

**HCANJ BUSINESS MEETING
LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE
December 14, 2022**

1. Rule Adoptions

- **The Division of Consumer Affairs State Board of Social Work Examiners adopted new rule N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.7 to establish standards as to when the Board may consider an application for licensure or certification abandoned.**

Pursuant to this rule adoption, an application for a license or certificate will be deemed abandoned if an applicant has not submitted all of the information and documentation required to obtain a license, and one year has elapsed since the last notice was sent to the applicant regarding the deficiencies in the application. Additionally, an application for a license or certificate will be deemed abandoned if the applicant has not submitted to the Board all of the information and documentation required to obtain a license and has not submitted any documentation in furtherance of the application since January 1, 2018.

Notice of this adoption appears in the September 19, 2022, *New Jersey Register* at 54 N.J.R. 1818(a). The effective date of the new rule was September 19, 2022.

- **The New Jersey Board of Respiratory Care adopted without change proposed amendments to and rules governing its licensees, N.J.A.C.13:44F,**

The adopted amendment at N.J.A.C. 13:44F-8.1 reduce the fee for a duplicate license from \$50.00 to \$25.00. The Board also approved amendments at N.J.A.C. 13:44F-8.5 to require licensees to provide the Board with their business address and to update the Board when either a residential or business address changes. Amendments adopted at N.J.A.C. 13:44F-10.2 recognize nine examinations that can be completed in order to obtain continuing education credits and recognize that licensees earn 10 credits for completing such examinations (rather than one credit).

Notice of this adoption appears in the October 3, 2022, *New Jersey Register* at 54 N.J.R. 1917 (a). The rule readoption took effect August 25, 2022, and the adopted amendments on October 3, 2022.

- **The Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Wage and Hour Compliance, published notice of approval of an administrative change, effective January 1, 2023, increasing the minimum wage to not less than \$14.13 per hour or the minimum wage rate set by section 6(a)(1) of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. § 206(a)(1), whichever is greater.**

This action is pursuant to P.L. 2019, c.32. which increases the minimum wage, over time, to \$15 per hour.

Notice of this approval appears in the October 17, 2022, *New Jersey Register* at 54 N.J.R. 1976 (b).

2. **Rule Proposals**

- None to Report

3. **Health Care Administration Board Actions**

- **The Health Care Administration Board approved a Department of Health proposal to amend N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.10(m) to mirror the nurse aide instructor requirements that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have established.**

This action comes in response to a petition for rulemaking submitted by the Health Care Association of New Jersey, the New Jersey Hospital Association, LeadingAge New Jersey and Delaware the New Jersey Business and Industry Association and several county college and county vocational school leader.

4. **Public Notices**

- None to Report

5. Legislation Enacted or on Governor's Desk

- None to report.

6. Legislative Activity

Bill: A256 AcaAcaSa (3R)

Sponsors: Munoz (R21); DeFuccio (R39); Speight (D29) +3

Summary: **Requires certain health care facilities to adopt and implement policies to prevent exposure to surgical smoke via use of smoke evacuation system.**

Related: 2022:S732; 2020:A3982; 2020:S4015

History: 01/11/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

06/02/2022—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Labor Committee.

10/17/2022—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.

10/27/2022—Passed in Assembly 73-0-0.

11/03/2022—Received in Senate w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Senate.

Position: Monitor

Notes: Amended at HCANJ request to exclude LTC facilities.

Bill: A358 Aca (1R)

Sponsors: Dunn (R25); Murphy (D7); McKnight (D31) +3

Summary: **Establishes testing and visitation requirements and employment restrictions for long-term care facilities in response to outbreaks of infectious disease.**

Related: 2022:S236; 2020:A4657; 2020:S2897

History: 01/11/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Senior Services Committee.

09/15/2022—Reported with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Labor Committee.

Position: Oppose

Notes: HCANJ testified that the response to infectious disease outbreaks in long term care facilities should not be set in stone by statute but, rather, through guidance by public health infectious disease experts on testing, visitation, isolation and quarantine. It was further stated that enactment of this bill would conflict with best practices and foster confusion, that healthcare professionals should not be prohibited from working in more than one facility and return to work guidance should be established by public health agencies.

