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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires training for all trustees of general hospitals.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



A2606 WAGNER, CONAWAY

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1 AN ACT concerning hospital trustees and amending P.L.2007, c.74.

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

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6 1. Section 1 of P.L.2007, c.74 (C.26:2H-12.34) is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 1. a. (1) As a condition of serving as a member of the board of  
9 trustees of a general hospital licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136  
10 (C.26:2H-1 et al.), a person shall be required to complete a training  
11 program approved by the Commissioner of Health and Senior  
12 Services that is designed to clarify the roles and duties of a hospital  
13 trustee and is at least one day in length.

14 (2) The training shall be completed no later than six months  
15 after the date that the person is appointed as a member of the board,  
16 except that a person who is appointed as a member of a hospital  
17 board of trustees on or after the date of enactment of this act but  
18 prior to the effective date thereof shall complete the training no  
19 later than six months after the effective date.

20 (3) A person who was appointed as a member of a hospital  
21 board of trustees prior to the date of enactment of P.L.2007, c.74  
22 shall complete the training no later than 24 months after the  
23 effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this  
24 bill).

25 b. The commissioner shall, in consultation with the New Jersey  
26 Hospital Association, the Hospital Alliance of New Jersey, and the  
27 New Jersey Council of Teaching Hospitals:

28 (1) prescribe the subject matter of the training, which shall  
29 include, but need not be limited to, a review of the types of  
30 financial, organizational, legal, regulatory, and ethical issues that a  
31 hospital trustee may be required to consider in the course of  
32 discharging the trustee's governance responsibilities;

33 (2) arrange for, or specify, the entity or entities to provide the  
34 training;

35 (3) specify the timeframe within which the training is to be  
36 completed;

37 (4) certify completion of the training for each trustee upon  
38 receipt of documentation thereof, as provided on a form and in a  
39 manner prescribed by the commissioner, or otherwise arrange for  
40 certification by the training entity; and

41 (5) take such other actions as the commissioner determines  
42 appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this act.

43 **[c.** The provisions of this act shall apply only to those persons  
44 who are appointed to serve as a member of a hospital board of

**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.**

1 trustees on or after the date of enactment of this act. ]  
2 (cf: P.L.2007, c.74, s.1)

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4 2. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, pursuant  
5 to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-  
6 1 et seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the  
7 purposes of this act.

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9 3. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after enactment,  
10 but the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services may take such  
11 anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as shall be  
12 necessary for the implementation of this act.

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#### STATEMENT

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17 This bill amends P.L.2007, c.74 (C.26:2H-12.34), which requires  
18 that, as a condition of serving as a member of the board of trustees  
19 of a general hospital licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-  
20 1 et seq.), a person must complete a training program approved by  
21 the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services that is designed to  
22 clarify the roles and duties of a hospital trustee and is at least one  
23 day in length.

24 Currently, only persons appointed to serve as members of  
25 hospital boards on or after April 30, 2007 are subject to the training  
26 requirement. This bill would expand the training requirement to all  
27 hospital board members, including those who were appointed before  
28 April 30, 2007, when the requirement was originally enacted.

29 The training for board members who were not required to  
30 undergo this training would be required to be completed no later  
31 than twenty four months after the effective date of the bill.

32 This bill is based on a recommendation from the New Jersey  
33 Commission on Rationalizing Health Care Resources.