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SYNOPSIS

Requires certain health care facilities and operators of certain transient dwellings to maintain agreements for bedbug eradication services.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning bedbug preparedness and supplementing 2 P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.), and Titles 9 and 55 of the 3 Revised Statutes.

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

1. A nursing home, assisted living facility, comprehensive personal care home, or hospital, licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) shall maintain an agreement for bedbug eradication services with a pesticide applicator licensed pursuant to the "Pesticide Control Act of 1971," P.L.1971, c.176 (C.13:1F-1 et seq.). The entity shall maintain a record of the agreement for services required by this section on its premises, and shall develop an administrative policy concerning its response in the event that bedbugs are detected on the premises. The agreement required by this section shall be subject to inspection as part of any regular inspection performed by the Department of Health.

- 2. a. A facility listed in subsection b. of this section that is licensed by the State or any political subdivision thereof, shall enter into an agreement for bedbug eradication services with a pesticide applicator licensed pursuant to the "Pesticide Control Act of 1971," P.L.1971, c.176 (C.13:1F-1 et seq.). The facility shall maintain a record of the agreement for services required by this section on the facility premises, and shall develop an administrative policy concerning the facility's response in the event that bedbugs are detected on the premises. The agreement required by this section shall be subject to inspection as part of any regular inspection performed by the licensing authority.
- b. The provisions of subsection a. of this section shall apply to the following facilities:
- (1) A hotel, or housing offering single room occupancy, licensed pursuant to the "Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law," P.L.1967, c.76, (C.55:13A-1 et seq.);
- (2) A rooming or boarding house licensed pursuant to the "Rooming and Boarding House Act of 1979," P.L.1979, c.496 (C.55:13B-1 et al.) or P.L.1993, c.290 (C.40:52-9 et seq.); and
- (3) An emergency shelter for the homeless, licensed in accordance with the regulations promulgated pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1985, c.48 (C.55:13C-5).
- c. The State or a political subdivision responsible for licensing a facility described in this section shall provide written notice of the requirements of this section to each facility currently licensed by the State or political subdivision within 120 days of the enactment date of P.L., c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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3. A basic center shelter or residential care facility licensed by the Department of Children and Families pursuant to the "New Jersey Homeless Youth Act." P.L.1999, c.224 (C.9:12A-2 et seq.) shall maintain an agreement for bedbug eradication services with a pesticide applicator licensed pursuant to the "Pesticide Control Act of 1971," P.L.1971, c.176 (C.13:1F-1 et seq.). The entity shall maintain a record of the agreement for services required by this section on its premises, and shall develop an administrative policy concerning its response in the event that bedbugs are detected on the premises. The agreement required by this section shall be subject to inspection as part of any regular inspection.

4. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall be inoperative until the first day of the seventh month following the date of enactment.

STATEMENT

This bill would require certain facilities that contain beds to have a bedbug maintenance plan in place with a pesticide applicator licensed exterminator licensed pursuant to the "Pesticide Control Act of 1971," P.L.1971, c.176 (C.13:1F-1 et seq.). In addition, such facilities would be required to develop an administrative policy for a response in the event bedbugs are present in the facility.

The bill applies to the following facilities: hospitals; nursing homes; assisted living facilities; comprehensive personal care homes; hotels and motels; rooming and boarding houses; emergency shelters for the homeless; and basic center shelters or residential care facilities for youth.

The bill takes effect immediately, but would not become operative until the first day of the seventh month following the date of enactment.