Bill: A1897 Aca (1R)

Sponsors: Tully (D38); Swain (D38); McKnight (D31) +3

Summary: **Requires long-term care facilities to meet with residents and residents' families to review emergency contact information and to offer residents opportunity to update information.**

Related: 2020:A4647

History: 01/11/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Senior Services Committee.

09/15/2022—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Health Committee.

Position: Seek Amendments to allow meeting with family member ONLY upon resident or legal guardian request. Sponsor indicated he will in Assembly Health Committee.

Bill: A2722 AcaSca (2R)
Sponsors: Matsikoudis (R21); Sauickie (R12); Murphy (D7) +8
Summary: Permits veteran to receive credit toward licensure as licensed practical nurse upon completing certain military medical training programs.
Related: 2022:S3191; 2020:A1383; 2020:S3278
History: 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
 09/22/2022—Reported with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
10/03/2022—Passed Assembly 71-0-0. Received in Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
11/07/2022—Reported with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.

Position: Monitor

Bill: A3199 AcaAcaSca (3R)
Sponsors: Greenwald (D6); Sumter (D35); Jaffer (D16); Swain (D38); Benson (D14) +9
Summary: Establishes "Health Care Heroes Violence Prevention Act."
Related: 2022:S2008
History: 03/07/2022—Introduced to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee.
 05/09/2022—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
 06/13/2022—Reported with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 06/16/2022—Passed in Assembly 78-0-0.
 06/20/2022—Received in Senate and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
12/05/2022—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.

Position: Seek Amendments

Notes: Request to remove requirement for facilities to post notice stating "It is a crime to assault a health care worker. Any person who assaults a health care worker shall be subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both under the New Jersey Code of Criminal Justice, N.J.S.2C:1-1 et seq." was rejected.

Bill: A3585 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Lampitt (D6); Verrelli (D15); McKnight (D31)
Summary: Establishes program for certain individuals to become certified as homemaker-home health aides and provide private duty nursing services to certain Medicaid enrollees under increased reimbursement rates.
Related: 2022:S1307; 2020:A5995; 2020:S3847
History: 03/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.
11/14/2022—Reported with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Position: Oppose

Notes: Allows a family member or third party to be certified as a home health aide (bill originally stated certified nurse aide but was amended) and care for a Medicaid or Family Care enrollee under 21 years of age at home. They would work through a private duty nursing agency which would be paid \$30 an hour. HCANJ testimony stressed that the \$30 payment would attract staff and potential staff away from long term care facilities and further exacerbate our workforce shortage. Request that bill be limited to only family members and amended to remove third party individuals was rejected.

- Bill:** A4332
Sponsors: Conaway (D7); McKnight (D31); Speight (D29) +1
Summary: Requires procurement of management support and other services for certain nursing homes.
Related: 2022:S2893
History: 06/20/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.
09/15/2022—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Aging and Senior Services Committee.
Position: No Position
Notes: Applies to nursing homes identified by the Department of Health as being in substantial violation, or with a pattern and practice of habitual violations, of the standards of health, safety, and resident care established under federal or State law. For these homes and with adequate notice the department may provide or appoint at the expense of the nursing home, or direct the nursing home to employ, contract with, or otherwise provide, a monitor or other vendor for management support services and resources, consultative services, staffing services, or any other support.
- Bill:** A4333
Sponsors: Conaway (D7); McKnight (D31); Mukherji (D33) +3
Summary: Expands scope of Office of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman; appropriates \$1 million.
Related: 2022:S2891
History: 06/20/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.
09/15/2022—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Aging and Senior Services Committee.
Position: No Position
Notes: Bill provides that the office of the ombudsman will oversee all long-term care facility residents, not just the elderly.
- Bill:** A4335 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Conaway (D7); Speight (D29); Stanley (D18) +1
Summary: Establishes "Mission Critical Long-Term Care Teams"; provides for identification of and intervention at long-term care facilities at risk of operational and financial distress.
Related: 2022:S2894
History: 06/20/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.
09/15/2022—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Aging and Senior Services Committee.
10/13/2022—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Position: Seek Amendments
Notes: Request that recommended corrective actions not be provided to DOH for use in conducting a survey, inspection or complaint investigation rejected.

