advisory Council on Arthritis in the DHSS to advise the commissioner on the development and implementation of the initiative. The council shall include two members each from the Senate and the General Assembly, to be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly, respectively,

who in each case shall not be of the same political party. Other members of the council shall include the following: the Senior Assistant Commissioner, Public Health Prevention and Protection and the Assistant Commissioner, Division of Senior Services in the DHSS, the Director of the Division on Women in the Department of Community Affairs and a member of the Interagency Council on Osteoporosis, who will serve ex officio, and 15 public members who shall include: representatives of persons with arthritis; arthritis health organizations; public health educators; experts in arthritis research, prevention and treatment and health care strategic planning; and health care providers, including physicians and nurses.

The bill requires the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to report to the Governor and the Legislature no later than 18 months after the effective date of the bill, and annually thereafter, on the activities and accomplishments of the arthritis quality of life initiative.

Finally, the bill appropriates \$634,000 from the General Fund to the DHSS. The funds shall be allocated as follows: \$232,000 for each of the two regionally-based pilot arthritis centers and \$170,000 for project development and administration.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1179 (Matheussen/Singer), which is currently pending in the Senate Health Committee.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2460

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 21, 1999

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2460.

Assembly Bill No 2460 establishes an arthritis quality of life initiative in the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). The purpose of the initiative is to promote: public awareness about arthritis, options for prevention, the value of early diagnosis and treatment, and the delivery of programs and services aimed at prevention of complications and improvement of quality of life.

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The bill establishes an Advisory Council on Arthritis in the DHSS to advise the commissioner on the development and implementation of the initiative. The council shall include two members each from the Senate and the General Assembly, to be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly, respectively, who in each case shall not be of the same political party. Other members of the council shall include the following: the Senior Assistant Commissioner, Public Health Prevention and Protection and the Assistant Commissioner, Division of Senior Services in the DHSS, the Director of the Division on Women in the Department of Community Affairs and a member of the Interagency Council on Osteoporosis, who will serve ex officio, and 15 public members who shall include: representatives of persons with arthritis; arthritis health organizations; public health educators; experts in arthritis research, prevention and treatment and health care strategic planning; and health care providers, including physicians and nurses.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill appropriates \$634,000 from the General Fund to the DHSS. The funds shall be allocated as follows: \$232,000 for each of the two regionally-based pilot arthritis centers and \$170,000 for project development and administration.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2460

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 18, 1999

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2460.

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The bill establishes a 23-member Advisory Council on Arthritis in DHSS to advise the commissioner on the development and implementation of the initiative, and under whose auspices the fact-finding and planning process would be developed. The council shall consist of: four members of the Legislature, including two members of the Senate not of the same political party, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and two members of the General Assembly not of the same political party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly; four Executive Branch members, including the Senior Assistant Commissioner, Public Health Prevention and Protection and the Assistant Commissioner, Division of Senior Services in DHSS, the Director of the Division on Women in the

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SENATE, No. 1179

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 11, 1998

Sponsored by:

Senator JOHN J. MATHEUSSEN
District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Kosco, Adler, Zane, McNamara, Inverso and Baer

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10 2. The Legislature finds and declares that:

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12 disease in the United States; it affects 14.5% of the population or more
13 than 40 million Americans of all ages. One in every seven people and
14 one in every three families are affected by the disease;

15 b. Arthritis is the nation's number one disabling disease and
16 disables seven million Americans. It is one of the most common and
17 disabling chronic conditions reported by women and far exceeds the
18 reporting of hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, and breast, cervical
19 and ovarian cancers;

20 c. With an aggregate cost of about 1.1% of the gross national
21 product or an estimated \$64.8 billion annually in medical expenses,
22 lost wages and associated economic losses, arthritis and other
23 rheumatic diseases have a significant economic impact on the nation;

24 d. As the leading cause of industrial absenteeism after the common
25 cold, arthritis accounts nationally for 500 million days of restricted
26 activity and 27 million days lost from work each year;

27 e. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention project
28 that by the year 2020, the incidence of arthritis will increase by 59%
29 in the State and throughout the country, affecting 20% of the
30 population;

31 f. Programs and services presently are available that can
32 dramatically impact on early diagnosis and treatment as well as the
33 quality of life of people with arthritis; and

34 g. A mechanism for broader dissemination of these programs and
35 services aimed at prevention, information and education is needed to
36 help reduce the physical and emotional impact of arthritis and its
37 associated health care and related costs.

