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P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 65, *approved April 9, 2007*  
Senate, No. 942 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning long-term care <sup>1</sup>and adult day health services<sup>1</sup>  
2 facilities and 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. <sup>2</sup>a.<sup>2</sup> The Department of Health and Senior Services shall make  
8 available to the public, through its official department website,  
9 information regarding<sup>2</sup>:

10 (1)<sup>2</sup> the ownership of <sup>2</sup>each<sup>2</sup> long-term care <sup>2</sup>[<sup>1</sup>and adult day  
11 health services<sup>1</sup> facilities] facility and adult day health services  
12 facility<sup>2</sup> licensed by the department<sup>2</sup>; and

13 (2) any violation of statutory standards or rules and regulations  
14 of the department pertaining to the care of patients or physical plant  
15 standards found at any such facility by the department<sup>2</sup>.

16 <sup>2</sup>b.<sup>2</sup> The information <sup>2</sup>made available to the public pursuant to  
17 subsection a. of this section<sup>2</sup> shall be provided in a manner that  
18 would enable a member of the public to search the website by name  
19 of a facility or its owner in order to access the information. The  
20 department shall also make the information available in writing,  
21 upon request.

22 <sup>2</sup>c.<sup>2</sup> The information <sup>2</sup>regarding the ownership of a long-term  
23 care or adult day health services facility that is made available to  
24 the public pursuant to subsection a. of this section<sup>2</sup> shall provide, at  
25 a minimum: the name of the owner of a facility as listed on the  
26 facility's license and, if there is more than one owner or the facility  
27 is owned by a corporation, the name of each person who holds at  
28 least a 10% interest in the facility; the name of any other licensed  
29 long-term care <sup>1</sup>or adult day health services<sup>1</sup> facility in the State  
30 owned by this owner, corporation and each person who holds at  
31 least a 10% interest in the facility, as applicable; and the address  
32 and contact information for the facility.

33 <sup>2</sup>d. The information that is displayed on the official department  
34 website pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall include  
35 Internet web links to the New Jersey Report Card for Nursing  
36 Homes maintained by the department and the Medicare Nursing  
37 Home Compare database maintained by the federal Centers for  
38 Medicare & Medicaid Services.<sup>2</sup>

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

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is 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 January 26, 2006.

<sup>2</sup>Senate floor amendments adopted March 13, 2006.

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Requires DHSS to make certain information about long-term

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care and adult day health services facilities available on its website.

# SENATE, No. 942

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 17, 2006

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator ROBERT W. SINGER**

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

**Senator RONALD L. RICE**

**District 28 (Essex)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DHSS to make information about ownership of long-term care facilities available on department website.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/27/2006)**

1 AN ACT concerning long-term care facilities and supplementing  
2 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. The Department of Health and Senior Services shall make  
8 available to the public, through its official department website,  
9 information regarding the ownership of long-term care facilities  
10 licensed by the department. The information shall be provided in a  
11 manner that would enable a member of the public to search the  
12 website by name of a facility or its owner in order to access the  
13 information. The department shall also make the information  
14 available in writing, upon request.

15 The information shall provide, at a minimum: the name of the  
16 owner of a facility as listed on the facility's license and, if there is  
17 more than one owner or the facility is owned by a corporation, the  
18 name of each person who holds at least a 10% interest in the  
19 facility; the name of any other licensed long-term care facility in the  
20 State owned by this owner, corporation and each person who holds  
21 at least a 10% interest in the facility, as applicable; and the address  
22 and contact information for the facility.

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

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STATEMENT

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29 In order to enable persons in need of long-term care and their  
30 family members to make more informed decisions about selecting a  
31 nursing home, assisted living facility or other long-term care  
32 facility, this bill would require the Department of Health and Senior  
33 Services to make available to the public, through its official  
34 department website, information regarding the ownership of a long-  
35 term care facility licensed by the department.

36 The bill provides that the information shall be provided in a  
37 manner that would enable a member of the public to search the  
38 website by name of facility or owner in order to access the  
39 information. The information shall provide, at a minimum: the  
40 name of the owner of a facility as listed on the facility's license and,  
41 if there is more than one owner or the facility is owned by a  
42 corporation, the name of each person who holds at least a 10%  
43 interest in the facility; the name of any other licensed long-term  
44 care facility in the State owned by this owner, corporation and each  
45 person who holds at least a 10% interest in the facility, as  
46 applicable; and the address and contact information for the facility.

# ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[Second Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 942**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 19, 2006

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 942 (2R).

This bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) to make available to the public, through its official department website, information regarding the ownership of long-term care and adult day health services facilities licensed by the department.

