

52:27D-28.5 et al

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 52:27D-28.5 et al (Senior citizens—
compendium of
government programs—
Division of Aging—prepare
and distribute)

LAWS OF: 1985 CHAPTER: 357

BILL NO: A3463

Sponsor(s): Paterniti

Date Introduced: April 15, 1985

Committee: Assembly: Aging
Senate: Aging

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since identical to A3463).
Amendments during passage denoted
by asterisks.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3463

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 15, 1985

By Assemblyman PATERNITI

AN ACT concerning information about State *and federal* programs and laws of interest to **[senior citizens]** *older persons* and making an appropriation.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. The Division on Aging in the Department of Community
2 Affairs, established pursuant to section 2 of P. L. 1975, c. 36 (C.
3 52:27D-28.2) shall prepare and distribute **[a directory of State**
4 **programs and benefits for senior citizens. The division shall also**
5 **prepare and distribute, either as part of the directory or separately,**
6 **a compilation of State laws and regulations which have particular**
7 **impact on, or special importance for, senior citizens]** *, in a format*
8 *determined by the Division on Aging, information regarding State*
9 *and federal programs which benefit older persons. In continuing to*
10 *fulfill these obligations, the staff of the division shall, on an ongoing*
11 *basis, evaluate the need to update information so that the most*
12 *comprehensive source of programs and services, as well as the*
13 *rights of older persons is available.*

1 2. There is appropriated to the *Division on Aging in the*
2 Department of Community Affairs from the General Fund the sum
3 of **[\$99,000.00]** *\$50,000.00* to effectuate the purposes of this act.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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 printed in italics *thus* is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

*—Assembly committee amendments adopted April 29, 1985.

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STATEMENT

Some older residents of New Jersey are unaware of all existing State programs and services from which they may benefit. In addition, there are State laws and regulations concerning tenants' rights, nursing homes, inheritance taxes, and other matters which are of particular importance to senior citizens.

This bill directs the Division on Aging in the Department of Community Affairs to prepare and distribute a directory of State programs and a compilation of State laws and regulations to ensure that senior citizens are aware of their rights and entitlements. The bill appropriated \$99,000.00 for the cost of printing and distributing this information.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON AGING

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3463

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 29, 1985

This bill, as amended, directs the Department of Community Affairs through the State Division on Aging to prepare and distribute an information guide listing all senior citizen programs and services available from the State.

The committee amendments result in the following changes:

(1) The method of preparing and distributing information to older persons will remain in the discretion of the Division on Aging;

(2) Information provided shall be continually updated to ensure the most accurate and comprehensive information available;

(3) The compilation of State laws and regulations affecting older persons in the State will not be legislatively mandated; and

(4) The appropriation for the bill is reduced from \$99,000.00 to \$50,000.00.

The bill, as amended, was reported out favorably from the committee.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGING

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3463

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 13, 1985

This bill directs the Division on Aging in the Department of Community Affairs to prepare and distribute, in a format selected by the division, information regarding State and federal programs which benefit older persons. On an ongoing basis, the division will evaluate the need to update the information.

The bill contains an appropriation of \$50,000.00 from the General Fund.

Bill Signings - S-2531, S-2871, A-2117, A-2748, S-2697, S-2716 A-3463,
A-3488 S-2164 and A-3316

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A-3463, sponsored by Assemblyman Thomas H. Paterniti, D-Middlesex, which directs the Division on Aging to prepare and distribute information regarding State and Federal programs which benefit older persons.

A-3488, sponsored by Assemblyman Joseph L. Bocchini, D-Mercer, which permits a person who files a statement of claim with an insurance company to verify the services rendered by certification, rather than under oath.

S-2164, sponsored by Senate President Carmen A. Orechio, D-Essex, which extends State Police Retirement System (SPRS) survivors benefits to widows who married SPRS members age 55 or older, and to all widowers. The current law limited benefits to widows who married before the member turned 55, and to children and parents of the deceased.

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