

# 26:2M-7.1

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**SPONSOR(S)** Singer and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** December 4, 2003

**COMMITTEE:**               **ASSEMBLY:** -----  
**SENATE:** Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**         **ASSEMBLY:** January 12, 2004  
**SENATE:** January 8, 2004

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** January 14, 2004

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (1<sup>st</sup> reprint enacted)

(Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks)

**S2784**

**[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:](#)** (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**               **ASSEMBLY:** No

**[SENATE:](#)** [Yes](#)

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

**A3694**

**[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:](#)** (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**               **[ASSEMBLY:](#)** [Yes](#)

**SENATE:** No

**[FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:](#)** [Yes](#)

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P.L. 2003, CHAPTER 268, *approved January 14, 2004*  
Senate, No. 2784 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning long-term care facilities and supplementing Title  
2 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. <sup>1</sup>[As a condition of licensure, a] A<sup>1</sup> long-term care facility that  
8 provides specialized care of patients with Alzheimer's disease and  
9 related disorders, as defined in section 2 of P.L.1988, c.114 (C.26:2M-  
10 10), shall:

11 a. compile and maintain daily records for each shift in the facility  
12 and provide to a member of the public, upon request, information that  
13 indicates for each shift, as appropriate:

14 (1) the number of nurses, including the aggregate total of  
15 registered professional nurses and licensed practical nurses, providing  
16 direct care to patients <sup>1</sup>diagnosed<sup>1</sup> with Alzheimer's disease and  
17 related disorders; and

18 (2) the number of certified nurse aides providing direct care to  
19 patients <sup>1</sup>diagnosed<sup>1</sup> with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders;  
20 and

21 b. provide a member of the public seeking placement of a person  
22 <sup>1</sup>diagnosed<sup>1</sup> with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders in the facility  
23 with a clear and concise written list that indicates:

24 (1) the activities that are specifically directed toward patients  
25 <sup>1</sup>diagnosed<sup>1</sup> with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, including,  
26 but not limited to, those designed to maintain dignity and personal  
27 identity, enhance socialization and success, and accommodate the  
28 cognitive and functional ability of a patient;

29 (2) the frequency of the activities listed in paragraph (1) of this  
30 subsection; and

31 (3) the safety policies and procedures and any security monitoring  
32 system that is specific to patients <sup>1</sup>diagnosed<sup>1</sup> with Alzheimer's disease  
33 and related disorders.

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35 2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment.

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39 Requires long-term care facilities to provide list of certain services  
40 related to care of patients with Alzheimer's disease.

**EXPLANATION** - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and 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> Senate SHH committee amendments adopted December 15, 2003.

**SENATE, No. 2784**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**210th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 4, 2003

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator ROBERT W. SINGER**

**District 30 (Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean)**

**Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE**

**District 19 (Middlesex)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires long-term care facilities to provide list of certain services related to care of patients with Alzheimer's disease.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning long-term care facilities and supplementing Title  
2 26 of the Revised Statutes.

3

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

6

7 1. As a condition of licensure, a long-term care facility that  
8 provides specialized care of patients with Alzheimer's disease and  
9 related disorders, as defined in section 2 of P.L.1988, c.114 (C.26:2M-  
10 10), shall:

11 a. compile and maintain daily records for each shift in the facility  
12 and provide to a member of the public, upon request, information that  
13 indicates for each shift, as appropriate:

14 (1) the number of nurses, including the aggregate total of  
15 registered professional nurses and licensed practical nurses, providing  
16 direct care to patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders;  
17 and

18 (2) the number of certified nurse aides providing direct care to  
19 patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; and

20 b. provide a member of the public seeking placement of a person  
21 with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders in the facility with a clear  
22 and concise written list that indicates:

23 (1) the activities that are specifically directed toward patients with  
24 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, including, but not limited to,  
25 those designed to maintain dignity and personal identity, enhance  
26 socialization and success, and accommodate the cognitive and  
27 functional ability of a patient;

28 (2) the frequency of the activities listed in paragraph (1) of this  
29 subsection; and

30 (3) the safety policies and procedures and any security monitoring  
31 system that is specific to patients with Alzheimer's disease and related  
32 disorders.