The bill requires that the information is to be provided in a manner that would enable a member of the public to search the website by name of facility or owner in order to access the information.

The information is to provide, at a minimum: the name of the owner of a facility as listed on the facility's license and, if there is more than one owner or the facility is owned by a corporation, the name of each person who holds at least a 10% interest in the facility; the name of any other licensed long-term care or adult day health services facility in the State owned by this owner, corporation, and each person who holds at least a 10% interest in the facility, as applicable; the address and contact information for the facility; and information regarding any violation of statutory standards or DHSS rules and regulations pertaining to the care of patients or physical plant standards found at any such facility by DHSS.

In addition to information about the facility, the bill also requires the website to include internet web links to the New Jersey Report Card for Nursing Homes maintained by DHSS and the Medicare Nursing Home Compare database maintained by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2029 Aca (Dancer), which the committee also reported on this date.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 942**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 26, 2006

In order to enable persons in need of long-term or adult day health services to make more informed decisions about selecting a nursing home, assisted living facility or other long-term care facility, or an adult day health services facility, this bill would require the Department of Health and Senior Services to make available to the public, through its official department website, information regarding the ownership of long-term care and adult day health services facilities licensed by the department.

The bill provides that the information shall be provided in a manner that would enable a member of the public to search the website by name of facility or owner in order to access the information.

The information shall provide, at a minimum: the name of the owner of a facility as listed on the facility's license and, if there is more than one owner or the facility is owned by a corporation, the name of each person who holds at least a 10% interest in the facility; the name of any other licensed long-term care or adult day health services facility in the State owned by this owner, corporation and each person who holds at least a 10% interest in the facility, as applicable; and the address and contact information for the facility.

The committee amendments add licensed adult day health services facilities to the list of facilities for which the department would provide ownership information.

As amended, this bill is similar to Assembly Bill No. 2029 (Dancer), which is pending in the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.



STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 942**

with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed By Senator SINGER)

ADOPTED: MARCH 13, 2006

These amendments:

- expand the information to be posted on the official website of the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) about long-term care and adult day health services facilities, pursuant to this bill, to include information regarding any violation of statutory standards or DHSS rules and regulations pertaining to the care of patients or physical plant standards found at any such facility by DHSS; and
- require that the information displayed on the DHSS website, pursuant to the bill, include Internet web links to the New Jersey Report Card for Nursing Homes maintained by DHSS and the Medicare Nursing Home Compare database maintained by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2029

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 17, 2006

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman RONALD S. DANCER**

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

**Assemblyman HERB CONAWAY, JR.**

**District 7 (Burlington and Camden)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DHSS to make information about ownership of long-term care facilities available on department website.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/20/2006)**

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

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
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18 name of each person who holds at least a 10% interest in the  
19 facility; the name of any other licensed long-term care facility in the  
20 State owned by this owner, corporation and each person who holds  
21 at least a 10% interest in the facility, as applicable; and the address  
22 and contact information for the facility.

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

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#### STATEMENT

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29 In order to enable persons in need of long-term care and their  
30 family members to make more informed decisions about selecting a  
31 nursing home, assisted living facility or other long-term care  
32 facility, this bill would require the Department of Health and Senior  
33 Services to make available to the public, through its official  
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42 corporation, the name of each person who holds at least a 10%  
43 interest in the facility; the name of any other licensed long-term  
44 care facility in the State owned by this owner, corporation and each  
45 person who holds at least a 10% interest in the facility, as  
46 applicable; and the address and contact information for the facility.

# ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 2029

with committee amendments

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 19, 2006

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2029.

As amended by the committee, this bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) to make available to the public, through its official department website, information regarding the ownership of long-term care and adult day health services facilities licensed by the department.

The bill requires that the information is to be provided in a manner that would enable a member of the public to search the website by name of facility or owner in order to access the information.

The information is to provide, at a minimum: the name of the owner of a facility as listed on the facility's license and, if there is more than one owner or the facility is owned by a corporation, the name of each person who holds at least a 10% interest in the facility; the name of any other licensed long-term care or adult day health services facility in the State owned by this owner, corporation, and each person who holds at least a 10% interest in the facility, as applicable; the address and contact information for the facility; and information regarding any violation of statutory standards or DHSS rules and regulations pertaining to the care of patients or physical plant standards found at any such facility by DHSS.

