

**HCANJ BUSINESS MEETING
LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE
April 15, 2026**

1. Rule Adoptions

- None to report

2. Rule Proposals

- None to report

3. Health Care Administration Board

- None to report

4. Legislation Enacted into Law

- Bill:** A4070 Aa (1R)
- Sponsors:** Quijano (D20); Park (D37); Greenwald (D6); Ruiz (D29); Zwicker (D16); McKeon (D27) +20
- Summary:** **Establishes "Privacy Protection Act"; concerns collection and sharing of certain personal information.**
- Related:** 2026:S3522; 2026:S3610; 2024:A6309; 2024:S5037
- History:** 02/05/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee.
02/12/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
02/24/2026—Amended on Assembly floor, 2nd reading in Assembly (Quijano).
03/23/2026—Passed in Assembly 52-21-0. Received in Senate w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Senate. Substituted for S-3522 (2R). Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 23-14.
03/25/2026—Signed by the Governor P.L.2026, c.4.
- Position:** Oppose
- Notes:** Applies to health care facilities.
As proposed this bill, would prohibit government entities and health care facilities from requesting or collecting information relating to a person’s immigration status, place of birth, social security number, and individual taxpayer identification number unless it is strictly necessary to assess eligibility for, or to administer, a requested public service, benefit, or program. In addition, it would prohibit a health care facility from retaining this information past the amount of time necessary to assess eligibility for, or to administer, a requested benefit, or program, or as otherwise required by law.
- HCANJ secured amendments to make an exception to the prohibition on the collection and retention of information for health care facilities when the information is necessary for safe and appropriate delivery of health care services, and as required by applicable law, including the “Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996” or HIPAA.**
- Bill:** S2996 Scs (SCS)
- Sponsors:** Vitale (D19); Singleton (D7); Spearman (D5); Brennan (D32); Quijano (D20) +33
- Summary:** **Eliminates certain practice restrictions for advanced practice nurses.**
- Related:** 2026:A4052; 2024:A944; 2024:S1983; 2022:A2286; 2022:S1522
- History:** 01/13/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
03/19/2026—Transferred to Senate Judiciary Committee. Reported out of committee with committee substitute, 2nd reading in Senate.
03/23/2026—Passed in Senate 32-5. Received in Assembly w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Assembly. Substituted for A-4052 (ACS). Motion to amend on Assembly floor (Fantasia). Motion to table bill 43-18-0 (Greenwald). Passed in Assembly and sent to Governor 58-9-1.
03/30/2026—Signed by the Governor P.L.2026, c.6.
- Position:** Monitor

5. Legislative Activity

Bill: A936
 Sponsors: Murphy (D7) +2
 Summary: **Waives certain professional and occupational licensing fees for veterans and spouses of veterans.**
 Related: 2024:A1144; 2022:A833; 2022:S3151; 2020:A525; 2018:A373; 2018:S2448; 2016:A829; 2014:A2460; 2012:A4572
 History: 01/13/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
03/16/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 Position: Monitor

Bill: A976
 Sponsors: Murphy (D7)
 Summary: **Allows for issuance of two-year temporary courtesy license for nonresident military spouses in certain professions.**
 Related: 2024:A4317; 2024:S2521; 2022:A4910; 2022:S3475
 History: 01/13/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.
03/16/2026—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
 Position: Support

Bill: A1161 Aca (1R)
 Sponsors: Danielsen (D17); Speight (D29)
 Summary: **Requires employers to include in job posting whether posting is for existing position and sets additional job posting requirements.**
 Related: 2026:S2136; 2024:A4625; 2024:S3509
 History: 01/13/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.
03/16/2026—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee.
 Position: Oppose

Bill: A3576
 Sponsors: Greenwald (D6); Stanley (D18) +8
 Summary: **Codifies and extends authorization for certain out-of-State health care practitioners and recent graduates of health care training programs to practice in New Jersey.**
 Related: 2026:S3000; 2024:A2803; 2024:S3565; 2022:A4619; 2022:S3596
 History: 01/13/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Infrastructure Committee.
03/16/2026—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
 Position: Support

