

SENATE, No. 2320

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
217th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires professionals certifying death to perform any testing and related actions necessary for survivors to claim State and federal benefits.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning claims for death benefits and supplementing
2 Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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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 attending, covering, or resident physician, the attending
8 advanced practice nurse, or the county medical examiner who
9 provides the death and last sickness particulars for a death
10 certification shall provide or offer to provide any examination,
11 screening, test, report, or certification as shall be necessary for the
12 survivor of the deceased person to prosecute a claim for State or
13 federal benefits arising from the deceased person's death. The
14 examination, screening, test, report, or certification shall be
15 provided upon request by the survivor, and shall be offered in any
16 case in which the attending, covering, or resident physician, the
17 attending advanced practice nurse, or the county medical examiner
18 is aware that a valid claim for State or federal benefits is likely to
19 exist.

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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26 This bill requires the attending, covering, or resident physician,
27 the attending advanced practice nurse, or the county medical
28 examiner who provides the death and last sickness particulars for a
29 death certification to provide, or offer to provide, any examination,
30 screening, test, report, or certification as may be necessary to
31 prosecute a claim for State or federal benefits arising out of the
32 deceased person's death. The professional certifying the death will
33 be required to provide the examination, screening, test, report, or
34 certification upon request by the deceased person's survivor, and is
35 required to offer to provide them in any case in which the
36 professional is aware that there may be a valid claim for State or
37 federal benefits.