In addition to information about the facility, the bill also requires the website to include internet web links to the New Jersey Report Card for Nursing Homes maintained by DHSS and the Medicare Nursing Home Compare database maintained by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 942 (2R) (Singer/Rice), which the committee also reported on this date.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments to the bill:

- add licensed adult day health services facilities to the list of facilities for which DHSS would provide ownership information;

- expand the information to be posted on the DHSS official website about long-term care and adult day health services facilities to include information regarding any violation of statutory standards or DHSS rules and regulations pertaining to the care of patients or physical plant standards found at any such facility by DHSS; and
- require that the information displayed on the DHSS website include Internet web links to the New Jersey Report Card for Nursing Homes maintained by DHSS and the Medicare Nursing Home Compare database maintained by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

## **Apr-09-07 Governor Signs Legislation on Adult Long Term Care Facilities, Alzheimer's Awareness Day**

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### **GOVERNOR SIGNS LEGISLATION ON ADULT LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES, ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS DAY**

**TRENTON** – Governor Jon S. Corzine today signed legislation requiring the Department of Health and Senior Services' website to provide more detailed information on the ownership of long-term care and adult day health services facilities.

"Families deserve peace of mind when they make decisions about long-term and adult day care, and for that they need access to key information," Governor Corzine said. "This important legislation will enable families to make informed choices about the care their loved ones receive."

Members of the public will be able to search the website using the name of a particular facility or the owner's name. The bill also delineates the minimum information to be included on the website:

- the name of the owner of a facility as listed on the facility's license;
- the name of each person who holds at least a 10% interest in the facility, if there is more than one owner or if the owner is a corporation;
- the name of any other licensed long-term care facility in the state owned by the same owner, corporation and each person who holds at least a 10% interest in the facility; and,
- the address and contact information of the facility.

"It's important for New Jersey residents to know what facilities may not be up to standard, and it's even more important for residents to have the opportunity to report violations," said Senator Rice (D-Essex), who sponsored the bill in the Senate. "This law will make it easier for our citizens to know about their long-

term or adult day care facility and to make sure that these facilities are providing proper care.”

The legislation also requires DHSS to post information regarding legal or regulatory violations at facilities and to provide web-links to the New Jersey Report Card for Nursing Homes, maintained by the DHSS, as well as the Medicare Nursing Home Compare database, maintained by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

“New Jersey families need information about assisted living facilities' ownership so they can make well-informed decisions about long-term care for loved ones,” said Assemblyman Herb Conaway, M.D. (D-Burlington), an Assembly sponsor. “Choosing a nursing home, assisted living facility or long-term care facility is stressful enough, but a lack of quality information only makes the decision process that much more overwhelming. This law will help families get factual information about the operators of these facilities so they can rest assured that their loved ones are safe and sound in a reputable care facility.”

The bill (S-942/A-2029) was sponsored in the Senate by Senators Singer (R-Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean) and Rice (D-Essex). It was sponsored in the Assembly by Assemblypersons Dancer (R-Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean), Conaway (D-Burlington, Camden), Gordon (D-Bergen), Vas (D-Middlesex) and Vainieri Huttie (D-Bergen).

The Governor also signed legislation designating the first Monday in November as Alzheimer’s Awareness day.

“Alzheimer’s has a devastating impact on hundreds of thousands of New Jerseyans and their families and we must do all we can to raise awareness and push for a cure.” Governor Corzine said.

Alzheimer’s disease is a degenerative neurological disease that causes a loss of cognitive ability. Early symptoms of impaired memory are followed by a decline in other intellectual functions. It is estimated that 350,000 individuals and families in New Jersey are impacted by Alzheimer’s disease.

"This legislation is about increasing awareness of Alzheimer's disease, and the affects it has on patients and their families," said Senator Madden (D-Camden, Gloucester), who sponsored the bill in the Senate. "Scientists say that there are more than 5 million people in the United States who are living with Alzheimer's. As our 'baby-boomer' generation continues to age, the cases of Alzheimer's and other age-related diseases will only increase, and it is important that we are aware of the warning signs so that the disease can be caught early and so that patients can receive the best possible medical treatment."

"The designation of November 3 as Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Day will help ensure that more New Jersey residents know about this serious brain disorder and the challenges it poses for medical providers and families," said Assemblyman Joseph Vas (D-Middlesex), an Assembly sponsor. "This law will provide another tool for assembling resources to combat this debilitating disease and help Alzheimer's patients, their loved ones and caregivers."

The Alzheimer's Awareness Day legislation (S-2195) was sponsored in the Senate by Senator Buono (D-Middlesex). It was sponsored in the Assembly by Assemblypersons Vas (D-Middlesex), Roberts (D-Camden), Conaway (D-Burlington, Camden) and Vainieri Huttle (D-Bergen).