

26:2H – 12b
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LAWS OF: 2007 **CHAPTER:** 216

NJSA: 26:2H-12b (Provides for religious accommodation regarding admission procedures at licensed health care facilities)

BILL NO: A3517 (Substituted for S2489)

SPONSOR(S) Schaer and Others

DATE INTRODUCED: November 9, 2006

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Health and Senior Services

SENATE: Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** June 11, 2007

SENATE: December 10, 2007

DATE OF APPROVAL: December 20, 2007

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

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

A3517
 [SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

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

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

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE: No

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COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **[ASSEMBLY:](#)** No

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

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P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 216, *approved December 20, 2007*
Assembly, No. 3517

1 **AN ACT** concerning admission procedures at licensed health care
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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9 2 of the "Health Care Facilities Planning Act," P.L.1971, c.136
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15 **STATEMENT**

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3517

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 9, 2006

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman GARY S. SCHAER

District 36 (Bergen, Essex and Passaic)

Assemblywoman BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

District 15 (Mercer)

Assemblyman DOUGLAS H. FISHER

District 3 (Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester)

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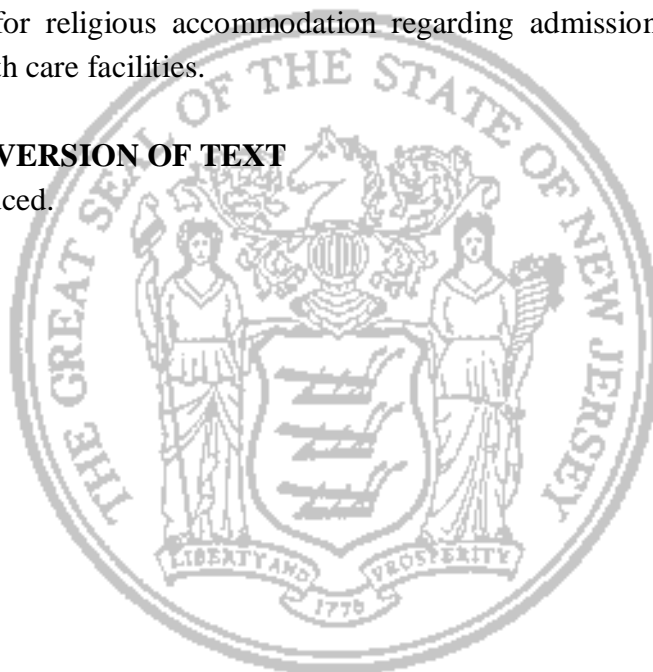
Assemblyman Johnson, Assemblywoman Voss, Assemblymen Steele, Chivukula, Assemblywomen Oliver, Lampitt, Assemblymen Greenwald, Prieto, Conners, Burzichelli, Senators Weinberg, Sarlo and Coniglio

SYNOPSIS

Provides for religious accommodation regarding admission procedures at licensed health care facilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/11/2007)

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ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 10, 2007

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This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2489 (Weinberg/Sarlo), which is currently pending in the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3517

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 29, 2007

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SENATE, No. 2489

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 25, 2007

Sponsored by:

Senator LORETTA WEINBERG

District 37 (Bergen)

Senator PAUL A. SARLO

District 36 (Bergen, Essex and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Coniglio

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SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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