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34 2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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39 This bill provides that, as a condition of licensure, a long-term care  
40 facility that provides specialized care for patients with Alzheimer's  
41 disease and related disorders shall compile and maintain daily records  
42 for each shift in the facility and provide to a member of the public,  
43 upon request, information that indicates for each shift, as appropriate:  
44 \* the number of nurses, including the aggregate total of registered  
45 professional nurses and licensed practical nurses, providing direct care  
46 to patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; and

1 \* the number of certified nurse aides providing direct care to patients  
2 with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

3 In addition, the bill provides that the facility must provide a  
4 member of the public seeking placement of a person with Alzheimer's  
5 disease or related disorders in the facility with a clear and concise  
6 written list that indicates:

7 \* the activities that are specifically directed toward patients with  
8 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, including, but not limited to,  
9 those designed to maintain dignity and personal identity, enhance  
10 socialization and success, and accommodate the cognitive and  
11 functional ability of a patient;

12 \* the frequency of these activities; and

13 \* the safety policies and procedures and any security monitoring  
14 system that is specific to patients with Alzheimer's disease and related  
15 disorders.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2784**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 15, 2003

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2784.

As amended by committee, this bill provides that a long-term care facility that provides specialized care for patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders shall compile and maintain daily records for each shift in the facility and provide to a member of the public, upon request, information that indicates for each shift, as appropriate:

- the number of nurses, including the aggregate total of registered professional nurses and licensed practical nurses, providing direct care to patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; and

- the number of certified nurse aides providing direct care to patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

In addition, the bill provides that the facility must provide a member of the public seeking placement of a person diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders in the facility with a clear and concise written list that indicates:

- the activities that are specifically directed toward patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, including, but not limited to, those designed to maintain dignity and personal identity, enhance socialization and success, and accommodate the cognitive and functional ability of a patient;

- the frequency of these activities; and

- the safety policies and procedures and any security monitoring system that is specific to patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

The committee amended the bill to delete language that made compliance with the requirements of the bill a condition of facility licensure. Other amendments clarify that the provisions apply to patients "diagnosed" with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No.3694 (1R) (Stanley/R. Smith/Guear), which is pending before the General Assembly.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3694

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 5, 2003

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman CRAIG A. STANLEY**

**District 28 (Essex)**

**Assemblyman ROBERT J. SMITH**

**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Assemblyman GARY L. GUEAR, SR.**

**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

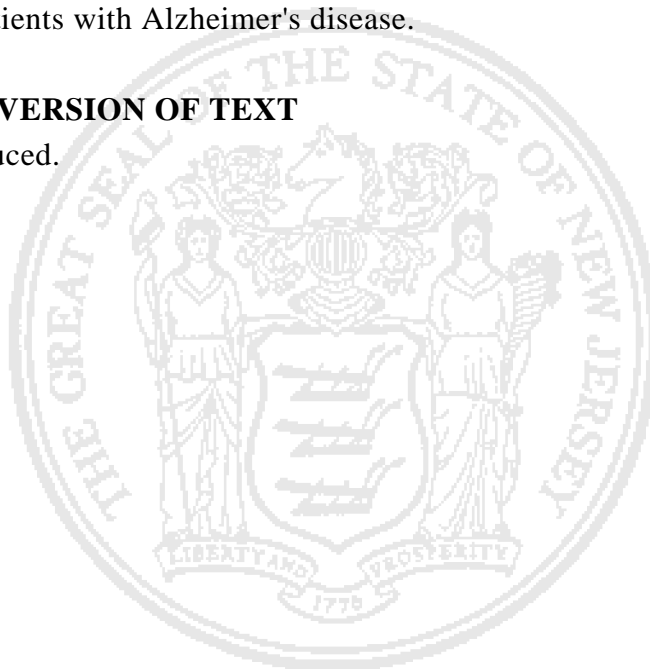
**Assemblymen Van Drew, S.Kean and Steele**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires long-term care facilities to provide list of certain services related to care of patients with Alzheimer's disease.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/20/2003)**



