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(Psychologists--health care facilities)

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SPONSOR(S): Bassano

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SENATE: Health

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SENATE: Yes

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SENATE, No. 698

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 3, 1994

By Senator BASSANO

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2 licensed psychologists and amending P.L.1983, c.28.

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4 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
5 *State of New Jersey:*

6 1. Section 1 of P.L.1983, c.28 (C.26:2H-12.1) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 1. ^{1a} Any health care facility licensed pursuant to P.L.1971,
9 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.), which provides medical or surgical
10 care, shall provide for the use of the facility by, and appropriate
11 privileges for, duly licensed podiatrists and psychologists. Use of
12 the facility and privileges of a podiatrist or psychologist shall be
13 subject to nondiscriminatory rules and regulations governing such
14 use or privileges established by the governing body of the facility
15 for persons licensed as physicians and surgeons pursuant to
16 R.S.45:9-6 and dentists pursuant to R.S.45:6-19.

17 ^{1b} Nothing in this act shall be construed to require a hospital
18 to grant admitting privileges to a psychologist or to permit the
19 exercise of those privileges granted by the hospital without
20 appropriate collaboration with the attending physician of the
21 patient who is receiving or will receive care or treatment from
22 the psychologist.¹

23 (cf: P.L.1983, c.28, s.1)

24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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29 Provides psychologists privileges at hospitals.

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:

¹ Senate SHH committee amendments adopted May 8, 1995.

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23 This bill amends P.L.1983, c.28 (C.26:2H-12.1) to provide that
24 a State licensed, practicing psychologist may visit a patient of his
25 who is hospitalized for a medical or surgical reason to maintain
26 continuity of care. The visit may be for therapeutic purposes if
27 the patient's attending physician so approves and the visit is in
28 accordance with the medical staff bylaws and policies of the
29 governing body of the hospital.

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ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

SENATE, No. 698

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 4, 1995

The Assembly Health and Human Services Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 698 (1R).

This bill amends P.L.1983, c.28 (C.26:2H-12.1) to provide that any licensed health care facility which provides medical or surgical care, shall provide for the use of the facility by, and appropriate privileges for, duly licensed psychologists. Use of the facility and privileges of a psychologist shall be subject to nondiscriminatory rules and regulations governing such use or privileges established by the governing body of the facility for physicians and dentists. The bill provides, however, that nothing in this bill shall be construed to require a hospital to grant admitting privileges to a psychologist or to permit the exercise of those privileges granted by the hospital without appropriate collaboration with the attending physician of the patient who is receiving or will receive care or treatment from the psychologist.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 108 Aca (Kavanaugh), which the committee also reported on this date.

SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 698

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 8, 1995

The Senate Health Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 698 with committee amendments.

As amended by committee, this bill amends P.L.1983, c.28 (C.26:2H-12.1) to provide that any licensed health care facility which provides medical or surgical care, shall provide for the use of the facility by, and appropriate privileges for, duly licensed psychologists. Use of the facility and privileges of a psychologist shall be subject to nondiscriminatory rules and regulations governing such use or privileges established by the governing body of the facility for physicians and dentists. The bill provides, however, that nothing in this bill shall be construed to require a hospital to grant admitting privileges to a psychologist or to permit the exercise of those privileges granted by the hospital without appropriate collaboration with the attending physician of the patient who is receiving or will receive care or treatment from the psychologist.

The committee amended the bill to clarify that nothing in the bill shall be construed to require a hospital to grant admitting privileges to a psychologist or to permit the exercise of those privileges without the collaboration of the attending physician.