

**SENATE, No. 4042**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**221st LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE**

**District 19 (Middlesex)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DOH to purchase xylazine test strips to be distributed to entities that provide authorized harm reduction services; makes appropriation.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning xylazine test strips, supplementing Title 26 of  
2 the Revised Statutes, and making an appropriation.

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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. a. The Commissioner of Health shall establish a program in  
8 the Department of Health with the purpose of purchasing and  
9 distributing xylazine test strips to entities providing authorized  
10 harm reduction services in the State pursuant to P.L.2006, c.99  
11 (C.26:5C-25 et al.).

12 b. In implementing the program, the department shall:

13 (1) oversee the bulk purchasing and the distribution of xylazine  
14 test strips to entities that provide authorized harm reduction  
15 services, upon request by the entity; and

16 (2) establish and maintain an Internet website that provides  
17 information to the public concerning xylazine test strips and the  
18 availability of xylazine test strips through entities providing  
19 authorized harm reduction services in the State.

20 c. The program established pursuant to this section shall be  
21 supported by such federal funds as may be available for this  
22 purpose, as well as by any funds appropriated to the department to  
23 implement the purposes of this act.

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25 2. The Commissioner of Health may adopt rules and regulations,  
26 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410  
27 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as are necessary to implement the provisions  
28 of this act.

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30 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
31 Department of Health such sums as are necessary to implement the  
32 provisions of this act.

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34 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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39 This bill requires the Commissioner of Health to establish a  
40 program in the Department of Health (department) with the purpose  
41 of purchasing and distributing xylazine test strips to entities  
42 providing authorized harm reduction services in the State.

43 In implementing the program, the department will: oversee the  
44 bulk purchasing and the distribution of xylazine test strips to  
45 entities that provide harm reduction services, upon request by the  
46 entity; and establish and maintain an Internet website that provides  
47 information to the public concerning xylazine test strips and the

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2 reduction services in the State.

3 The program will be supported by such federal funds as may be  
4 available, as well as by any funds appropriated to the department to  
5 implement the purposes of the bill.

6 The bill appropriates from the General Fund to the Department  
7 of Health such sums as are necessary to implement the provisions of  
8 the bill.