Bill: S2980 Sca (1R)
Sponsors: Vitale (D19); McKnight (D31) +8
Summary: **Revises reporting requirements for nursing homes concerning financial disclosures and ownership structure.**
Related: 2026:A4722; 2024:A1872; 2024:S1948; 2022:A4484; 2022:S2769
History: 01/13/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
03/16/2026—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.
Position: Oppose

Bill: S3023 Sca (1R)
Sponsors: Vitale (D19) +2
Summary: **Provides certain protections to residents of long-term care facilities and long-term acute care hospitals.**
History: 01/13/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
02/09/2026—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.
03/23/2026—Passed in Senate 28-9. Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Health Infrastructure Committee.

Bill: A3590
Sponsors: Greenwald (D6); Verrelli (D15); Calabrese (D36) +3
Summary: **Requires DOLWD to identify and recruit unemployed individuals for employment in healthcare facilities, home care services, and hospice services; makes appropriation.**
Related: 2026:S1381; 2024:A4809; 2024:S1472; 2022:A4617; 2022:S3121
History: 01/13/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Infrastructure Committee.
03/16/2026—Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Labor Committee.
Position: Support

6. Legislation Introduced

Bill: A4722

Sponsors: Speight (D29); Collazos-Gill (D27); Morales (D34) +4

Summary: **Revises reporting requirements for nursing homes concerning financial disclosures and ownership structure.**

Related: 2026:S2980; 2024:A1872; 2024:S1948; 2022:A4484; 2022:S2769

History: 03/16/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.

Position: Oppose

Notes: Sponsor said she has no plans to move this bill.

Bill: A4762

Sponsors: Schnall (D30)

Summary: **Revises law related to licensure of nursing home administrators.**

History: 03/19/2026—Introduced and referred to Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee.

Position: Support

Notes: HCANJ requested legislation.

Bill: A4826

Sponsors: Donlon (D11)

Summary: **Requires food service businesses to provide written notice of major food allergens in each menu item.**

Related: 2026:S3394

History: 03/23/2026—Proposed for introduction.

Position: Review

Notes: Probably impacts facility cafeterias and cafes. Amend to exclude health care facilities.

Bill: S3893

Sponsors: McKnight (D31)

Summary: **Requires long-term care facilities to annually review residents' proxy directives.**

Related: 2026:A4249; 2024:A1971; 2024:S2686; 2022:A2837; 2020:A4957; 2020:S3068

History: 03/12/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Position: Monitor

Bill: S3894

Sponsors: McKnight (D31)

Summary: **Revises requirements for assessing nursing home health, safety, and operations and for taking action against low-performing nursing homes.**

Related: 2026:A3944; 2024:A2606; 2024:S1831; 2022:A5493

History: 03/12/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Position: Oppose

- Bill:** S3898
 Sponsors: McKnight (D31)
 Summary: **Imposes minimum staffing requirements and certain reporting requirements on certain long-term care facilities.**
 Related: 2026:A4340; 2024:A3570; 2024:S1823; 2022:A4853
 History: 03/12/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
 Position: Oppose
 Notes: Establish a minimum number of staff to be employed by a long-term care facility that provides specialized care of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.
- Bill:** S4001
 Sponsors: Vitale (D19)
 Summary: **Transfers oversight to certified nurse aides from DOH to Board of Nursing.**
 Related: 2024:S4266
 History: 03/19/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
 Position: Support
- Bill:** S4029
 Sponsors: Vitale (D19)
 Summary: **Expands scope of Office of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman; appropriates \$1 million.**
 Related: 2026:A1017; 2026:S2982; 2024:A1863; 2024:S1950; 2022:A4333; 2022:S2891
 History: 03/19/2026—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
 Position: Monitor
- Bill:** S4073
 Sponsors: Johnson (D37)
 Summary: **Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing and treatments to slow progression of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.**
 History: 03/23/2026—Proposed for introduction.
 Position: Review