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ASSEMBLY, No. 1622

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT establishing Municipal Community Services Review  
2 Committees and supplementing Title 40 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 governing body of a municipality may appoint a  
8 Municipal Community Services Review Committee. Membership on  
9 the Municipal Community Services Review Committee shall include,  
10 but not be limited to, representatives of the municipal government, the  
11 clergy, social service agencies, the business community, law  
12 enforcement and the education community.

13 b. The purpose of the committee is to review any proposed action  
14 to be taken by the Departments of Human Services, Community  
15 Affairs and Health regarding <sup>1</sup>[residential services] community  
16 residences for more than 12 persons<sup>1</sup> funded, licensed or otherwise  
17 under the jurisdiction of the respective departments that has a direct  
18 impact on the quality of life of the municipality.

19 <sup>1</sup>Under the provisions of this act, "community residence" shall  
20 include: a community residence for developmentally disabled or  
21 mentally ill persons licensed pursuant to P.L.1977, c.448 (C.30:11B-1  
22 et seq.); a center for the treatment of narcotic and drug abuse licensed  
23 or regulated pursuant to P.L.1970, c.334 (C.26:2G-21 et seq.); or a  
24 center for the treatment of alcoholism licensed or regulated pursuant  
25 to P.L.1975, c.305 (C.26:2B-7 et seq.). "Community residence" shall  
26 also include any other center or facility housing persons operated by  
27 the Departments of Human Services, Health, or Community Affairs.  
28 or any organization, association or agency with which the departments  
29 contract, and approved for a purchase of service contract or an  
30 affiliation agreement pursuant to such procedures as are established by

**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:

<sup>1</sup> Assembly ACO committee amendments adopted May 13, 1996.

1 regulation of the departments, to persons who reside therein and  
2 require assistance, temporarily or permanently, in order to live in the  
3 community, but shall not be limited to: group homes, half-way houses,  
4 supervised apartment living arrangements, and hostels.<sup>1</sup>

5 The committee shall issue its findings and recommendations <sup>1</sup>within  
6 45 days<sup>1</sup> about the proposed action to the respective department for  
7 the department's review.

8 c. The Departments of Human Services, Community Affairs and  
9 Health shall provide the committee with information and be available  
10 to meet with the committee when necessary, upon the request of the  
11 committee.

12 <sup>1</sup>d. A community shelter for victims of domestic violence,  
13 established pursuant to P.L.1979, c.337 (C.30:14-1 et seq.), shall be  
14 exempt from the provisions of this act.

15 e. The Municipal Community Services Review Committee shall not  
16 be a public body for the purposes of the "Open Public Meetings Act,"  
17 P.L.1975, c.231 (C.10:4-6 et seq.).<sup>1</sup>

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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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24 Allows municipalities to form Municipal Community Services Review  
25 Committees to review certain DHS, DOH and DCA proposed actions.