

**ASSEMBLY, No. 5431**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires biennial inspection of nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/15/2021)**

1 AN ACT concerning nursing homes and assisted living facilities and  
2 supplementing Title 26 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. As used in this act:

8 “Assisted living facility” means an assisted living residence or  
9 comprehensive personal care home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971,  
10 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.);

11 "Nursing home" means a long-term care facility licensed  
12 pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.), as well as the  
13 distinct part of another health care facility or continuing care  
14 retirement community that is licensed to provide skilled nursing  
15 care services pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

16 b. Within 180 days following the effective date of this act, the  
17 Department of Health shall establish uniform care and operating  
18 procedures and standards for nursing homes and assisted living  
19 facilities in this State.

20 c. The Department of Health shall conduct biennial, on-site  
21 inspections of nursing homes and assisted living facilities to ensure  
22 that nursing homes and assisted living facilities in this State operate  
23 in accordance with procedures and standards promulgated pursuant  
24 to subsection b. of this section.

25 d. The Department of Health shall conduct such other periodic  
26 reviews of nursing homes and assisted living facilities as deemed  
27 necessary by the Commissioner of Health.

28 e. The Department of Health shall post on its Internet website  
29 each inspection report prepared following an inspection of a nursing  
30 home or assisted living facility that is performed pursuant to this  
31 section.

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33 2. The Commissioner of Health shall adopt rules and  
34 regulations, in accordance with the “Administrative Procedure Act,”  
35 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as are necessary to effectuate  
36 the provisions of this act.

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38 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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41 STATEMENT

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43 This bill requires biennial inspection of nursing homes and  
44 assisted living facilities.

45 The bill provides that, within 180 days following the bill’s  
46 effective date, the Department of Health (department) is to establish  
47 uniform care and operating procedures and standards for nursing  
48 homes and assisted living facilities in this State. The department of

1 is to conduct biennial, on-site inspections of nursing homes and  
2 assisted living facilities to ensure that nursing homes and assisted  
3 living facilities in this State operate in accordance with procedures  
4 and standards promulgated by the department. The department is to  
5 conduct such other periodic reviews of nursing homes and assisted  
6 living facilities as deemed necessary by the Commissioner of  
7 Health. Finally, the department is to post on its Internet website  
8 each inspection report prepared following an inspection of a nursing  
9 home or assisted living facility that is performed pursuant to the  
10 bill's provisions.