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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywoman WRIGHT and Assemblymen BLEE, Dalton,
Assemblywoman Buono, Senators Singer, Bassano and Baer

1 **AN ACT** establishing an osteoporosis prevention and education
2 program in the Department of Health ¹and Senior Services¹ and
3 supplementing Title 26 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 ¹and Senior
13 Services¹.

14 "Council" means the ¹[Osteoporosis Prevention and Education
15 Advisory] Interagency¹ Council ¹on Osteoporosis¹ established
16 pursuant to this act.

17 "Department" means the Department of Health ¹and Senior
18 Services¹.

19 "Program" means the osteoporosis prevention and education
20 program established pursuant to this act.

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22 3. a. The Commissioner of Health ¹and Senior Services¹ shall
23 establish an osteoporosis prevention and education program in the
24 Department of Health ¹ and Senior Services¹. The purpose of the
25 program is to promote: public awareness of the causes of
26 osteoporosis; options for prevention; the value of early detection; and
27 possible treatments, including the benefits and risks of those

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted March 20, 1997.

1 treatments. The department may accept, for that purpose, any special
2 grant of money, services, or property from the federal government or
3 any of its agencies, or from any foundation, organization, or medical
4 school.

5 b. The program shall include the following:

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

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

10 (b) Risk factors;

11 (c) The role of hysterectomy;

12 (d) Prevention of osteoporosis, including nutrition, diet, and
13 physical exercise;

14 (e) Diagnostic procedures and appropriate indications for their use;

15 (f) Hormone replacement, including the benefits and risks;

16 (g) Environmental safety and injury prevention; and

17 (h) Availability of osteoporosis diagnostic treatment services in the
18 community.

19 (2) Development of educational materials to be made available for
20 consumers, particularly targeted to high-risk groups, through local
21 boards of health, physicians, other health care providers, including, but
22 not limited to, health maintenance organizations, hospitals, and clinics,
23 and women's organizations.

24 (3) Development of professional education programs for health
25 care providers to assist them in understanding research findings and
26 the subjects set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

27 (4) Development and maintenance of a list of current providers of
28 specialized services for the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis.
29 Dissemination of the list shall be accompanied by a description of
30 diagnostic procedures, appropriate indications for their use, and a
31 cautionary statement about the current status of osteoporosis research,
32 prevention, and treatment. The statement shall also indicate that the
33 department does not license, certify, or in any other way approve
34 osteoporosis programs or centers in this State.

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36 4. There is established an ¹[Osteoporosis Prevention and Education
37 Advisory] Interagency¹ Council ¹on Osteoporosis¹ in the department
38 to advise the commissioner on the development and implementation of
39 the program. The members of the council shall be appointed by the
40 commissioner, and shall include the following: The Director of the
41 Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health
42 Services ¹and the Assistant Commissioner of Senior Affairs¹ in the
43 department and the ¹[Directors] Director¹ of the Division on Women
44 ¹[and the Division on Aging] ¹ in the Department of Community
45 Affairs, as ex officio members, and public members who are
46 representatives of: persons with osteoporosis; women's health

1 organizations; public health educators; experts in bone and
2 osteoporosis research, prevention and treatment; and health care
3 providers, including at least one radiologist, orthopedist, registered
4 professional nurse, physical therapist and nutritionist. The members
5 of the council shall serve without compensation and shall not be
6 reimbursed for any expenses incurred by them in the performance of
7 their duties.

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9 5. The commissioner shall report to the Governor and the
10 Legislature no later than 18 months after the effective date of this act,
11 and annually thereafter, on the activities and accomplishments of the
12 program.

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

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18 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

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23 Designated the "Osteoporosis Prevention and Education Program
24 Act."