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39 3. As used in this act:

40 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health and Senior
41 Services.

42 "Department" means the Department of Health and Senior Services.

43 "Initiative" means the arthritis quality of life initiative established
44 pursuant to this act.

45 "Arthritis" means any of the more than 130 types of arthritis and
46 rheumatic diseases.

1 4. a. The commissioner shall establish an arthritis quality of life
2 initiative in the department. The purpose of the initiative is to
3 promote: public awareness about arthritis, options for prevention, the
4 value of early diagnosis and treatment, and the delivery of programs
5 and services aimed at prevention of complications and improvement of
6 quality of life. The department may accept, for the purpose of
7 establishing the initiative, any special grant of money, services or
8 property from the federal government or any of its agencies, or from
9 any foundation, organization or medical school, in addition to monies
10 provided by the State.

11 b. The initiative shall include the following:

12 (1) Development of a list of providers of specialized services for
13 arthritis, including a cautionary statement about the current status of
14 arthritis research, prevention and treatment;

15 (2) Development of two regionally-based pilot arthritis centers,
16 one in the northern and one in the southern part of the State; and

17 (3) Under the auspices of the Advisory Council on Arthritis
18 established pursuant to this act, development of a fact-finding and
19 planning process that shall address the development of:

20 (a) a public information and outreach campaign including
21 appropriate educational material to promote early diagnosis and
22 treatment of arthritis and other rheumatic diseases;

23 (b) a professional education program to promote quality expertise
24 in diagnosis, treatment and care;

25 (c) programs and services aimed at prevention of arthritis,
26 reducing complications and improving quality of life;

27 (d) an information, referral and support network to advocate on
28 behalf of people with arthritis; and

29 (e) outcome-based research for improvement of care and treatment
30 of arthritis.

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32 5. There is established an Advisory Council on Arthritis in the
33 department to advise the commissioner on the development and
34 implementation of the initiative. The council shall include: two
35 members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate,
36 who shall not be of the same political party; two members of the
37 General Assembly, to be appointed by the Speaker of the General
38 Assembly, who shall not be of the same political party; the Senior
39 Assistant Commissioner, Public Health Prevention and Protection and
40 the Assistant Commissioner, Division of Senior Services in the
41 department; the Director of the Division on Women in the Department
42 of Community Affairs and a member of the Interagency Council on
43 Osteoporosis, as ex officio members; and 15 public members to be
44 appointed by the commissioner who may include representatives of
45 persons with arthritis, arthritis health organizations, public health
46 educators, experts in arthritis research, prevention and treatment and

1 health care strategic planning, and health care providers including
2 physicians and nurses. The public members of the council shall serve
3 without compensation and may be reimbursed for any expenses
4 incurred by them in the performance of their duties.

5 Legislative members shall serve during their terms of office. Public
6 members shall serve for a term of three years from the date of their
7 appointment and until their successors are appointed and qualified;
8 except that of the first appointments made: five shall be for a term of
9 one year, five for two years, and five for three years.

10 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original
11 appointments were made.

12 The advisory council shall organize as soon as may be practicable
13 after the appointment of its members and shall select a chairman from
14 among its members and a secretary who need not be a member of the
15 council.

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17 6. The commissioner shall report to the Governor and the
18 Legislature no later than 18 months after the effective date of this act,
19 and annually thereafter, on the activities and accomplishments of the
20 initiative.

