

**26:2K-12.2 and 26:2K-70**  
**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST**  
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**LAWS OF:** 2021                      **CHAPTER:** 23

**NJSA:** 26:2K-12.2 and 26:2K-70 (Revises requirements for provision of care to trauma patients.)

**BILL NO:** A5103                      (Substituted for S3219)

**SPONSOR(S)** Spearman, William W. and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** 12/10/2020

**COMMITTEE:**                      **ASSEMBLY:** Health

**SENATE:** ---

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** No

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**                      **ASSEMBLY:** 12/17/2020

**SENATE:** 12/17/2020

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** 2/22/2021

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL** (Introduced bill enacted)                      Yes

**A5103**

**INTRODUCED BILL (INCLUDES SPONSOR'S STATEMENT):** Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                      **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

**SENATE:** No

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, ***may possibly*** be found at [www.njleg.state.nj.us](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us))

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

**S3219**

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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 23, *approved February 22, 2021*  
Assembly, No. 5103

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2 supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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15 requirements of this section shall be verified during the annual  
16 provider audit.

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 5103

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 10, 2020

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman WILLIAM W. SPEARMAN**

**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Senator NILSA I. CRUZ-PEREZ**

**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER**

**District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman Swain and Senator Pou**

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ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5103

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 10, 2020

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# SENATE, No. 3219

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SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 3219**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2020

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3219.

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