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NJSA: 26:2-180 (Establishes post-polio sequelae public awareness campaign)

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COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Health and Human Services

SENATE: Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens

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DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** March 11, 2004

SENATE: May 12, 2005

DATE OF APPROVAL: June 15, 2005

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (Original version of bill enacted)

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

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

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

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P.L. 2005, CHAPTER 98, *approved June 15, 2005*
Assembly, No. 1988

1 AN ACT concerning post-polio sequelae and supplementing Title 26
2 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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8 a. There are estimated to be 1.63 million American polio survivors,
9 50,000 in New Jersey alone;

10 b. At least 70% of paralytic and 40% of non-paralytic polio
11 survivors are developing post-polio sequelae, which consist of
12 unexpected and often disabling symptoms, including overwhelming
13 fatigue, muscle weakness, muscle and joint pain, sleep disorders,
14 heightened sensitivity to anesthesia, cold and pain, and difficulty
15 swallowing and breathing, and which occur 35 years after the initial
16 poliovirus attack;

17 c. Post-polio sequelae can be treated and even prevented if polio
18 survivors are taught to conserve energy and stop abusing poliovirus-
19 damaged neurons, muscles and joints and are prescribed needed
20 assistive devices;

21 d. Polio survivors have unique health problems, including sleep
22 disorders, heightened sensitivity to anesthesia, cold and pain, and
23 difficulty swallowing and breathing, which require special attention
24 from medical professionals; and

25 e. It is in the public interest to make information about post-polio
26 sequelae available to the general public through health care providers,
27 so that polio survivors and their family members can learn about the
28 various aspects of this condition.

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30 2. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall establish
31 a public awareness campaign to inform the general public about post-
32 polio sequelae, for which purpose the commissioner shall provide for
33 the development of educational materials, in consultation with health
34 care facilities and providers that have a demonstrated record of
35 expertise and interest in this subject, which shall be made available to
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39 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

This bill requires the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to establish a public awareness campaign to inform the general public about post-polio sequelae. As part of this effort, the commissioner is to provide for the development of educational materials, in consultation with health care facilities and providers that have a demonstrated record of expertise and interest in this subject, which are to be made available to local boards of health, physicians, hospitals and clinics for distribution to consumers.

This bill is based upon one of the recommendations that was presented to the Assembly Health and Human Services Committee in connection with its public hearing on the subject of women and disability-related issues on May 10, 2002.

Establishes post-polio sequelae public awareness campaign.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1988

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 26, 2004

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman LORETTA WEINBERG

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblyman LOUIS MANZO

District 31 (Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1988

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 9, 2004

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This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2486 of 2002 (Weinberg/Johnson), which this committee reported during the prior session. The bill passed the General Assembly by 74-0-1 on September 23, 2002 and was pending in the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee at the conclusion of the 210th Legislature.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 8, 2004

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