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22 7. There is appropriated \$634,000 from the General Fund to the
23 department to effectuate the purposes of this act. The funds shall be
24 allocated as follows: \$232,000 for each of the two regionally-based
25 pilot arthritis centers, and \$170,000 for project development and
26 administration.

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28 8. The commissioner, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure
29 Act," P.L.1698, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), shall adopt rules and
30 regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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32 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

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35 STATEMENT

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37 This bill, which is designated the "Arthritis Quality of Life Initiative
38 Act," establishes an arthritis quality of life initiative in the Department
39 of Health and Senior Services. The purpose of the initiative is to
40 promote: public awareness about arthritis, options for prevention, the
41 value of early diagnosis and treatment, and the delivery of programs
42 and services aimed at prevention of complications and improvement of
43 quality of life. The department may accept, for the initiative, any
44 special grant of money, services or property from the federal
45 government or any of its agencies, or from any foundation,
46 organization or medical school, in addition to monies provided by the

1 State. The initiative shall include: the development of a list of
2 providers of specialized services for arthritis, including a cautionary
3 statement about the current status of arthritis research, prevention and
4 treatment; development of two regionally-based pilot arthritis centers,
5 one in the northern and one in the southern part of the State; and
6 under the auspices of the Advisory Council on Arthritis established
7 pursuant to this bill, development of a fact-finding and planning
8 process that shall address the development of:

- 9 • a public information and outreach campaign including
10 appropriate educational material to promote early diagnosis
11 and treatment of arthritis and other rheumatic diseases;
- 12 • a professional education program to promote quality expertise
13 in diagnosis, treatment and care;
- 14 • programs and services aimed at prevention of arthritis,
15 reducing complications and improving quality of life;
- 16 • an information, referral and support network to advocate on
17 behalf of people with arthritis; and
- 18 • outcome-based research for improvement of care and treatment
19 for arthritis.

20 The bill establishes an Advisory Council on Arthritis in the
21 Department of Health and Senior Services to advise the commissioner
22 on the development and implementation of the initiative. The council
23 shall include: two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the
24 President of the Senate, who shall not be of the same political party;
25 and two members of the General Assembly, to be appointed by the
26 Speaker of the General Assembly, who shall not be of the same
27 political party. Other members of the council shall include the
28 following: the Senior Assistant Commissioner, Public Health
29 Prevention and Protection and the Assistant Commissioner, Division
30 of Senior Services in the department, the Director of the Division on
31 Women in the Department of Community Affairs and a member of the
32 Interagency Council on Osteoporosis, who will serve ex officio, and
33 15 public members who shall include representatives of persons with
34 arthritis, arthritis health organizations, public health educators, experts
35 in arthritis research, prevention and treatment and health care strategic
36 planning, and health care providers, including physicians and nurses.

37 This bill appropriates \$634,000 from the General Fund to the
38 department. The funds shall be allocated as follows: \$232,000 for
39 each of the two regionally-based pilot arthritis centers, and \$170,000
40 for project development and administration.

SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1179

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 23, 1998

The Senate Health Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1179.

This bill, which is designated the "Arthritis Quality of Life Initiative Act," establishes an arthritis quality of life initiative in the Department of Health and Senior Services. The purpose of the initiative is to promote: public awareness about arthritis, options for prevention, the value of early diagnosis and treatment, and the delivery of programs and services aimed at prevention of complications and improvement of quality of life.

The initiative shall include: the development of a list of providers of specialized services for arthritis, including a cautionary statement about the current status of arthritis research, prevention and treatment; development of two regionally-based pilot arthritis centers, one in the northern and one in the southern part of the State; and under the auspices of the Advisory Council on Arthritis established in this bill, development of a fact-finding and planning process that shall address the development of:

- a public information and outreach campaign including appropriate educational material to promote early diagnosis and treatment of arthritis and other rheumatic diseases;
- a professional education program to promote quality expertise in diagnosis, treatment and care;
- programs and services aimed at prevention of arthritis, reducing complications and improving quality of life;
- an information, referral and support network to advocate on behalf of people with arthritis; and
- outcome-based research for improvement of care and treatment for arthritis.