- Bill:** A4336 AcaAca (2R)
Sponsors: Conaway (D7); McKnight (D31); Speight (D29)
Summary: Prohibits annual increase in rent or lease payments of more than two percent for certain nursing homes except in certain circumstances.
Related: 2022:S2890
History: 06/20/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.
09/15/2022—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Aging and Senior Services Committee.
10/13/2022—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Position: Oppose
- Bill:** A4428
Sponsors: Conaway (D7); Speight (D29); Stanley (D18)
Summary: Establishes cause of action for residents of assisted living facilities and comprehensive personal care home providers.
Related: 2020:A5952
History: 06/29/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.
09/15/2022—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.
Position: Oppose
- Bill:** A4521 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Jaffer (D16); McKnight (D31); Park (D37)
Summary: Prohibits certain non-disclosure and non-disparagement provisions in employment contracts.
Related: 2022:S2930
History: 09/22/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.
09/29/2022—Reported with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
10/03/2022—Passed Assembly 59-9-4. Received in Senate Labor Committee.
Position: Monitor
- Bill:** A4617
Sponsors: DeAngelo (D14); Haider (D37); Greenwald (D6)
Summary: Requires DOLWD to identify and recruit unemployed individuals for employment in health care facilities; makes appropriation.
Related: 2022:S3121
History: 09/22/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.
12/08/2022—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Position: Support
- Bill:** A4618
Sponsors: Freiman (D16); Murphy (D7); Greenwald (D6) +3
Summary: Creates online job portal for behavioral health care workers and online internship and externship portal for health care students.
Related: 2022:S3122
History: 09/22/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.
12/08/2022—Reported out of committee, referred to Appropriations Committee.
Position: Support

Bill: A4682 Aca (1R)
Sponsors: Schaer (D36); Timberlake (D34); Danielsen (D17) +3
Summary: Establishes employment protections for certain service employees during changes of ownership.
Related: 2022:S2389
History: 09/29/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.
 12/08/2022—**Reported with committee amendments, referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee.**
Position: Oppose
Notes: Bill was amended so that its provisions do not apply to changes of ownership of health care facilities. It would still apply to a health care vendor change of ownership.

Bill: S1033 ScaSa (2R)
Sponsors: Vitale (D19) +7
Summary: Establishes "Alzheimer's and Dementia Care Long-Term Advisory Commission" in DHS.
Related: 2022:A2682; 2020:A4422; 2020:S2796
History: 01/31/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
 05/12/2022—**Reported with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.**
 11/21/2022—Amended on Senate floor, 2nd reading in Senate by voice vote (Sarlo).
Position: Monitor
Notes: Senate president and Assembly Speaker appoint, respectively, a person representing a for-profit and a non-profit health care facility that offers memory care services.

Bill: S1307 Sca (1R)
Sponsors: Beach (D6)
Summary: Establishes program for certain individuals to become certified as homemaker-home health aides and provide private duty nursing services to certain Medicaid enrollees under increased reimbursement rates.
Related: 2022:A3585; 2020:A5995; 2020:S3847
History: 02/03/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
 10/31/2022—**Reported out of committee with committee amendments. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.**
Position: Oppose
Notes: Allows a family member or third party to be certified as a home health aide (bill originally stated certified nurse aide but was amended) and care for a Medicaid or Family Care enrollee under 21 years of age at home. They would work through a private duty nursing agency which would be paid \$30 an hour. HCANJ testimony stressed that the \$30 payment would attract staff and potential staff away from long term care facilities and further exacerbate our workforce shortage. Request that bill be limited to only family members and amended to remove third party individuals was rejected.

