

SENATE, No. 527

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SYNOPSIS

Requires State and county correctional facilities to offer inmates hepatitis B and hepatitis C testing.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning the testing of inmates for hepatitis B and
2 hepatitis C and supplementing Title 30 of the 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. The Commissioner of Corrections shall, upon commencement
8 of the period of confinement, offer blood testing for hepatitis B and
9 hepatitis C to every inmate who is sentenced to a term of
10 incarceration at a State correctional facility. An inmate shall not be
11 required to submit to the testing.

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13 2. The chief executive officer, warden, or keeper of any county
14 correctional facility shall, upon commencement of the period of
15 confinement, offer blood testing for hepatitis B and hepatitis C to
16 each person incarcerated in the facility. An inmate shall not be
17 required to submit to the testing.

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19 3. The Commissioner of Corrections shall adopt rules and
20 regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
21 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to effectuate the purposes of
22 this act.

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24 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month
25 after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill requires State and county correctional facilities to offer
31 inmates hepatitis B and hepatitis C testing. Under the bill, the
32 Commissioner of Corrections is required to offer blood testing for
33 hepatitis B and hepatitis C to every inmate who is sentenced to a
34 term of incarceration at a State Correctional facility.

35 In addition, the bill provides that the chief executive officer,
36 warden, or keeper of any county correctional facility is required to
37 offer blood testing for hepatitis B and hepatitis C to each person
38 incarcerated in the facility.

39 Under the bill, the testing at State and county correctional
40 facilities would be offered upon commencement of the period of
41 confinement. Finally, the bill provides that an inmate is not to be
42 required to submit to the testing.