

SENATE, No. 1086

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators SINGER and BENNETT

1 AN ACT concerning impersonation of certain licensed health care  
2 professionals and supplementing chapter 21 of Title 2C of the New  
3 Jersey 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. A person who, when he is not legally qualified by the laws of  
9 this State to do so, engages in the practice of any health care activity  
10 for which a license is required, or holds himself out to the public or  
11 any person as being eligible to engage in that practice is guilty of a  
12 crime of the third degree.

13 As used in this section, the term "licensed health care professional"  
14 means an individual licensed by this State to administer health care in  
15 the ordinary course of business or practice of a profession, but does  
16 not include a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or  
17 podiatry or dentistry.

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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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22 STATEMENT

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24 This bill makes it a crime of the third degree to impersonate a  
25 licensed health care professional. Under the bill a person commits this  
26 offense if, when not legally qualified to do so, the person engages in  
27 any health care activity for which a license is required, or holds himself  
28 out to the public or any person as being eligible to engage in that  
29 practice. The term "licensed health care professional," as used in the  
30 bill, does not include doctors and dentists as other criminal statutes  
31 already cover these impersonations. A third degree offense is  
32 punishable by up to ten years imprisonment, a fine up to \$7,500, or  
33 both.

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3 Creates the offense of impersonating certain licensed health care  
4 professionals.