- Bill:** S2008 ScaSca (2R)
Sponsors: Singleton (D7); Madden (D4) +1
Summary: Establishes "Health Care Heroes Violence Prevention Act."
Related: 2022:A3199
History: 03/03/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
 05/12/2022—Transferred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
12/05/2022—Reported with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.
Position: Seek Amendments
Notes: Request to remove requirement for facilities to post notice stating "It is a crime to assault a health care worker. Any person who assaults a health care worker shall be subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both under the New Jersey Code of Criminal Justice, N.J.S.2C:1-1 et seq." was rejected.
- Bill:** S2389 Sca (1R)
Sponsors: Singleton (D7); Zwicker (D16) +4
Summary: Establishes employment protections for certain service employees during changes of ownership.
Related: 2022:A4682
History: 03/24/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Labor Committee.
12/01/2022—Reported out of committee with committee amendments w/o recommendation, 2nd reading in Senate.
Position: Oppose
Notes: Bill was amended so that its provisions do not apply to changes of ownership of health care facilities. It would still apply to a health care vendor change of ownership.
- Bill:** S2890 Sca (1R)
Sponsors: Vitale (D19); Cunningham (D31)
Summary: Prohibits annual increase in rent or lease payments of more than four percent for certain nursing homes except in certain circumstances.
Related: 2022:A4336
History: 06/20/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
10/06/2022—Reported with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.
Position: Oppose
- Bill:** S2891 Sca (1R)
Sponsors: Vitale (D19); Greenstein (D14)
Summary: Expands scope of Office of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman; appropriates \$1 million.
Related: 2022:A4333
History: 06/20/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
10/06/2022—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
Position: No Position
Notes: Bill provides that the office of the ombudsman will oversee all long-term care facility residents, not just the elderly.

Bill: S2892 Sca (1R)
Sponsors: Vitale (D19); Cryan (D20)
Summary: Establishes requirements for sanctions and other actions involving low-performing nursing homes.
History: 06/20/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
 10/06/2022—**Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.**
Position: Oppose,
Notes: Bill requires that, if a nursing home receives a one-star CMS rating in two consecutive quarters, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services must evaluate whether to impose sanctions against the nursing home, which sanctions may include, but will not be limited to: issuing an order prohibiting the nursing home from admitting new Medicaid enrollees; limiting the total number of Medicaid enrollees who may be admitted to the nursing home; and reducing or limiting payments to the nursing home under the DHS quality incentive payment program

Sponsor rejected taking more appropriate approach of identifying ways to improve low-performing facilities rather than instituting another fine structure.

Bill was amended to require DMAHS to promulgate rules and regulations that establish an appeals process for noncompliant nursing homes.

Bill: S2893
Sponsors: Vitale (D19); Codey (D27) +1
Summary: Requires procurement of management support and other services for certain nursing homes.
Related: 2022:A4332
History: 06/20/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
 10/06/2022—**Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.**
Position: No Position
Notes: Applies to nursing homes identified by the Department of Health as being in substantial violation, or with a pattern and practice of habitual violations, of the standards of health, safety, and resident care established under federal or State law. For these homes and with adequate notice the department may provide or appoint at the expense of the nursing home, or direct the nursing home to employ, contract with, or otherwise provide, a monitor or other vendor for management support services and resources, consultative services, staffing services, or any other support.

Bill: S2894 Sca (1R)
Sponsors: Vitale (D19); Stack (D33)
Summary: Establishes "Mission Critical Long-Term Care Teams"; provides for identification of and intervention at long-term care facilities at risk of operational and financial distress.
Related: 2022:A4335
History: 06/20/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
10/06/2022—Reported with committee amendments. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
Position: Seek Amendments
Notes: Request that recommended corrective actions not be provided to DOH for use in conducting a survey, inspection or complaint investigation rejected.
Position: Support

