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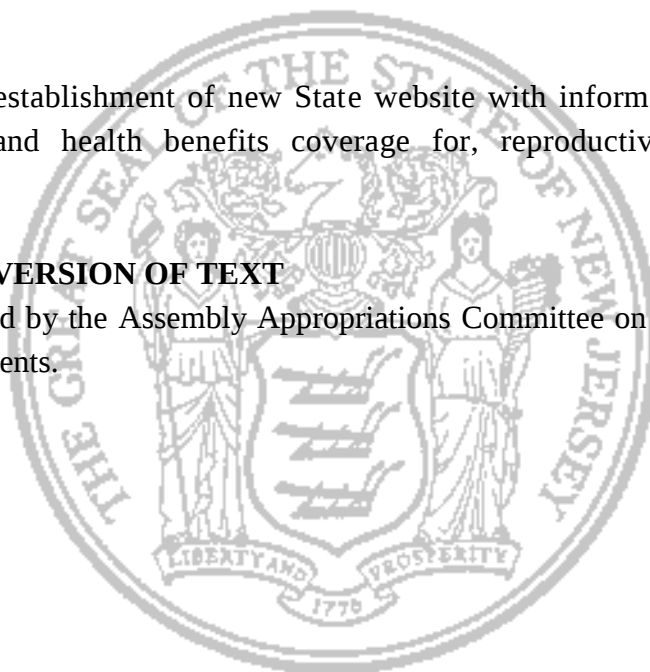
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SYNOPSIS

Requires establishment of new State website with information on rights related to, and health benefits coverage for, reproductive health care services.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on June 22, 2023, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2023)

1 AN ACT concerning reproductive rights and supplementing Title 26
2 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. ¹**[The Department]** a. As used in this act, “reproductive
8 health care services” means all medical, surgical, counseling, or
9 referral services relating to the human reproductive system
10 including, but not limited to, services relating to pregnancy,
11 contraception, or termination of a pregnancy.

12 b. No later than 180 days after the effective date of this act, the
13 Commissioner¹ of Health ^{1, 2}in consultation with the Attorney
14 General,² the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, the
15 Commissioner of Human Services, and the State Treasurer^{1 2 2} shall
16 ¹create a new ²jointly establish an¹ provide on the Department
17 of Health’s² Internet website ¹[with] ²[, which shall have a unique
18 uniform resource locator (URL) and be separate from the Internet
19 websites of the Department of Health, the Department of Banking
20 and Insurance, the Department of Human Services, and the
21 Department of the Treasury Internet websites, providing^{1 2}
22 comprehensive information on ¹[women’s]¹ reproductive rights
23 under ²[federal and]² State law ¹[and under health insurance
24 plans] , as well as information concerning health benefits coverage
25 for reproductive health care services¹ , which ¹information¹ shall
26 include, but ¹[may] shall¹ not be limited to ¹, information
27 concerning¹ :

28 ¹(1)¹ the right ²under State law² to ¹access and receive¹
29 emergency ¹reproductive health¹ care ¹services¹ ;

30 ¹(2)¹ the right ²under State law² to ¹[birth control] access and
31 use contraception, including, but not limited to, condoms,
32 diaphragms, spermicides, contraceptive vaginal rings, transdermal
33 contraceptive patches, contraceptive hormonal injections, hormonal
34 contraceptive pills, uterine implants, intrauterine devices, and
35 surgical and non-surgical sterilization¹ ;

36 ¹(3) the right ²under State law² to self-determination regarding
37 the use of contraception and the right ²under State law² to refuse
38 sterilization;

39 ¹(4)¹ the right ²under State law² to ¹[medication] access and use
40 prescription and non-prescription medications for reproductive
41 health care¹ ;

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:

¹Senate SHH committee amendments adopted January 19, 2023.

²Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted June 22, 2023.

1 ¹(5)¹ the right ²under State law² to ¹carry a pregnancy to term
2 and the right ²under State law² to terminate a pregnancy, as well as
3 the right to¹ access ¹**["abortion"]** services ¹necessary for childbirth
4 and abortion care¹ ;

5 ¹(6)¹ the right ²under State law² to access preventative
6 ¹reproductive¹ health care services;

7 ¹(7)¹ the right ²under State law² to ¹**["health care for the**
8 **uninsured, which shall include hyperlinks to websites that register**
9 **the uninsured for health care benefits]** receive reproductive health
10 care services regardless of insurance status, which information shall
11 include links to appropriate Internet websites and other resources
12 that can provide assistance in enrolling individuals without
13 insurance or who are underinsured in a health benefits plan or to
14 apply for medical assistance under the Medicaid or NJ FamilyCare
15 programs;

16 (8) a resource page, or a link to a resource website, where
17 patients can locate current, verified reproductive health care
18 providers, including abortion care providers¹ ; and

19 ¹(9)¹ information on where and how to file a complaint in the
20 event that ¹**["a woman's"]** an individual's¹ reproductive rights are
21 violated.

22 ¹c. The information provided on or through the Internet website
23 established pursuant to subsection b. of this section ²**["shall"]** may²
24 be made available ²**["to the extent possible, in the 10 languages**
25 most commonly spoken in New Jersey, and, at the discretion of the
26 commissioners and the State Treasurer,]² in such additional
27 languages as ²**["they deem"]** deemed² appropriate ²by the
28 Commissioner of Health².

29 ²**["d. In the event the Internet website required to be established**
30 **pursuant to subsection b. of this section is not established within**
31 180 days after the effective date of this act, the Commissioner of
32 Health, the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, the
33 Commissioner of Human Services, and the State Treasurer shall
34 appear before the committee of first reference in which this act was
35 considered in each House, or before another standing reference
36 committee in the General Assembly as may be determined by the
37 Speaker of the General Assembly and in the Senate as may be
38 determined by the President of the Senate, to explain why this act
39 has not been implemented in accordance with its provisions, and the
40 steps the commissioners and the State Treasurer are taking to ensure
41 implementation of this act. Thereafter, for such time as the Internet
42 website required pursuant to subsection b. of this section remains
43 unestablished, the Speaker of the General Assembly shall have the
44 authority to require the commissioners and the State Treasurer to
45 appear before any appropriate General Assembly standing reference

1 committee to explain why this act has not been implemented in
2 accordance with its provisions and the steps that are being taken to
3 ensure the implementation of this act, and the President of the
4 Senate shall have the authority to require the commissioners and the
5 State Treasurer to appear before any appropriate Senate standing
6 reference committee to explain why this act has not been
7 implemented in accordance with its provisions and the steps that are
8 being taken to ensure the implementation of this act.¹²

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10 ¹**[2.** The Commissioner of Health shall adopt rules and
11 regulations, pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,”
12 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as necessary to implement the
13 provisions of this act.]¹

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15 ¹**[3.]** 2.¹ This act shall take effect ²**[immediately]** 180 days
16 after the date of enactment².