

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2456

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2456, with committee amendments.

This bill requires adult day care centers to provide reasonable accommodations for certain persons.

Under the bill, to the extent that it is within its capacity, an adult day care center is to make reasonable efforts to accommodate the religious dietary needs of individuals who are in the care of the adult day care center.

The bill defines "adult day care center" to mean an adult day health care services facility licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.), or any center that provides a community-based group program designed to meet the needs of functionally or cognitively impaired adults through an individual plan of care structured to provide a variety of health, social, and related support services in a protective setting during any part of a day but less than 24 hours.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments remove the bill's specific reference to the religious dietary needs of individuals who practice the Hindu religion. As amended, the provisions of the bill will apply generally to the religious dietary needs of any individual in the care of an adult day care center.

The committee amendments expand the bill's definition of "adult day care center" to include adult day health care services facilities licensed by the Department of Health.