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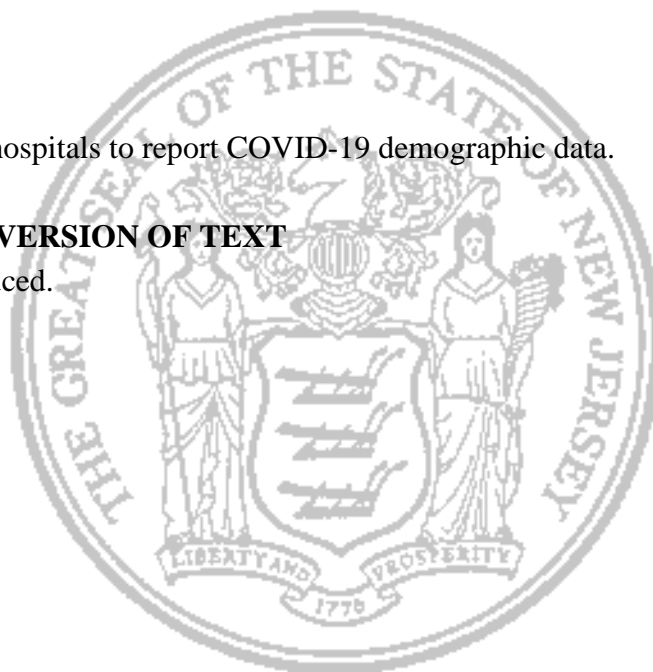
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Singer, Testa, Assemblywomen Quijano and McKnight**

SYNOPSIS

Requires hospitals to report COVID-19 demographic data.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 4/13/2020)

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
45 disease 2019, and the number of persons who attempt to get tested
46 for the coronavirus disease 2019 and were turned away, until the end
47 of the State's declared public health emergency related to the
48 coronavirus disease 2019.

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1 The bill provides that the Department of Health is to publish the
2 demographic data on its Internet website. The department is to
3 update its Internet website on a daily basis by publishing the latest
4 demographic data received by the Commissioner of Health until the
5 end of the State's declared public health emergency related to the
6 coronavirus disease 2019.
7 The reported Statewide data is to be compiled by county and
8 municipality. The Commissioner of Health is to prepare and submit
9 a report compiling the data reported pursuant to the bill's provisions
10 to the Governor and to the Legislature.