

# SENATE, No. 621

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Conditions appropriation for State professional boards on expenditure of budget allocation to Board of Nursing to process and eliminate home health aide application backlog.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT to amend “AN ACT making appropriations for the support  
2 of the State Government and the several public purposes for the  
3 fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 and regulating the disbursement  
4 thereof,” approved June 26, 2015 (P.L.2015, c.63).

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6 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and the General Assembly of the  
7 State of New Jersey:

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9 1. The following language provision in Section 1 of P.L.2015,  
10 c.63, the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending  
11 June 30, 2016, is amended to read as follows:

**66 DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

*80 Special Government Services*

*82 Protection of Citizens’ Rights*

**DIRECT STATE SERVICES**

15-1318 Operation of State Professional Boards

12 **[Of the]** The amount hereinabove appropriated for Operation of State Professional  
13 Boards [for] shall be subject to the following condition: in addition to the allocation  
14 from the Operation of State Professional Boards for the operation of the Board of  
15 Nursing [there is allocated an amount not less than] , the Director of the Division of  
16 Budget and Accounting shall allocate an additional \$250,000 to the Board of Nursing  
17 which shall be expended by the board during the fiscal year for the cost of hiring  
18 additional staff and other expenses necessary to process and eliminate the home  
19 health aide application backlog.

20 (cf: P.L.2015, c.63, s.1)

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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27 This bill amends budget language in the Fiscal Year 2016 annual  
28 appropriations act to ensure that the \$250,000 allocated to the  
29 Board of Nursing by a legislative resolution is expended by the  
30 board during the fiscal year for the cost of hiring additional staff  
31 and other expenses necessary to process and eliminate the home  
32 health aide application backlog.

33 This bill makes the appropriation for the operation of all the  
34 professional boards within the Division of Consumer affairs in the  
35 Department of Law and Public Safety conditioned upon the  
36 \$250,000 allocation being expended by the Board of Nursing to  
37 process and eliminate the home health aide application backlog.  
38 The division and the department have not moved forward with  
39 implementing the purpose of this budget language. This bill  
40 clarifies the language to compel the expenditure of the  
41 appropriation to achieve the purpose for which it was intended in  
42 the annual appropriations act.

**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.