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SPONSOR(S): Bateman and Kavanaugh

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SENATE: Health

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P.L. 1996, CHAPTER 66, *approved July 12, 1996*
Assembly, No. 272

1 **AN ACT** concerning prescriptions for hypodermic needles or syringes
2 and amending P.L.1980, c.133.

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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 6 of P.L.1980, c.133 (C.24:21-51) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 6. a. No person shall sell, furnish, or give to any person or persons
10 other than a duly licensed physician, dentist, veterinarian, undertaker,
11 nurse, podiatrist, registered pharmacist, or a hospital, sanitarium,
12 clinical laboratory or any other medical institution, or a State or
13 governmental agency, or a regular dealer in medical, dental or surgical
14 supplies, or a resident physician or intern of a hospital, sanitarium or
15 other medical institution, an instrument commonly known as a
16 hypodermic syringe, hypodermic needle or any instrument adapted for
17 the use of controlled dangerous substances as defined in P.L.1970,
18 c.226 (C.24:21-1 et seq.) by subcutaneous injections without a
19 prescription of a duly licensed physician, dentist or veterinarian. Such
20 prescription shall contain the name and address of the patient, the
21 description of the instrument prescribed and the number of instruments
22 prescribed.

23 b. Every person who disposes of, or sells, or furnishes, or gives
24 away a hypodermic syringe or a hypodermic needle or an instrument
25 adapted for the use of controlled dangerous substances by
26 subcutaneous injections, upon the prescription of a duly licensed
27 physician, dentist, or veterinarian, shall record the date of the sale or
28 furnishing of the instrument. This prescription shall be retained on file
29 for a period of two years and shall be open to inspection by any public
30 officer or employee engaged in the enforcement of this section. A
31 prescription filed in accordance with this section shall be sufficient
32 authority, without the necessity of a renewal or reissuance, to permit
33 subsequent sales or the furnishing of hypodermic syringes or
34 hypodermic needles or instruments adapted for the use of controlled

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 dangerous substances by subcutaneous injections to the person to
2 whom the prescription was issued, for a period of **[six months]** one
3 year from the date of its original issuance.

4 c. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, except a duly
5 licensed physician, dentist, veterinarian, nurse, podiatrist, hospital,
6 sanitarium or other medical institution, or a resident physician or
7 intern of a hospital, sanitarium or other medical institution, to have
8 under control or possess a hypodermic syringe, hypodermic needle or
9 any other instrument adapted for the use of controlled dangerous
10 substances by subcutaneous injections with intent to use such syringe,
11 needle or instrument for such purpose, unless such possession be
12 obtained upon a valid prescription form, and such use be authorized or
13 directed by a duly licensed physician or veterinarian. For the purposes
14 of this subsection, no such prescription shall be valid which has been
15 outstanding for more than **[six months]** one year.

16 d. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a disorderly
17 persons offense.

18 (cf: P.L.1986, c.75, s.2)

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ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 272

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 1996

The Assembly Health Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 272.

This bill extends the period during which a prescription for hypodermic needles or syringes is valid from six months to one year.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2495 of 1994 (Bateman/Kavanaugh), which was reported by the Assembly Health and Human Services Committee during the last session.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 1996-97 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 272

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 9, 1996

The Senate Health Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 272.

This bill extends the period during which a prescription for hypodermic needles or syringes is valid, from six months to one year.

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A-1471/ S-697, sponsored by Assemblymen Louis Romano (D-Hudson) and Leonard Lance (R-Warren/Hunterdon/Mercer) and Senator John Ewing (R-Morris/Somerset), extends the existence of the Task Force on New Jersey History to allow an additional year for submission of their report.

SJR-19, sponsored by Senator Gerald Cardinale (R-Bergen), establishes the Oyster Industry Revitalization Task Force. This 13-member task force will evaluate the economic and regulatory aspects of the harvesting of oysters in the Delaware Bay, and provide a comprehensive plan of action for revitalization of the industry.

A-272, sponsored by Assemblymen Christopher Bateman (R-Morris/Somerset) and Walter Kavanaugh (R-Morris/Somerset), extends the length of prescriptions for hypodermic needles and syringes from six months to one year. The purpose of the bill is to make purchasing of self-administered drugs, such as insulin, and required apparatus more convenient for individuals.

S-291/A-140, sponsored by Senators William Gormley (R-Atlantic) and John Lynch (D-Middlesex) and Assemblymen LeRoy Jones (D-Essex), criminalizes the placement of false calls to the 9-1-1 emergency system as a disorderly persons offense. Current law prohibits the placement of false report calls to 9-1-1. This legislation prohibits the placement of "prank" calls to the 9-1-1 emergency system.

A-1341, sponsored by Assemblyman Alex DeCroce (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic), allows the state medical examiner to sign corrections to death certificates. This legislation will allow individuals who are denied their application for correction of a death certificate by a county medical examiner or original physician to appeal the decision to the state medical examiner.