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LAWS OF: 2004 **CHAPTER:** 158

NJSA: 26:1A-4 (Adds two members to Public Health Council)

BILL NO: S684 (Substituted for A2546)

SPONSOR(S): Vitale and others

DATE INTRODUCED: January 26, 2004

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

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** October 7, 2004

SENATE: March 22, 2004

DATE OF APPROVAL: November 22, 2004

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

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

S684

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

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

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

A2546

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

SENATE: No

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P.L. 2004, CHAPTER 158, *approved November 22, 2004*
Senate, No. 684 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the membership of the Public Health Council and
2 amending P.L.1947, c.177.

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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. Section 4 of P.L.1947, c.177 (C.26:1A-4) is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 4. There shall be in the department a Public Health Council which
10 shall consist of ~~[8]~~ 10 members, each of whom shall be chosen with
11 due regard to his knowledge of and interest in public health and each
12 of whom shall be a citizen of this State. Two of such members shall
13 be duly licensed physicians ~~[and 1]~~, one member shall be a dentist
14 licensed to practice in the State of New Jersey, one member shall be
15 a person knowledgeable by education or professional experience in
16 ¹[chemical or biological] health-related aspects of terrorism¹ agents
17 that may be used in acts of terrorism, and one member shall be a public
18 health professional. Each member shall be appointed by the Governor,
19 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of 7 years
20 and until his successor is appointed and qualified; provided, however,
21 that the first appointments hereunder shall be for terms which shall
22 commence on July 1, 1947, and shall continue 1 for 1 year, 1 for 2
23 years, 1 for 3 years, 1 for 4 years, 1 for 5 years, 1 for 6 years, and 1
24 for 7 years; and provided further, that the term of the dentist member
25 first appointed shall commence on July 1, 1954.

26 Any member of the Public Health Council may be removed from
27 office by the Governor, for cause.

28 Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the council for any
29 cause shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment but
30 for the unexpired term only.

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32 shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance
33 of their duties.

34 (cf: P.L.1954, c.158, s.1)

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SHH committee amendments adopted February 9, 2004.

SENATE, No. 684

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 26, 2004

Sponsored by:
Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE
District 19 (Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



S684 VITALE

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22 and shall continue 1 for 1 year, 1 for 2 years, 1 for 3 years, 1 for 4
23 years, 1 for 5 years, 1 for 6 years, and 1 for 7 years; and provided
24 further, that the term of the dentist member first appointed shall
25 commence on July 1, 1954.

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2 who is a public health professional.

3 N.J.S.A.26:1A-4, which establishes the Public Health Council in the
4 Department of Health and Senior Services, provides that the members
5 of the council shall be chosen with due regard to their knowledge of
6 and interest in public health, and although the responsibility of the
7 Public Health Council is to establish "such reasonable sanitary
8 regulations ... as may be necessary properly to preserve and improve
9 the public health in this State," the statute only specifies that two of
10 the members shall be physicians and one member shall be a dentist.

11 The sponsor recognizes that while members of the council are
12 knowledgeable about public health issues, the work of the council will
13 be strengthened by specifying that at least one member be a public
14 health professional. Also, with the heightened focus in the State on
15 domestic preparedness against acts of bioterrorism, which acts impact
16 the public health, the work of the council will be enhanced by adding
17 a member with expertise in chemical or biological agents that may be
18 used in acts of terrorism.

ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 684

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 3, 2004

The Assembly Health and Human Services Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 684 (1R).

This bill increases the membership of the Public Health Council from eight to 10 members by adding one member who is knowledgeable by education or professional experience in health-related aspects of terrorism agents that may be used in acts of terrorism and one member who is a public health professional.

N.J.S.A.26:1A-4, which establishes the Public Health Council in the Department of Health and Senior Services, provides that the members of the council are to be chosen with due regard to their knowledge of and interest in public health, and although the responsibility of the Public Health Council is to establish "such reasonable sanitary regulations ... as may be necessary properly to preserve and improve the public health in this State," the statute only specifies that two of the members are to be physicians and one member a dentist. With the heightened focus in the State on domestic preparedness against acts of bioterrorism, which acts impact the public health, the work of the council will be enhanced by adding a member with expertise in health-related aspects of terrorism agents that may be used in acts of terrorism. Similarly, given the council's mandate to preserve and improve the public health, the work of the council will be strengthened by requiring that at least one member be a public health professional.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2546 (Wisniewski), which the committee also reported on this date.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 684

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 9, 2004

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 684.

As amended by committee, this bill increases the membership of the Public Health Council from eight to 10 members by adding one member who is knowledgeable by education or professional experience in health-related aspects of terrorism agents that may be used in acts of terrorism and one member who is a public health professional.

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The committee amended the bill to clarify that one of the additional members of the council shall be knowledgeable in health-related aspects of terrorism agents that may be used in acts of terrorism, rather than in chemical or biological agents that may be used in acts of terrorism, as the bill originally provided.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2546

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 15, 2004

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOHN S. WISNIEWSKI

District 19 (Middlesex)

Assemblyman JOSEPH VAS

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Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Eagler and Manzo

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