Bill: S3191 Sca (1R)
Sponsors: Bramnick (R21); Gopal (D11) +2
Summary: Permits veteran to receive credit toward licensure as licensed practical nurse upon completing certain military medical training programs.
Related: 2022:A2722; 2020:A1383; 2020:S3278
History: 10/13/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
11/07/2022—Reported with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.
Position: Monitor

7. Legislation Scheduled

Bill: A4614
Sponsors: Greenwald (D6); Jasey (D27); Carter (D22); Lampitt (D6)
Summary: Modifies Nursing Faculty Loan Redemption Program.
History: 09/22/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Higher Education Committee.
Scheduled: 12/12/2022—Assembly Higher Education Committee.
Position: Support

Bill: S3240
Sponsors: Vitale (D19)
Summary: Requires automatic registration with New Jersey Immunization Information System upon administration of vaccine for persons not already registered who consent to registration.
Related: 2022:A4112
History: 10/27/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
Scheduled: 12/15/2022—Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
Position: Review
Notes: Any Concerns?

8. Legislation Introduced

Bill: A4467
Sponsors: McKnight (D31); Speight (D29); Reynolds-Jackson (D15)
Summary: Establishes Medicaid Managed Care Organization Oversight Program.
Related: 2020:A2665; 2018:A2308; 2016:A4769
History: 09/15/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Human Services Committee.
Position: Monitor

Bill: A4484
Sponsors: Conaway (D7); McKnight (D31)
Summary: Revises reporting requirements for nursing homes concerning financial disclosures and ownership structure.
Related: 2022:S2769
History: 09/15/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Senior Services Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: Requires audited financial statements and reporting every transaction of \$2,500 or more between related parties

Bill: A4541
Sponsors: Jimenez (D32); McKnight (D31); Wimberly (D35)
Summary: Requires long-term care facilities to submit reports regarding residents with disabilities.
Related: 2022:S838; 2020:A5253; 2020:S3369
History: 09/22/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Senior Services Committee.
Position: Review
Notes: Bill requires each long-term care facility, within 60 days of enactment, to report the total number of residents with a disability, the number of residents with each category of disability, which categories are to be determined by the Department of Health in consultation with the Department of Human Services and the ranges in age of residents with each category of disability. Thereafter, a long-term care facility is to report to the Department of Health whenever there is a change in the total number of residents with a disability, the number of residents with each category of disability, and the ranges in age of residents with each category of disability. The bill defines "long-term care facility" to mean a nursing home, assisted living residence, comprehensive personal care home, residential health care facility, or dementia care home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

Bill: A4619
Sponsors: Greenwald (D6); Conaway (D7); Stanley (D18) +1
Summary: Codifies and extends authorization for certain out-of-State health care practitioners and recent graduates of health care training programs to practice in New Jersey.
History: 09/22/2022—Introduced to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.
Position: Support

Bill: A4621
Sponsors: Mosquera (D4); Greenwald (D6); Swain (D38)
Summary: Requires issuance of report on certain information and data on processing of applications for professional and occupational licenses and mandates review of training and call intake in Division of Consumer Affairs.
Related: 2022:S3156
History: 09/22/2022—Introduced to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.
Position: Monitor

Bill: A4629
Sponsors: Calabrese (D36)
Summary: Enters New Jersey into Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.
Related: 2022:S3236
History: 09/22/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.
Position: Monitor

Bill: A4695
Sponsors: Speight (D29)
Summary: Concerns worker leave.
History: 10/03/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.
Position: Review
Notes: this bill amends the State’s family leave, earned sick leave, temporary disability insurance, and family leave insurance laws to provide paid, protected, leave for each covered employees for 1) time needed by the employee for an intrauterine insemination or other assisted reproductive technology procedure, or related diagnosis; 2) to place a child with the employee by adoption or foster care; 3) in connection with a pregnancy loss, unsuccessful intrauterine insemination or other assisted reproductive technology procedure, a failed adoption or surrogacy arrangement, or other event impacting pregnancy or fertility; 4) up to three working days, for any instance of bereavement for the death of a family member, or for pregnancy loss; 5) to provide care for a spouse, domestic or civil union partner, or gestational carrier during pregnancy and recovery from childbirth, whether or not the childbirth is successful; or 6) time needed for an employee to provide care for a spouse or domestic or civil union partner experiencing pregnancy loss, an unsuccessful assisted reproductive technology procedure, a failed adoption match or surrogacy arrangement, or other event impacting pregnancy or fertility.

