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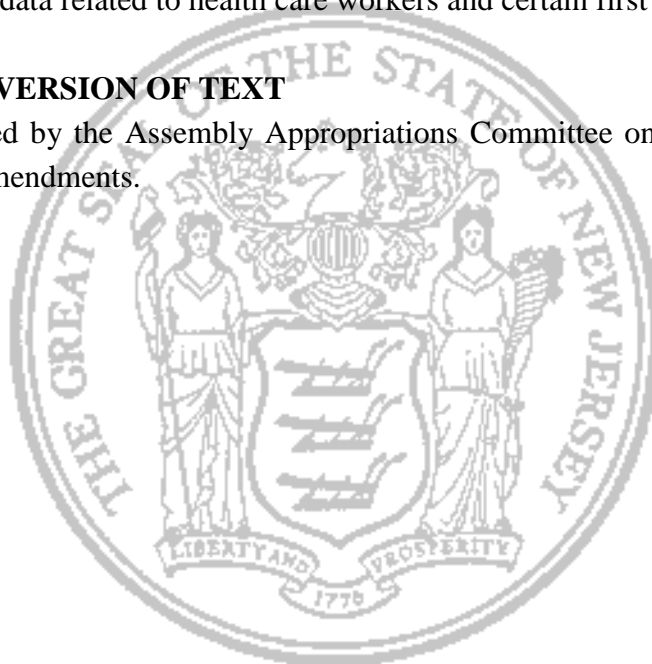
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SYNOPSIS

Requires health care facilities to report certain coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) data related to health care workers and certain first responders.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on December 14, 2020, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/17/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning data reporting related to the coronavirus
2 disease 2019 pandemic.

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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. (1) The Commissioner of Health shall require general
8 acute care hospitals, special hospitals, ambulatory care facilities,
9 ambulatory surgical centers, ¹assisted living facilities, home health
10 agencies,¹ and nursing homes licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136
11 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) ¹, as well as hospice programs licensed pursuant
12 to P.L.1997, c.78 (C.26:2H-79 et seq.),¹ to report to the Department
13 of Health ¹, either directly or through a non-profit trade association,
14 on a bi-monthly basis, de-identified¹ data on the number of health
15 care professionals, ancillary health care workers, and emergency
16 medical services personnel ¹**['affiliated with']** employed by¹ the
17 facility who ¹**[':']** tested positive for the coronavirus disease 2019
18 ¹**[';']** and who¹ died from the coronavirus disease 2019 ¹**[';']**; and were
19 admitted for treatment for the coronavirus disease 2019¹ .

20 (2) ¹**['The commissioner shall compile the data reported**
21 **pursuant to this subsection by facility type and by professional**
22 **license or certification type, if any, or by job title or category']** The
23 information required pursuant to this subsection shall be filed in a
24 form and manner as shall be required by the department. To ensure
25 the integrity and accuracy of the information reported pursuant to
26 this subsection, the department shall seek to identify and minimize
27 duplicative reporting from multiple facilities concerning the same
28 individual in the event that the individual is employed by, or
29 affiliated with, more than one facility that is subject to the reporting
30 requirements set forth in this section¹ .

31 b. The department shall ¹**['publish on its Internet website']** issue
32 a report concerning¹ the occupational data received pursuant to
33 subsection a. of this section ¹**['.** The department shall update its
34 Internet website on a daily basis by publishing the latest data
35 received by the department pursuant to subsection a. of this section.
36 To the extent possible, the data reported by the department pursuant
37 to this subsection may be merged and cross-referenced with the data
38 published by the department pursuant to subsection b. of section 1
39 of P.L.2020, c.28¹ no later than 12 months after the end of both the
40 state of emergency and public health emergency declared in
41 response to the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted December 14, 2020.

1 c. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require
2 disclosure of any private health information or personal identifying
3 information in violation of any State or federal law, including the
4 federal "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of
5 1996," Pub.L.104-191 and any regulations promulgated thereunder
6 by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human
7 Services¹ .

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9 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire one
10 month after ¹**【**the end of both the state of emergency and the public
11 health emergency declared in response to the coronavirus disease
12 2019 pandemic**】** issuance of the report required pursuant to
13 subsection b. of section 1 of this act¹ .