The bill establishes an Advisory Council on Arthritis in the Department of Health and Senior Services to advise the commissioner on the development and implementation of the initiative. The council shall include: two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, who shall not be of the same political party; and two members of the General Assembly, to be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly, who shall not be of the same political party. Other members of the council shall include the

following: the Senior Assistant Commissioner, Public Health Prevention and Protection and the Assistant Commissioner, Division of Senior Services in the department, the Director of the Division on Women in the Department of Community Affairs and a member of the Interagency Council on Osteoporosis, who will serve ex officio, and 15 public members who shall include representatives of persons with arthritis, arthritis health organizations, public health educators, experts in arthritis research, prevention and treatment and health care strategic planning, and health care providers, including physicians and nurses.

The bill provides that the department may accept, for the initiative, any special grant of money, services or property from the federal government or any of its agencies, or from any foundation, organization or medical school, in addition to monies provided by the State.

Finally, the bill appropriates \$634,000 from the General Fund to the department. The funds shall be allocated as follows: \$232,000 for each of the two regionally-based pilot arthritis centers, and \$170,000 for project development and administration.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2460 (Collins/Doria), which is pending before the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1179

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 18, 1999

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1179.

This bill, which is designated the "Arthritis Quality of Life Initiative Act," provides for the establishment of an arthritis quality of life initiative in the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). The purpose of the initiative is to promote: public awareness about arthritis, options for prevention, the value of early diagnosis and treatment, and the delivery of programs and services aimed at prevention of complications and improvement of quality of life. The initiative is to include the development of:

(1) a list of providers of specialized services for arthritis, including a cautionary statement about the current status of arthritis research, prevention and treatment;

(2) two regionally-based pilot arthritis centers, one in the northern and one in the southern part of the State; and

(3) a fact-finding and planning process that addresses the development of (a) a public information and outreach campaign including appropriate educational material to promote early diagnosis and treatment of arthritis and other rheumatic diseases, (b) a professional education program to promote quality expertise in diagnosis, treatment and care, (c) programs and services aimed at prevention of arthritis, reducing complications and improving quality of life, (d) an information, referral and support network to advocate on behalf of people with arthritis, and (e) outcome-based research for improvement of care and treatment for arthritis.

The bill establishes a 23-member Advisory Council on Arthritis in DHSS to advise the commissioner on the development and implementation of the initiative, and under whose auspices the fact-finding and planning process would be developed. The council shall consist of: four members of the Legislature, including two members of the Senate not of the same political party, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and two members of the General Assembly not of the same political party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly; four Executive Branch members, including the Senior Assistant Commissioner, Public Health Prevention and Protection and the Assistant Commissioner, Division of Senior Services in DHSS, the Director of the Division on Women in the

Department of Community Affairs, and a member of the Interagency Council on Osteoporosis, with each of the Executive Branch members serving *ex officio*; and 15 public members, who may include representatives of persons with arthritis, arthritis health organizations, public health educators, experts in arthritis research, prevention and treatment and health care strategic planning, and health care providers, including physicians and nurses.

The bill provides that, in addition to monies provided by the State, DHSS may accept for the initiative any special grant of money, services or property from the federal government or any of its agencies, or from any foundation, organization or medical school.

The bill appropriates \$634,000 from the General Fund to DHSS. The funds shall be allocated as follows: \$232,000 for each of the two regionally-based pilot arthritis centers, and \$170,000 for project development and administration.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2460.

FISCAL IMPACT

This legislation appropriates \$634,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services. Of that amount, \$464,000 is to support two pilot arthritis centers, and \$170,000 is to fund project development and administration.