

# SENATE, No. 330

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 221st LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DOH to develop mobile cancer screening program; appropriates \$100,000.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/6/2024)**

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1 AN ACT concerning cancer screening and making an appropriation.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
4 *of New Jersey:*

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6 1. a. As used in this section:

7 "Health care professional" means an individual licensed by this  
8 State to administer health care in the ordinary course of business or  
9 practice of a profession.

10 b. Within 180 days following the effective date of this act, the  
11 Department of Health, in partnership with community-based and  
12 faith-based organizations selected by the department, shall develop  
13 and implement a mobile cancer screening program. The program  
14 shall consist of the periodic deployment of staffed mobile vehicles  
15 to various locations throughout the State. Each vehicle shall be  
16 staffed by at least one health care professional who is qualified to  
17 perform a cancer screening. The types of cancers which shall be  
18 screened and the manner in which the screenings shall be performed  
19 shall be determined by the particular medical expertise of the health  
20 care professional assigned to the mobile vehicle and the medical  
21 devices and supplies which are made available to the health care  
22 professional.

23 c. No later than two years after the effective date of this act, the  
24 Department of Health shall submit a written report to the Governor,  
25 and to the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164  
26 (C.52:14-19.1), summarizing the program and the results therefrom  
27 and providing recommendations for legislative action if legislation  
28 action is deemed necessary.

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30 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
31 Department of Health the sum of \$100,000 to effectuate the  
32 purposes of section 1 of this act.

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34 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon  
35 the Department of Health's submission of the report, as required  
36 pursuant to subsection c. of section 1 of this act.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill requires the Department of Health (department) to  
42 develop a mobile cancer screening program.

43 The bill provides that, within 180 days following the bill's  
44 effective date, the department, in partnership with community-based  
45 and faith-based organizations selected by the department, is to  
46 develop and implement a mobile cancer screening program. The  
47 program is to consist of the periodic deployment of staffed mobile  
48 vehicles to various locations throughout the State. Each vehicle is

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1 to be staffed by at least one health care professional who is  
2 qualified to perform a cancer screening. The types of cancers  
3 which are to be screened and the manner in which the screenings  
4 are to be performed will be determined by the particular medical  
5 expertise of the health care professional assigned to the mobile  
6 vehicle and the medical devices and supplies which are made  
7 available to the health care professional.

8 Under the bill, no later than two years after the bill's effective  
9 date, the department is to submit a written report to the Governor,  
10 and the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164  
11 (C.52:14-19.1), summarizing the program and the results therefrom  
12 and providing recommendations for legislative action if legislative  
13 action is deemed necessary.

14 The bill appropriates from the State's General Fund to the  
15 department the sum of \$100,000 to effectuate the purposes of the  
16 bill.