1 AN ACT concerning long-term care facilities and supplementing Title  
2 26 of the Revised Statutes.

3

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

6

7 1. As a condition of licensure, a long-term care facility that  
8 provides specialized care of patients with Alzheimer's disease and  
9 related disorders, as defined in section 2 of P.L.1988, c.114 (C.26:2M-  
10 10), shall provide, to a person seeking placement of a person with  
11 Alzheimer's disease or related disorders in the long-term care facility,  
12 a clear and concise written list describing the facility's ability to  
13 provide specialized care for a patient with Alzheimer's disease and  
14 related disorders. The list shall include:

15 a. staffing ratios, which shall be averaged over a period of time and  
16 in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Health and Senior  
17 Services and shall contain:

18 (1) the number of registered professional nurses providing direct  
19 care to patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and the  
20 ratio of patients to registered professional nurses;

21 (2) the number of licensed practical nurses providing direct care to  
22 patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and the ratio of  
23 patients to licensed practical nurses; and

24 (3) the number of certified nurse aides providing direct care to  
25 patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and the ratio of  
26 patients to certified nurse aides;

27 b. activities that are specifically directed toward patients with  
28 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, including, but not limited to,  
29 those designed to maintain dignity and personal identity, enhance  
30 socialization and success, and accommodate the cognitive and  
31 functional ability of a patient;

32 c. the frequency of the activities listed in subsection b. of this  
33 section; and

34 d. the safety policies and procedures and any security monitoring  
35 system that is specific to patients with Alzheimer's disease and related  
36 disorders.

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38 2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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43 This bill provides that, as a condition of licensure, a long-term care  
44 facility that provides specialized care of patients with Alzheimer's  
45 disease and related disorders shall provide, to a person seeking  
46 placement of a person with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders in

1 the long-term care facility, a clear and concise written list describing  
2 the facility's ability to provide specialized care of a patient with  
3 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. The list shall include:  
4 ! staffing ratios, which shall be averaged over a period of time and in  
5 a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Health and Senior  
6 Services and shall contain:  
7 C the number of registered professional nurses providing direct  
8 care to patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders  
9 and the ratio patients to registered professional nurses;  
10 C the number of licensed practical nurses providing direct care to  
11 patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and the  
12 ratio of patients to licensed practical nurses; and  
13 C the number of certified nurse aides providing direct care to  
14 patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and the  
15 ratio of patients to certified nurse aides;  
16 ! activities that are specifically directed toward patients with  
17 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, including, but not limited  
18 to, those designed to maintain dignity and personal identity,  
19 enhance socialization and success, and accommodate the cognitive  
20 and functional ability of a patient;  
21 ! the frequency of these activities; and  
22 ! the safety policies and procedures and any security monitoring  
23 system that is specific to patients with Alzheimer's disease and  
24 related disorders.

# ASSEMBLY SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 3694**

with committee amendments

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 19, 2003

The Assembly Senior Issues Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 3694.

As amended by the committee, this bill provides that, as a condition of licensure, a long-term care facility that provides specialized care for patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders shall compile and maintain daily records for each shift in the facility and provide to a member of the public, upon request, information that indicates for each shift, as appropriate:

- C the number of nurses, including the aggregate total of registered professional nurses and licensed practical nurses, providing direct care to patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; and
- C the number of certified nurse aides providing direct care to patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

In addition, the bill provides that the facility must provide a member of the public seeking placement of a person with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders in the facility with a clear and concise written list that indicates:

- C the activities that are specifically directed toward patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, including, but not limited to, those designed to maintain dignity and personal identity, enhance socialization and success, and accommodate the cognitive and functional ability of a patient;
- C the frequency of these activities; and
- C the safety policies and procedures and any security monitoring system that is specific to patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to require long-term care facilities to compile and maintain daily records for each shift in the facility and provide to a member of the public, upon request, information that indicates for each shift, the number of nurses and aides (registered professional nurses, licensed practical nurses and certified nurse aides)

providing direct care to patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. The amendments eliminated the requirement that a list including staffing ratios be provided to a person seeking placement of a person with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders in a long-term care facility.

# STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

## **ASSEMBLY, No. 3694**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed By Assemblyman STANLEY)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 15, 2003

This floor amendment deletes language that would make compliance with the bill's requirements a condition of licensure, but does not change the bill's requirement that a long-term care facility that provides specialized care of patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders compile and maintain certain daily records and provide, in the manner prescribed in the bill, information to a member of the public.

The amendment also clarifies that the bill refers to patients who are diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.