

ASSEMBLY, No. 891

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywoman WRIGHT

1 AN ACT establishing an osteoporosis prevention and education
2 program in the Department of Health and supplementing Title 26
3 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Osteoporosis
9 Prevention and Education Program Act."

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11 2. As used in this act:

12 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

13 "Council" means the Osteoporosis Prevention and Education
14 Advisory Council established pursuant to this act.

15 "Department" means the Department of Health.

16 "Program" means the osteoporosis prevention and education
17 program established pursuant to this act.

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19 3. a. The Commissioner of Health shall establish an osteoporosis
20 prevention and education program in the Department of Health. The
21 purpose of the program is to promote: public awareness of the causes
22 of osteoporosis; options for prevention; the value of early detection;
23 and possible treatments, including the benefits and risks of those
24 treatments. The department may accept, for that purpose, any special
25 grant of money, services, or property from the federal government or
26 any of its agencies, or from any foundation, organization, or medical
27 school.

28 b. The program shall include the following:

29 (1) Development of a public education and outreach campaign to
30 promote osteoporosis prevention and education, including, but not
31 limited to, the following subjects:

32 (a) The cause and nature of the disease;

33 (b) Risk factors;

34 (c) The role of hysterectomy;

35 (d) Prevention of osteoporosis, including nutrition, diet, and

- 1 physical exercise;
- 2 (e) Diagnostic procedures and appropriate indications for their use;
- 3 (f) Hormone replacement, including the benefits and risks;
- 4 (g) Environmental safety and injury prevention; and
- 5 (h) Availability of osteoporosis diagnostic treatment services in the
- 6 community.
- 7 (2) Development of educational materials to be made available for
- 8 consumers, particularly targeted to high-risk groups, through local
- 9 boards of health, physicians, other health care providers, including, but
- 10 not limited to, health maintenance organizations, hospitals, and clinics,
- 11 and women's organizations.
- 12 (3) Development of professional education programs for health
- 13 care providers to assist them in understanding research findings and
- 14 the subjects set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection.
- 15 (4) Development and maintenance of a list of current providers of
- 16 specialized services for the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis.
- 17 Dissemination of the list shall be accompanied by a description of
- 18 diagnostic procedures, appropriate indications for their use, and a
- 19 cautionary statement about the current status of osteoporosis research,
- 20 prevention, and treatment. The statement shall also indicate that the
- 21 department does not license, certify, or in any other way approve
- 22 osteoporosis programs or centers in this State.
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- 24 4. There is established an Osteoporosis Prevention and Education
- 25 Advisory Council in the department to advise the commissioner on the
- 26 development and implementation of the program. The members of the
- 27 council shall be appointed by the commissioner, and shall include the
- 28 following: The Director of the Division of Epidemiology,
- 29 Environmental and Occupational Health Services in the department
- 30 and the Directors of the Division on Women and the Division on
- 31 Aging in the Department of Community Affairs, as ex officio members,
- 32 and public members who are representatives of: persons with
- 33 osteoporosis; women's health organizations; public health educators;
- 34 experts in bone and osteoporosis research, prevention and treatment;
- 35 and health care providers, including at least one radiologist,
- 36 orthopedist, registered professional nurse, physical therapist and
- 37 nutritionist. The members of the council shall serve without
- 38 compensation and shall not be reimbursed for any expenses incurred
- 39 by them in the performance of their duties.
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- 41 5. The commissioner shall report to the Governor and the
- 42 Legislature no later than 18 months after the effective date of this act,
- 43 and annually thereafter, on the activities and accomplishments of the
- 44 program.
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- 46 6. The commissioner, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure

1 Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), shall adopt rules and
2 regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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4 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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9 This bill establishes an osteoporosis prevention and education
10 program in the Department of Health. The purpose of the program is
11 to promote: public awareness of the causes of osteoporosis; options
12 for prevention; the value of early detection; and possible treatments,
13 including the benefits and risks of those treatments.

14 The bill also establishes an Osteoporosis Prevention and Education
15 Advisory Council to advise the Commissioner of Health on the
16 development and implementation of the program. The members of the
17 council shall be appointed by the commissioner, and shall include the
18 following: the Director of the Division of Epidemiology,
19 Environmental and Occupational Health Services in the Department of
20 Health and the Directors of the Division on Women and the Division
21 on Aging in the Department of Community Affairs, as ex officio
22 members, and public members who are representatives of persons with
23 osteoporosis, women's health organizations, public health educators,
24 experts in bone and osteoporosis research, prevention and treatment,
25 and health care providers, including at least one radiologist,
26 orthopedist, registered professional nurse, physical therapist and
27 nutritionist.

28 The bill requires that the Commissioner of Health report to the
29 Governor and the Legislature no later than 18 months after the
30 effective date of the bill, and annually thereafter, on the activities and
31 accomplishments of the osteoporosis prevention and education
32 program.

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37 Designated the "Osteoporosis Prevention and Education Program
38 Act."