

ASSEMBLY, No. 211

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywoman WEINBERG and Assemblyman ZISA

1 AN ACT concerning certain physicians and supplementing chapter 9  
2 of Title 45 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 State Board of Medical Examiners shall conduct at least  
8 two quality assurance reviews annually, including a review of the  
9 medical records, at a professional office maintained by a physician who  
10 maintains a professional medical practice in this State and has  
11 responsibility for patient care but has no affiliation status with a  
12 licensed health care facility, in which office the physician practices at  
13 least 30% of the year.

14 b. The physician shall pay a surcharge on his licensing fee to the  
15 board in an amount determined necessary by the board to cover the  
16 cost of conducting reviews pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

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

20 d. The board shall notify all physicians licensed by the board of the  
21 requirements of this act no later than the 30th day after the effective  
22 date of this act.

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24 2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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29 This bill requires that the State Board of Medical Examiners (BME)  
30 conduct at least two quality assurance reviews annually, including a  
31 review of the medical records, at a professional office maintained by  
32 a physician who maintains a professional medical practice in this State  
33 and has responsibility for patient care but has no affiliation status with  
34 a licensed health care facility, in which office the physician practices  
35 at least 30% of the year. The physician is required to pay a surcharge

1 on his licensing fee to the BME in an amount determined necessary by  
2 the board to cover the cost of conducting the inspections.

3 This bill is intended to protect the public interest in high-quality  
4 medical care by strengthening the State's monitoring of physicians who  
5 do not have hospital privileges and are therefore not reviewed by  
6 facility administrators with respect to the quality of care provided.

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11 Requires physicians who have no hospital privileges to pay surcharge  
12 to State Board of Medical Examiners to cover cost of inspecting their  
13 offices.