Bill: A4853
Sponsors: McKnight (D31); Speight (D29); Jaffer (D16)
Summary: Imposes minimum staffing requirements and certain reporting requirements on certain long-term care facilities.
History: 11/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Senior Services Committee.
Position: Review
Notes: Applies to long-term health care facilities that provide specialized care of patients with Alzheimer's disease. Bill requires DOH to establish a minimum number of staff to be employed by facilities and that at least one staff member trained in memory care be present at all times. Long term care facility is not defined.

- Bill:** A4854
Sponsors: McKnight (D31); Murphy (D7); Jasey (D27) +1
Summary: Requires State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to employ three geriatric social workers to serve New Jersey's long-term care residents and makes appropriation.
History: 11/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Senior Services Committee.
Position: Monitor
- Bill:** A4856
Sponsors: Jaffer (D16); Mosquera (D4); McKnight (D31)
Summary: Provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits to long-term care facilities that increase number of residential units reserved for single occupancy by at least five percent.
History: 11/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee.
Position: Seek Amendments
Notes: Seek legislation that would be meaningful. This bill provides a mere \$100 per tax cycle credit for conversion of every five percent of rooms to single occupancy up to a maximum of \$2,000.
- Bill:** A4857
Sponsors: Lampitt (D6); Tully (D38)
Summary: Authorizes temporary licensure of graduated nursing students.
History: 11/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Senior Services Committee.
Position: Review
Notes: Permits any person who has graduated from a nurse training program but has not yet met the requirements for licensure as a licensed practical nurse or registered nurse may apply to the New Jersey Board of Nursing for a temporary license. A temporary graduate nurse license will be valid for one year. At least 90 days prior to the expiration of the temporary license, the graduated nursing student will be required to initiate the process of applying for full licensure as a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse including registering for the applicable licensure examination, initiating the process of completing a criminal history record background check.
- Bill:** A4913
Sponsors: Conaway (D7); Stanley (D18)
Summary: Requires health insurance carriers to reimburse health care providers using check or electronic funds transfer.
Related: 2022:S3133
History: 12/05/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Review

Bill: S3115
Sponsors: Cryan (D20)
Summary: Concerns work break periods and warehouse conditions of employment.
Related: 2020:A6235; 2020:S4265
History: 10/03/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Labor Committee.
Position: Review
Notes: The bill requires all employers to provide paid meal periods of at least 30 minutes for employees who work for more than five hours continuously, and paid rest periods of at least a 15 minutes for any continuous work period of more than four hours. Current New Jersey law requires 30-minute meal breaks for minors who work five or more continuous hours, but has no requirement for adults, and no requirement for rest breaks for adults or minors.

Bill: S3168
Sponsors: Durr (R3)
Summary: Establishes review period and back-out period for nursing home contracts.
History: 10/03/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
Position: Review
Notes: Could lead to potential residents staying in hospitals instead of a nursing home during seven-day review period.

Bill: S3200
Sponsors: Madden (D4); Vitale (D19) +1
Summary: Increases maximum age for pediatric long-term care facility residents to 26.
History: 10/13/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
Position: Review

Bill: S3238
Sponsors: Vitale (D19)
Summary: Requires vaccinations against coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) be reported to New Jersey Immunization Information System.
Related: 2022:A4338; 2020:A5104
History: 10/27/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: **Requires each health care provider who administers the SARS48 CoV-2 vaccine to register as an immunization site and as an authorized user, and to commence online reporting of administrations of the SARS-CoV-2 vaccine. Health care providers would also be required to utilize procedures established by DOH to advise people receiving the SARS-CoV-2 5 vaccine of the purpose of using the NJIIS to track administrations of the vaccine.**