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SYNOPSIS

Requires reporting of opioid deaths.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee on June 6, 2019, with amendments.

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1 AN ACT concerning opioid deaths and supplementing Title 26 of the
2 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. a. A coroner, medical examiner, or health care professional
8 who examines an individual whose death was caused by opioid
9 use¹,¹ shall report the death and the type of opioid that was the
10 cause of death, if ¹**[such]** that¹ information is ascertainable, to the
11 Department of Health, ¹**[as]** in a manner¹ determined by the
12 ¹**[Department]** Commissioner¹ of Health.

13 As used in this ¹**[subsection]** section¹ :

14 ¹"Department" means the Department of Health.¹

15 "Health care professional" means an individual licensed by this
16 State, pursuant to Title 45 of the Revised Statutes, to administer
17 health care in the ordinary course of business or practice of a
18 profession.

19 b. The ¹**[Department]** Commissioner¹ of Health shall publish
20 on ¹**[it's]** the department's¹ Internet website the number of deaths
21 caused by opioids and the type of opioid that was the cause of
22 death, if ¹**[such]** that¹ information is ascertainable, according to
23 reports received by the ¹**[Department of Health]** department¹
24 pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

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26 2. The ¹**[Department]** Commissioner¹ of Health shall, pursuant
27 to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
28 1 et seq.), adopt rules or regulations as are necessary to effectuate
29 the provisions of this act.

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31 3. This act shall take effect 180 days after enactment.

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:

¹Assembly ALP committee amendments adopted June 6, 2019.