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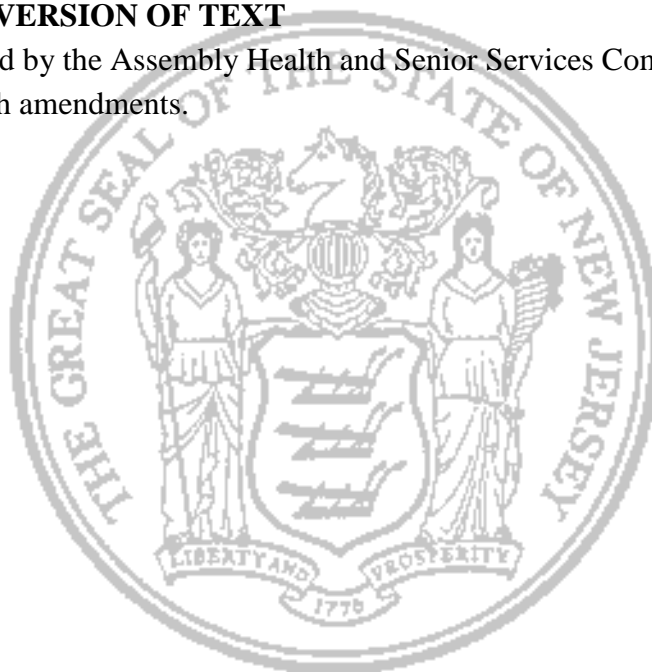
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes New Jersey Pharmacogenomics Commission.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee on May 13, 2019, with amendments.



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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION establishing the New Jersey
2 Pharmacogenomics Commission.

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate and General Assembly of the
5 State of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. There is established the New Jersey Pharmacogenomics
8 Commission. The commission shall be responsible for examining
9 ¹**[Pharmacogenomics]** pharmacogenomics¹, which is the study of
10 the relationship between a person’s specific genetic makeup and the
11 effectiveness or toxicity of medications used to treat any health-care
12 related issue. The commission’s examination shall include, but
13 shall not be limited to:

14 (1) costs related to ¹**[Pharmacogenomic]** pharmacogenomic¹
15 testing currently and in the future;

16 (2) how implementing ¹**[Pharmacogenomics]**
17 pharmacogenomics¹ may benefit prescribers, patients, and the State;

18 (3) various applications for ¹**[Pharmacogenomics]**
19 pharmacogenomics¹ outside of medicine, such as the opioid crisis
20 and others;

21 (4) the relationship between ¹**[Pharmacogenomics]**
22 pharmacogenics¹ applications in ¹**[Personalized Medicine]**
23 personalized medicine¹;

24 (5) the results of previous studies on prescribing medicines and
25 treatments based on ¹**[Pharmacogenomic]** pharmacogenomic¹
26 science;

27 (6) methods of educating patients and prescribers on prescribing
28 medicine and treatment based on genetic makeup;

29 (7) the relationship of ¹**[Pharmacogenomics]**
30 pharmacogenomics¹ in the reduction of the number of deaths,
31 disabilities, and hospitalization from ¹**[Adverse Drug Events]**
32 adverse drug events¹; and

33 (8) the expected costs and benefits from implementing
34 ¹**[Pharmacogenomics]** pharmacogenomics¹ in the short-term and
35 long-term.

36 b. The commission shall consist of ¹**[ten]** ²**[11]** ¹³²
37 members, to be appointed by the Governor as follows: a
38 representative from the Department of Health; a representative from
39 the Division of Pensions and Benefits in the Department of the
40 Treasury; a representative from Rutgers Medical School ²who is a
41 physician²; a representative from Rutgers School of Pharmacy; a
42 representative from Fairleigh Dickinson School of Pharmacy and
43 Health Sciences; a representative from the New Jersey Hospital
44 Association; a representative from the Medical of Society New

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:

¹Senate SHH committee amendments adopted March 4, 2019.

²Assembly AHE committee amendments adopted May 13, 2019.

1 Jersey; a representative from the New Jersey Pharmacists
 2 Association; a representative from the Department of Military and
 3 Veterans Affairs; ¹a representative from BioNJ;¹ ²a representative
 4 from the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine at Seton Hall
 5 University who is a physician, a representative from the Cooper
 6 Medical School of Rowan University who is a physician;² and a
 7 professor of genetics.

8 ²The Governor shall appoint representatives from the
 9 Department of Health, the Division of Pensions and Benefits in the
 10 Department of the Treasury, the Department of Military and
 11 Veterans Affairs, Rutgers Medical School, Rutgers School of
 12 Pharmacy, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, and the
 13 professor of genetics. The President of the Senate shall appoint
 14 representatives from BioNJ, the Hackensack Meridian School of
 15 Medicine at Seton Hall University, and the New Jersey Pharmacists
 16 Association. The Speaker of the General Assembly shall appoint
 17 representatives from the Medical of Society New Jersey, Fairleigh
 18 Dickinson School of Pharmacy, and New Jersey Hospital
 19 Association. The Minority Leader of the Senate shall recommend
 20 the appointment of the representative from BioNJ. The Minority
 21 Leader of the General Assembly shall recommend the appointment
 22 of the representative from the Medical of Society New Jersey.²

23 c. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be
 24 filled as provided for the original appointments.

25 d. The commission shall organize as soon as practicable
 26 following the appointment of its members and shall select a
 27 chairperson from among the members. The chairperson shall
 28 appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the commission.

29 e. Members of the commission shall serve without
 30 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses
 31 incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the
 32 commission within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise
 33 made available to the commission for its purposes.

34 f. The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance and
 35 avail itself of the services of the employees of any State, county, or
 36 municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it
 37 may require and as may be available to it for its purposes.

38 g. The Department of Health shall provide staff support to the
 39 commission.

40 h. (1) No later than six months after organization, the
 41 commission shall hold at least two public hearings, one each in
 42 northern New Jersey and southern New Jersey.

43 (2) For the purposes of this subsection, “northern New Jersey”
 44 means Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Morris,
 45 Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren counties; and
 46 “southern New Jersey” means Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape
 47 May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, and
 48 Salem counties.

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- 1 i. No later than six months after organization, the commission
2 shall submit to the Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant to
3 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), a report of its findings
4 and recommendations for legislative, executive, or any other action
5 as may be appropriate. The commission shall expire upon
6 submission of its report.
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- 8 2. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.