

**SENATE, No. 3097**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator M. TERESA RUIZ**

**District 29 (Essex)**

**Senator NELLIE POU**

**District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Permits female inmate in correctional facility to request certain medication to prevent pregnancy.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/16/2020)**

1 AN ACT concerning the provision of certain medications to female  
2 inmates 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. a. The Commissioner of Corrections shall provide to a  
8 female inmate, upon request, a single dosage of Levonorgestrel.

9 b. An inmate who has requested Levonorgestrel pursuant to  
10 subsection a. of this section shall be permitted to consult with a  
11 licensed physician or other appropriate medical professional.

12 c. To the extent possible, a generic substitution of  
13 Levonorgestrel shall be provided to a female inmate under the  
14 provisions of this section.

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16 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month  
17 after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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22 This bill permits a female inmate in a State correctional facility  
23 to request a single dosage of Levonorgestrel, more commonly  
24 known as Plan B.

25 Plan B is a medication that prevents pregnancy if taken within 72  
26 hours after unprotected sexual intercourse or birth control failure.  
27 A prescription is not required to obtain Plan B.

28 The bill permits an inmate who has requested Plan B to consult  
29 with a physician or other appropriate medical professional. The bill  
30 also requires, to the extent possible, that a female inmate be  
31 provided with a generic substitution of Levonorgestrel.