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SYNOPSIS

Requires health care facilities to report certain coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) data related to health care workers and certain first responders.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning data reporting related to the coronavirus
2 disease 2019 pandemic.

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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. (1) The Commissioner of Health shall require general
8 acute care hospitals, special hospitals, ambulatory care facilities,
9 ambulatory surgical centers, and nursing homes licensed pursuant to
10 P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) to report to the Department of
11 Health data on the number of health care professionals, ancillary
12 health care workers, and emergency medical services personnel
13 affiliated with the facility who: tested positive for the coronavirus
14 disease 2019; died from the coronavirus disease 2019; and were
15 admitted for treatment for the coronavirus disease 2019.

16 (2) The commissioner shall compile the data reported pursuant
17 to this subsection by facility type and by professional license or
18 certification type, if any, or by job title or category.

19 b. The department shall publish on its Internet website the
20 occupational data received pursuant to subsection a. of this
21 section. The department shall update its Internet website on a daily
22 basis by publishing the latest data received by the department
23 pursuant to subsection a. of this section. To the extent possible, the
24 data reported by the department pursuant to this subsection may be
25 merged and cross-referenced with the data published by the
26 department pursuant to subsection b. of section 1 of P.L.2020, c.28.

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire one
29 month after the end of both the state of emergency and the public
30 health emergency declared in response to the coronavirus disease
31 2019 pandemic.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill establishes certain reporting requirements for health
37 care facilities with regard to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-
38 19) for certain health care workers.

39 Specifically, general acute care hospitals, special hospitals,
40 ambulatory care facilities, ambulatory surgical centers, and nursing
41 homes will be required to report to the Department of Health
42 (DOH) data on the number of health care professionals, ancillary
43 health care workers, and emergency medical services personnel
44 affiliated with the facility who: tested positive for COVID-19; died
45 from COVID-19; and were admitted for treatment for COVID-

1 19. The reported data is to be compiled by facility type and by
2 professional license or certification type, if any, or by job title or
3 category.

4 The DOH will be required to publish on its Internet website the
5 occupational data received under the bill, which data is to be
6 updated daily. To the extent possible, the data reported by the
7 department may be merged and cross-referenced with the
8 demographic data published by the department pursuant to section 1
9 of P.L.2020, c.28.

10 The bill will expire one month after the end of both the state of
11 emergency and the public health emergency declared in response to
12 the COVID-19 pandemic.