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ASSEMBLY, No. 2432

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman BUCCO and Assemblywoman MURPHY

1 AN ACT concerning the testing of patients at State psychiatric facilities
2 for supplementing Title 30 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. As used in this act:

8 a. by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United
9 States Public Health Service.

10 b. "HIV infection" means infection with the human
11 immunodeficiency virus or any other related virus identified as a
12 probable causative agent of AIDS.

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14 2. a. A patient who is admitted for treatment at a State psychiatric
15 hospital shall be required, upon admission, to submit to ¹blood¹ testing
16 for hepatitis B, HIV infection, and ¹other¹ sexually transmitted
17 diseases ¹[such as chancroid, gonorrhea, syphilis, herpes virus, or any
18 of the varieties or stages of such diseases] , as determined by the
19 Commissioner of Human Services. More extensive testing or
20 examination to determine the presence of sexually transmitted diseases
21 or stages of such diseases shall be performed within 90 days of a
22 patient's admission or may be performed sooner, as appropriate to the
23 patient's psychiatric condition.¹

24 b. The Commissioner of Human Services shall develop guidelines
25 for the treatment and confinement of a patient who tests positive to
26 any disease specified in subsection a. of this section, in consultation
27 with the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, and in
28 accordance with recommended protocols established by the Centers
29 for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Public Health
30 Services.

31 ¹c. All employees at a State psychiatric hospital shall be trained

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 ACO committee amendments adopted January 9, 1997.

1 how to interact with a patient who has hepatitis B, HIV infection or
2 any sexually transmitted disease. No employee shall be required to
3 interact with a patient with any of these diseases unless so trained.
4 Any employee who may come in contact with a patient who has any of
5 these diseases shall be given advance notice, to the extent possible,
6 that the patient has one of these diseases.¹

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8 3. Subject to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
9 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), the Commissioner of Human Services shall
10 adopt all rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of
11 this act.

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13 4. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment.

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19 Requires hepatitis B, HIV and sexually transmitted disease testing of
20 patients at State psychiatric hospitals.