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NJSA: 26:2H-12.54 (Requires nursing homes to use pressure redistribution mattresses for all residents)

BILL NO: S1517 (Substituted for A2733)

SPONSOR(S) Gordon and others

DATE INTRODUCED: March 10, 2008

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 SENATE: Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens

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S1517

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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	SENATE: No
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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:	No

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SENATE, No. 1517

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

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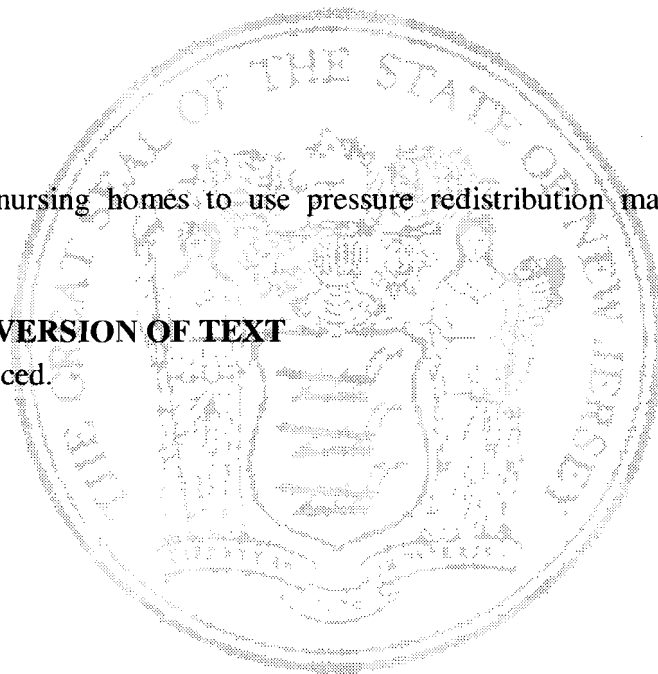
Assemblywomen Rodriguez and Greenstein

SYNOPSIS

Requires nursing homes to use pressure redistribution mattresses for all residents.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/6/2009)

1 AN ACT concerning prevention of pressure ulcers in nursing homes
2 and supplementing P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

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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 Legislature finds and declares that:

8 a. Pressure ulcers, or bedsores, are a serious public health
9 concern, and elderly persons, who comprise the majority of
10 residents in nursing homes in this State, are most at risk of
11 experiencing pressure ulcers;

12 b. There are four stages of pressure ulcers, ranging from Stage 1
13 (skin still intact), to Stage 4 (loss of tissue and exposed muscle,
14 tendon, and bone);

15 c. Persons with pressure ulcers can experience severe pain, as
16 well as complications from infection;

17 d. According to 2007 survey data reported by the Centers for
18 Medicare and Medicaid Services, nursing home residents in New
19 Jersey had pressure ulcer rates that were higher than the national
20 overall average. New Jersey ranked fourth highest among all states
21 and the District of Columbia in the percentage of nursing home
22 residents with pressure ulcers and fifth highest in the percentage of
23 nursing home residents with pressure ulcers at the time of
24 admission to the facility; and

25 e. The use of pressure redistribution mattresses is widely
26 recognized as one of the more effective ways to prevent and treat
27 pressure ulcers.

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29 2. a. Beginning one year after the effective date of this act,
30 when a nursing home replaces a mattress for use by a nursing home
31 resident, the nursing home shall replace the mattress with a pressure
32 redistribution mattress that is designed to address, at a minimum,
33 Stage 1 pressure ulcers.

34 b. No later than three years after the effective date of this act, a
35 nursing home shall replace all mattresses used by its nursing home
36 residents with pressure redistribution mattresses that are designed to
37 address, at a minimum, Stage 1 pressure ulcers.

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39 3. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment.

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41 SPONSOR'S STATEMENT

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43 This bill seeks to reduce the occurrence of pressure ulcers, or
44 bedsores, in nursing home residents by phasing in a requirement
45 that nursing homes replace all residents' mattresses with pressure
46 redistribution mattresses, within three years. These mattresses are
47 widely recognized as one of the more effective ways to prevent and
48 treat pressure ulcers. Specifically, the bill requires that, beginning

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3 home shall replace the mattress with a pressure redistribution
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6 Further, the bill requires that no later than three years after the
7 effective date of the bill, a nursing home shall replace all mattresses
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ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1517

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1517.

This bill seeks to reduce the occurrence of pressure ulcers, or bedsores, among nursing home residents by phasing in the required use of pressure redistribution mattresses by nursing homes in this State. These mattresses are widely recognized as one of the more effective ways to prevent and treat pressure ulcers.

The bill provides specifically as follows:

- Beginning one year after its effective date, when a nursing home replaces a mattress for use by a nursing home resident, the nursing home must replace the mattress with a pressure redistribution mattress that is designed to address, at a minimum, Stage 1 pressure ulcers.
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- The bill takes effect on the 60th day after enactment.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2733 (Wagner/Smith/Stender), which the committee also reported on this date.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2733

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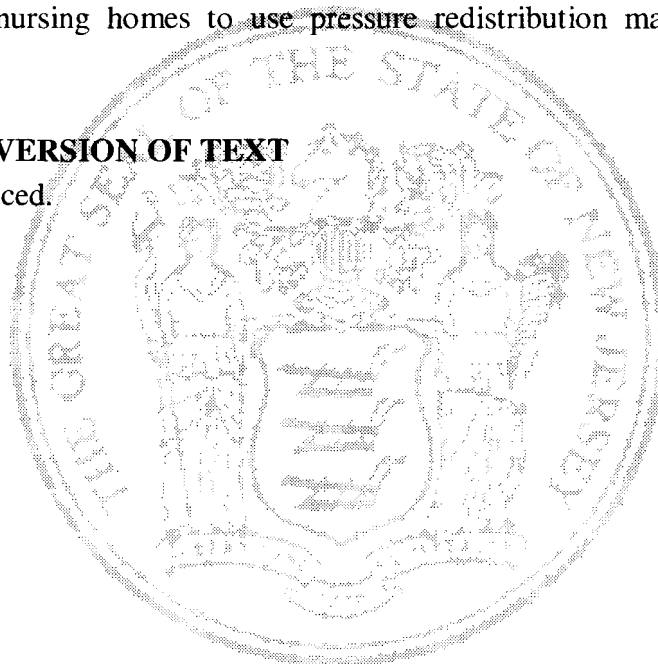
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