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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOH to provide training to health care professionals on communicable diseases.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the training of health care professionals and
2 supplementing Title 26 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. a. The Department of Health shall provide ongoing training
8 to health care professionals about communicable diseases and best
9 practices and standards in the recognition, treatment, and prevention
10 of these diseases.

11 b. At a minimum, the training provided by the department
12 shall, include, but not be limited to, information on:

13 (1) what diseases are communicable;

14 (2) how a communicable disease is spread;

15 (3) how to determine whether a person is ill or has been
16 infected with a communicable disease;

17 (4) what communicable diseases are required to be reported to
18 the department pursuant to State law;

19 (5) what methods are required to be employed to quickly
20 identify signs of a communicable disease that could develop into an
21 outbreak; and

22 (6) the recognized measures for the promotion of health when
23 dealing with, and the prevention and containment of, a
24 communicable disease.

25 c. The department shall ensure the training required pursuant
26 to subsection b. this section is provided to health care professionals
27 twice per calendar year.

28 d. As used in this section, "communicable disease" means any
29 infectious or contagious disease so declared or defined by law or
30 which has been or may hereafter be declared a communicable
31 disease by the Department of Health, including, but not limited to, a
32 novel coronavirus such as the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-
33 19).

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35 2. The Department of Health, pursuant to the "Administrative
36 Procedures Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) shall adopt
37 rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this
38 act.

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40 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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43 STATEMENT

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45 This bill requires the Department of Health (DOH) to provide
46 ongoing training to health care professionals about communicable
47 diseases and best practices and standards in the recognition,
48 treatment, and prevention of these diseases.

1 At a minimum, the training would include, but not be limited to,
2 information on: what diseases are communicable; how a
3 communicable disease is spread; how to determine whether a person
4 is ill or has been infected with a communicable disease; what
5 communicable diseases are required to be reported to the
6 department pursuant to State law; what methods are required to be
7 employed to quickly identify signs of a communicable disease that
8 could develop into an outbreak; and the recognized measures for the
9 promotion of health when dealing with, and the prevention and
10 containment of, a communicable disease.

11 The DOH would ensure the training required pursuant to the bill
12 is provided twice per calendar year.

13 As used in the bill, “communicable disease” means any
14 infectious or contagious disease so declared or defined by law or
15 which has been or may hereafter be declared a communicable
16 disease” by the Department of Health, including, but not limited to,
17 a novel coronavirus such as the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-
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