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[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (1st reprint enacted)

(Amendments during

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S2785

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

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

SENATE: [Yes](#)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

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P.L. 2003, CHAPTER 269, *approved January 14, 2004*

Senate, No. 2785 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning training in long-term care facilities and
2 supplementing Title 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. a. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall
8 establish a mandatory training program for long-term care facility staff,
9 as described in subsection b. of this section, in the specialized care of
10 patients who are diagnosed by a physician as having Alzheimer's
11 disease or a related disorder. The training program shall include the
12 causes and progression of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders
13 and methods to deal with the specific problems encountered in the care
14 of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, including,
15 but not ¹[be]¹ limited to: communicating with patients with
16 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; psychological, social and
17 physical needs of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related
18 disorders; and safety measures which need to be taken for a patient
19 with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

20 b. A long-term care facility shall annually provide training, under
21 the training program established pursuant to subsection a. of this
22 section, to a certified nurse aide, licensed practical nurse, registered
23 professional nurse and other health care professionals, as appropriate,
24 who provide direct care to a patient in the facility ¹who is diagnosed
25 as having Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder¹.

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27 2. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, pursuant to
28 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
29 seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of
30 this act.

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32 3. This act shall take effect on the 120th day after enactment.

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37 Requires certain long-term care facilities to provide training in
38 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

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:

¹ Senate SHH committee amendments adopted December 15, 2003.

SENATE, No. 2785

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 certain long-term care facilities to provide training in Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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24 who provide direct care to a patient in the facility.

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28 seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of
29 this act.

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31 3. This act shall take effect on the 120th day after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill requires the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services
37 to establish a mandatory training program for long-term care facility
38 staff in the specialized care of patients who are diagnosed by a
39 physician as having Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. The
40 training program would include the causes and progression of
41 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and methods to deal with the
42 specific problems encountered in the care of patients with Alzheimer's
43 disease and related disorders, including, but not be limited to:

44 * communicating with patients with Alzheimer's disease and related
45 disorders;

46 * psychological, social and physical needs of patients with

1 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; and
2 * safety measures which need to be taken for a patient with
3 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

4 The bill provides that a long-term care facility must annually
5 provide the training established pursuant to the bill to a certified nurse
6 aide, licensed practical nurse, registered professional nurse and other
7 health care professionals, as appropriate, who provide direct care to
8 a patient in a long-term care facility.

9 Lastly, the bill requires the commissioner to adopt rules and
10 regulations to effectuate the bill's purposes.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2785

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. 2785.

As amended by committee, this bill requires the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to establish a mandatory training program for long-term care facility staff in the specialized care of patients who are diagnosed by a physician as having Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. The training program would include the causes and progression of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and methods to deal with the specific problems encountered in the care of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, including, but not limited to:

- communicating with patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders;
- psychological, social and physical needs of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; and
- safety measures which need to be taken for a patient with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

The bill provides that a long-term care facility must annually provide the training established pursuant to the bill to a certified nurse aide, licensed practical nurse, registered professional nurse and other health care professionals, as appropriate, who provide direct care to a patient in a long-term care facility diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder.

Lastly, the bill requires the commissioner to adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the bill's purposes.

The committee amended the bill to clarify that the training requirement specifically applies to those direct care staff at a facility who provide care to patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3692 (1R) (Aa) (Stanley/Burzichelli/Fisher), which is pending before the General Assembly.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3692

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 5, 2003

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman CRAIG A. STANLEY

District 28 (Essex)

Assemblyman JOHN J. BURZICHELLI

District 3 (Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester)

Assemblyman DOUGLAS H. FISHER

District 3 (Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester)

Co-Sponsored by:

