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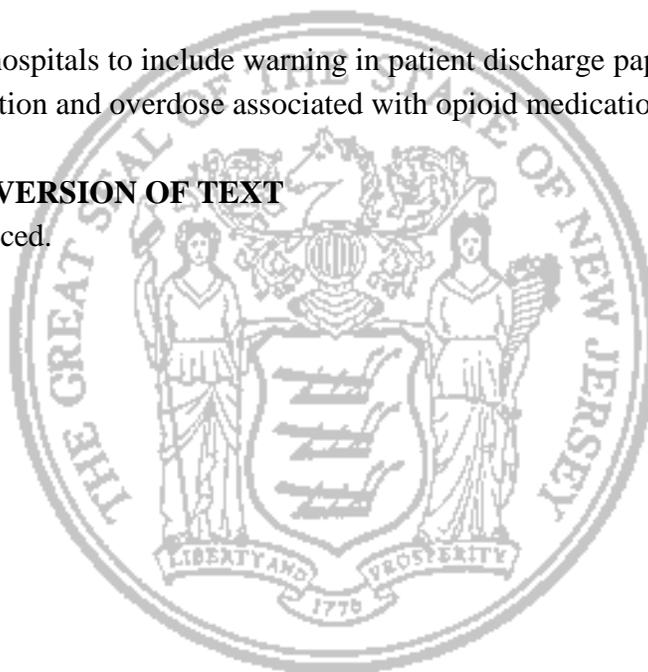
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SYNOPSIS

Requires hospitals to include warning in patient discharge papers concerning risks of addiction and overdose associated with opioid medications.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning hospitals and supplementing Title 26 of the
2 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. Each general acute care hospital licensed pursuant to
8 P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) shall include with patient
9 discharge papers information concerning the risks of addiction,
10 overdose, and death associated with the use of opioid medications.
11 The informational materials shall include contact information for
12 substance use disorder treatment and recovery resources for those
13 seeking treatment for a substance use disorder involving opioids.
14 The Department of Health shall develop informational materials
15 that hospitals may use for the purposes of complying with the
16 requirements of this section.

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18 2. This act shall take effect 60 days after the date of enactment,
19 except that the Commissioner of Health may take any
20 administrative action in advance thereof as shall be necessary to
21 implement the provisions of this act.

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STATEMENT

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26 This bill requires all general acute care hospitals to include with
27 patient discharge papers information concerning the risks of
28 addiction, overdose, and death associated with the use of opioid
29 medications. The information is to include contact information for
30 substance use disorder treatment and recovery resources. The
31 Department of Health will be required to develop informational
32 materials that may be used by hospitals for the purpose of
33 complying with the requirements of the bill. The bill will take
34 effect 60 days after the date of enactment, but the Commissioner of
35 Health will be authorized to take any advance administrative action
36 as may be necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.