

SENATE, No. 3312

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:
Senator VIN GOPAL
District 11 (Monmouth)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes Chief Executive Nurse position in DOH.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT establishing a Chief Executive Nurse position in the
2 Department of Health and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. The Commissioner of Health shall appoint a chief
9 executive nurse within the Department of Health who shall serve at
10 the pleasure of the commissioner during the commissioner's term of
11 office and until the appointment of the Chief Executive Nurse's
12 successor. The Chief Executive Nurse shall devote his or her entire
13 time to the duties of the position. The Chief Executive Nurse shall
14 hold a master's degree in nursing or higher and have significant
15 work experience as a nurse.

16 b. It shall be the duty of the Chief Executive Nurse to: assist
17 the Commissioner of Health as necessary on matters pertaining to
18 nursing; collect data and other information on nursing as
19 determined by the Commissioner of Health; consult with nurses and
20 health care facilities to determine which current or proposed
21 regulations aide or impede nurses' ability to provide adequate
22 health care; and evaluate current trends in nursing.

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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27 STATEMENT

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29 This bill establishes a Chief Executive Nurse position within the
30 Department of Health (DOH).

31 Under the bill, the Commissioner of Health (commissioner) is to
32 appoint a Chief Executive Nurse within the DOH who is to serve at
33 the pleasure of the commissioner during the commissioner's term of
34 office and until the appointment of the chief executive nurse's
35 successor. The Chief Executive Nurse is to devote his or her entire
36 time to the duties of the position. The Chief Executive Nurse is to
37 hold a master's degree in nursing or higher and have significant
38 work experience as a nurse.

39 The bill provides that the duties of the Chief Executive Nurse
40 will include: assisting the commissioner as necessary on matters
41 pertaining to nursing; collecting data and other information on
42 nursing as determined by the commissioner; consulting with nurses
43 and health care facilities to determine which current or proposed
44 regulations aide or impede nurses' ability to provide adequate
45 health care; and evaluating current trends in nursing.