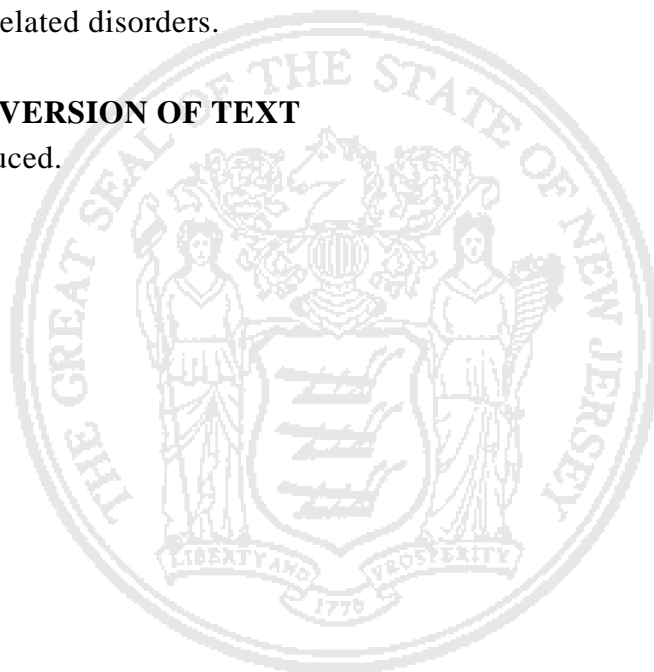
Assemblymen Van Drew, S.Kean and Steele

SYNOPSIS

Requires certain long-term care facilities to provide training in Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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

1 AN ACT concerning training in long-term care facilities and
2 supplementing Title 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. 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 annually provide a minimum of four hours of dementia
11 training to a certified nurse aide providing direct care to a patient with
12 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in the facility. The training
13 shall include, but not be limited to: methods of communicating with
14 patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; psychological,
15 social and physical needs of patients with Alzheimer's disease and
16 related disorders; causes and progression of Alzheimer's disease and
17 related disorders; and safety measures which need to be taken for a
18 patient with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

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20 2. This act shall take effect on the 120th day after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill requires that, as a condition of licensure, a long-term care
26 facility that provides specialized care of patients with Alzheimer's
27 disease and related disorders shall annually provide a minimum of four
28 hours of dementia training to a certified nurse aide providing direct
29 care to a patient with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in the
30 facility.

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32 Under the provisions of the bill, the training would include, but not
be limited to:

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34 C methods of communicating with patients with Alzheimer's disease
and related disorders;

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36 C psychological, social and physical needs of patients with
Alzheimer's disease and related disorders;

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38 C causes and progression of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders;
and

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40 C safety measures which need to be taken for a patient with
Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

ASSEMBLY SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3692

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. 3692.

As amended by the committee, this bill requires the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to establish a mandatory training program for long-term care facility staff in the specialized care of patients who are diagnosed by a physician as having Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. The training program would include the causes and progression of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and methods to deal with the specific problems encountered in the care of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, including, but not be limited to:

- C communicating with patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders;
- C psychological, social and physical needs of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; and
- C safety measures which need to be taken for a patient with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

The bill provides that a long-term care facility must annually provide the training established pursuant to the bill to a certified nurse aide, licensed practical nurse, registered professional nurse and other health care professionals, as appropriate, who provide direct care to a patient in a long-term care facility.

Lastly, the bill requires the commissioner to adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the bill's purposes.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to:

- C require the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to establish a mandatory training program for long-term care facility staff in the specialized care of patients diagnosed by a physician as having Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder;
- C provide that a long-term care facility must annually provide the training to a certified nurse aide, licensed practical nurse, registered professional nurse and other health care professionals,

as appropriate, who provide direct care to a patient in the facility. Under the original bill, the training program was directed only to certified nurse aides; and

- C require the commissioner to adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the bill's purposes.

The committee amendments also delete language in the bill that had provided that, as a condition of licensure, a long-term care facility that provides specialized care of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders must annually provide a minimum of four hours of dementia training.

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 3692

with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Assemblyman STANLEY)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 15, 2003

This floor amendment clarifies that the training program established under the bill would be limited to a certified nurse aide, licensed practical nurse, registered professional nurse and other health care professionals, as appropriate, who provide direct care to a patient diagnosed by a physician as having Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder, rather than to all patients.