

ASSEMBLY, No. 891

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblywoman WRIGHT and Assemblyman BLEE

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
36 physical exercise;

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

- 1 (f) Hormone replacement, including the benefits and risks;
2 (g) Environmental safety and injury prevention; and
3 (h) Availability of osteoporosis diagnostic treatment services in the
4 community.

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

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

13 (4) Development and maintenance of a list of current providers of
14 specialized services for the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis.
15 Dissemination of the list shall be accompanied by a description of
16 diagnostic procedures, appropriate indications for their use, and a
17 cautionary statement about the current status of osteoporosis research,
18 prevention, and treatment. The statement shall also indicate that the
19 department does not license, certify, or in any other way approve
20 osteoporosis programs or centers in this State.

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22 4. There is established an Osteoporosis Prevention and Education
23 Advisory Council in the department to advise the commissioner on the
24 development and implementation of the program. The members of the
25 council shall be appointed by the commissioner, and shall include the
26 following: The Director of the Division of Epidemiology,
27 Environmental and Occupational Health Services in the department
28 and the Directors of the Division on Women and the Division on
29 Aging in the Department of Community Affairs, as ex officio members,
30 and public members who are representatives of: persons with
31 osteoporosis; women's health organizations; public health educators;
32 experts in bone and osteoporosis research, prevention and treatment;
33 and health care providers, including at least one radiologist,
34 orthopedist, registered professional nurse, physical therapist and
35 nutritionist. The members of the council shall serve without
36 compensation and shall not be reimbursed for any expenses incurred
37 by them in the performance of their duties.

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39 5. The commissioner shall report to the Governor and the
40 Legislature no later than 18 months after the effective date of this act,
41 and annually thereafter, on the activities and accomplishments of the
42 program.

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

1 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

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6 Designated the "Osteoporosis Prevention and Education Program

7 Act."