

P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 28, *approved April 22, 2020*  
Senate, No. 2357

1 AN ACT concerning COVID-19 demographic data.

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

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6 1. a. The Commissioner of Health shall require hospitals  
7 licensed pursuant to Title 26 of the Revised Statutes to report to the  
8 Department of Health demographic data, including the age, ethnicity,  
9 gender, and race of persons in this State who have tested positive for  
10 the coronavirus disease 2019 or who have died from the coronavirus  
11 disease 2019, as well as the number of persons who attempt to get  
12 treatment for the coronavirus disease 2019, the number of persons  
13 who are admitted for treatment for the coronavirus disease 2019, and  
14 the number of persons who attempt to get tested for the coronavirus  
15 disease 2019 and were turned away, until the end of the State's  
16 declared public health emergency related to the coronavirus disease  
17 2019. The commissioner shall compile the reported Statewide data  
18 by county and municipality.

19 b. The Department of Health shall publish on its Internet website  
20 the demographic 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 demographic data received by the  
23 Commissioner of Health until the end of the State's declared public  
24 health emergency related to the coronavirus disease 2019.

25 c. The Commissioner of Health shall prepare and submit a report  
26 compiling the data reported pursuant to this section to the Governor  
27 and to the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164  
28 (C.52:14-19.1).

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon  
31 the submission of the report as required pursuant to subsection b. of  
32 section 1 of this act.

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STATEMENT

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37 This bill requires hospitals to report COVID-19 demographic data.  
38 Under the bill, the Commissioner of Health is to require hospitals to  
39 report to the Department of Health demographic data, including the  
40 age, ethnicity, gender, and race of persons in this State who have  
41 tested positive for the coronavirus disease 2019 or who have died  
42 from the coronavirus disease 2019, as well as the number of persons  
43 who attempt to get treatment for the coronavirus disease 2019, the  
44 number of persons who are admitted for treatment for the coronavirus

1 disease 2019, and the number of persons who attempt to get tested  
2 for the coronavirus disease 2019 and were turned away, until the end  
3 of the State's declared public health emergency related to the  
4 coronavirus disease 2019.

5 The bill provides that the Department of Health is to publish the  
6 demographic data on its Internet website. The department is to  
7 update its Internet website on a daily basis by publishing the latest  
8 demographic data received by the Commissioner of Health until the  
9 end of the State's declared public health emergency related to the  
10 coronavirus disease 2019.

11 The reported Statewide data is to be compiled by county and  
12 municipality. The Commissioner of Health is to prepare and submit  
13 a report compiling the data reported pursuant to the bill's provisions  
14 to the Governor and to the Legislature.

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